



Newsletter – No.28 23rd April 2021

Message From Ms. Mole.

It was great to welcome everyone back into school on Monday and it seemed that everyone was pleased to be back and enjoying the beautiful spring weather. Over the Easter break I wrote an article for the Bookham Bullitin. As I was writing it the message that emerged was that, over my year and a half as Headteacher at Polesden Lacey Infant School, parental support has been a constant and makes such a positive contribution to the children's school experience.

One of the most significant groups of parents who support the school are those involved with 'The Friends of Polesden Lacey Infant School.' The events that they organize are not only enjoyed by those that attend them, both children and adults, but the money they raise enriches the curriculum for the children. Over the past couple of years they have bought:

15 ipads which are now in constant use in the classrooms and when the children are learning outside

Gloves for the children to use when gardening

Funded the building of the terraced wildflower meadow (and built it!)

IT equipment that helps the children learn to code

Additional staff to enable us to reopen to all children in the summer term 2020

Playground Markings

School Notice Board

Repairs to the Pirate Ship

Several of the parents who are on The Friends committee will shortly be moving on and they are currently recruiting new volunteers to take on roles. If you are interested please either contact The Friends directly by e-mailing; plisfriends@gmail.com or speak to me directly. The work that they do really does enhance the school so please don't be shy about coming forward.

Take care and continue to stay safe,

Rebecca Mole Headteacher

Star of Week

Well done to all the winners this week.

Rabbits: **Frederick** for having a positive enthusiastic attitude to learning

Squirrels: **Finn** for fantastic focus and participation in all subjects.

Badgers: **Hailey** for a fantastic attitude towards her work..

Forest School: **Ava G** who showed a fantastic can-do attitude at Forest School.

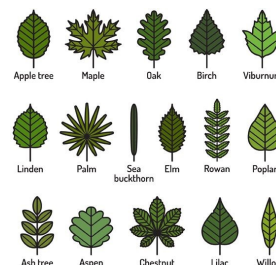


Values Leaves: Fair, Resilient, Respectful, Caring, Courageous and Curious.

Below are some of this week's leaves:

Matthew was courageous as he was very brave going to join Beavers for the first time and making new friends.

Isla was very resilient returning to class even though she couldn't find her values leaf.



Clubs in the summer term

Clubs will be starting for children in Year 1 and 2 on Monday. Many thanks for your patience and understanding when the booking system didn't work as we expected it to on Monday evening. We have now finished allocating the places and parents who applied for a place in a club should have received an email from the office confirming the place in the club and requesting payment for the club via a bank transfer.

We are really looking forward to the children enjoying the clubs and being able to enrich their time at Polesden Lacey Infant School in this way.

Revamp of the bug hotel

We are still collecting materials to complete the revamp of one of our bug hotels.



Do you have any of the following items?

If you do and you are happy to donate it please bring into school and leave on the table by the main entrance.

Sheet of roofing felt	Moss	Woodchips
Bricks with holes		Small old logs
Pine cones	Hollow bamboo canes	Dead hollow stems cut from shrubs and herbaceous plants

Remember you can get Symptom Free Test Kits

The government has announced that if you're a member of a household, childcare bubble or support bubble of a school pupil, college student or of a staff member, you can get twice-weekly symptom free tests. You can use any testing offered by your employer, **book** an appointment online at a symptom-free testing site, **collect** a home-testing kit from a designated collection point, or if unable to travel to a site, **order** a kit online. Find out more at <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

ECO Tip

Earth Day

Yesterday was international Earth. Why not look at the Earthday.org and their 51 ways to restore our Earth. You can find them by following this link: <https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-tips/>



Fairtrade

We have been thinking about why Fairtrade is important in our 'circle time' and in class assemblies in Years 1 and 2. This week we looked at how bananas are grown and how they get to our fruit baskets at home. We found out that about 5 billion bananas are eaten in the UK every year. They grow in hot countries like Columbia, they are then bought from the farmers and transported to the UK on ships. When they arrive in the UK they are still green and are stored in a specialized ripening facility before they move to shops in the UK to be sold to all of us.



All of the people who help with the steps along the way need to be paid but it is often the farmer, who grows the bananas in the first place, who is paid the least amount of money. This means many banana farmers live in poverty, and struggle to provide for their families. They also have the least power to do anything about that situation, because they're not in a position to demand a higher price from huge companies like supermarkets.

Fairtrade means that the farmers and workers growing the food get a fairer price which aims to cover their cost of production. Many products like bananas, tea and coffee are often grown on small farms. Rather than deal with big companies who want to buy their products individually, many farmers with small farms join together in what is called a co-operative so that they have more power. The co-operative also gets a bit of extra money called the Fairtrade Premium which can be used to help the whole community.

Cricket

A big thank you to Surrey's 'Chance to Shine' Cricket programme for delivering a fantastic taster session to all classes today. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and one was overheard saying "that was epic!"



National survey of children, The Big Ask, launches today

The new Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has today launched [The Big Ask](#) – the largest ever consultation with children aged 4 to 17 in England. It aims to find out children's concerns and aspirations about the future, so that we can put children at the heart of our country's recovery from the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

Parents, care leavers and those working with children are invited [to complete the adult survey](#) to share their views about the future for children and young people today, and what they think is holding young people back.

The results from this survey will help the Children's Commissioner identify the barriers preventing children from reaching their potential, put forward solutions and set ambitious goals for the country to achieve.

Andy Goldsworthy inspired sculpture

Year 1 have been learning about Andy Goldsworthy and on Thursday afternoon they went into the orchard to create their own art works. Here is one of the finished pieces with the proud creators.



Dates

Summer Term

Mon 3rd May—school closed—May Day

31st May—4th June—School Closed—Half Term

Monday 7th June—school Closed—Inset Day

Wednesday 21st July—School Finishes 1.00pm for the Summer Holidays