



Newsletter – No.29 30th April 2021

Message From Ms. Mole.

We have thoroughly enjoyed being able to restart our after school clubs for the children in Year 1 and Year 2 and the children seem to have enjoyed attending them. Everyday there was a different buzz around the school with the children telling each other and the adults which club they would be doing that afternoon.

Mrs. Leggatt started her Nature Explorer Club and the children all decorated a bag to use at the club.



Miss. Williams started a computing club and the children were fully engrossed in coding.



During Lockdown we received a generous gift of 15 Chromebooks from the American School in Cobham. We are one of their partner schools and we work closely with them to think of ways that we can support one another (Last year they offered us the use of a classroom for the Year 1 bubble had we been unable to use Bookham Space). They even have some robots that they loan out and we hope, once restrictions lift, we will be able to book out to use with our children. The Chromebooks were much appreciated during Lockdown as they enabled us to have working computers in school and loan IT equipment to those families who needed it. Now, we are able to use them in class and in the clubs alongside the original school laptops and the 15 ipads donated by The Friends of Polesden Lacey Infant School. A huge thank you to the American School in Cobham for their generosity for providing the Chromebooks.

Take care and continue to stay safe,

Rebecca Mole Headteacher

Star of Week

Well done to all the winners this week.

Rabbits: **Zara** for brilliant independent writing

Jacob for making great progress with his phonics

Squirrels: **Miles** for fantastic learning in Maths. Miles used mathematical language when explaining equal groups. Well done!

Badgers: **Michael** working hard in English and at his reading.

Forest School: **Keelia** for helping the class be safety conscious at Forest School

Oliver (Badgers) for being courageous at Forest School



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

Below are some of this week's leaves:

Riley was very caring when another child fell over he went to get a teacher to help.

Mia showed great resilience by persevering on our bike ride during an unexpected snow shower over the Easter holidays.

Holly for being resilient in English.

Brooke for being kind and caring to other children who wanted to ring the bell. Brooke let them ring the bell instead of her.

Isobel for being unbelievably courageous at her hospital appointment (Her mummy says that she needs a whole tree of leaves as she was so brave!)

Daniel was very caring when he offered his acting part to another child when they were upset.

William P was respectful to Mrs Secker, letting her through the door first.

Michael was extremely brave when he fell over and hurt his tongue.

Hailey was respectful to some Badgers letting them go through the door first.

Dana was fair to Rosie, letting her be Red Riding Hood in their story.

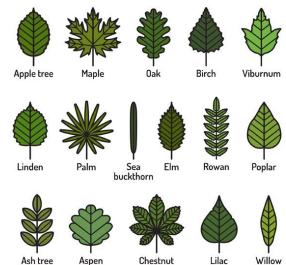
Oliver T worked really hard and independently following the instructions to build a dinosaur out of lego.

Charlie was courageous for the doctors when he had stitches at the hospital.

Rocco was helpful when he cleared up a spillage.

Mael has been very caring about a butterfly with a damaged wing.

Zara has been very helpful in the garden.



Volunteers needed

Do you love being outside?

Do you enjoy making a difference to an outside environment?

Would you like a volunteer some time to the school?

If the answer to these questions is 'yes' we would love your help.

As you know we have the most amazing grounds that the children thoroughly enjoy using and exploring. They do, however, take a fair bit of maintenance. If you have either a regular time that you could volunteer or the odd hours that you would like to do some gardening, weeding, pruning etc. please do speak to Ms. Mole or email office@polesdenlaceyinfs.surrey.sch.uk

Usually, you will be working alone or with adults but on occasions there maybe opportunities to also support the children with their learning in the allotment.



ECO Tip

As we move into spring many of you will be planting seeds. As you do this don't forget that you could swap seeds with others or if you have some additional seedlings you could give them to a friend. This is an easy and inexpensive way of getting growing.



Fairtrade

In school we have been talking about paying the workers fairly for the things that they grow or make. We have also started to talk about the fact that they also get a little bit of extra money that the community decides how to spend (The Fairtrade Premium). Below is a little bit more information from the Fairtrade website about this money.

WHAT IS THE FAIRTRADE PREMIUM?

The Fairtrade Premium is an extra sum of money paid on top of the selling price that farmers or workers invest in projects of their choice.

They decide together and democratically how to spend the Fairtrade Premium to reach their goals, such as improving their farming, businesses, or health and education in their community. Farmers and workers know best what their priorities and needs are.

*Since 2014, Fairtrade farmers and workers have received **well over half a billion euros** in Fairtrade Premium.*

This is a unique benefit enabled by your decision to buy Fairtrade products.

Face Coverings

This is a gentle reminder that unless you are exempt for medical reasons we do still require all parents to wear a face covering whilst on the school grounds at both drop off and pick up. This includes the school drive as well as the playground.

We appreciate that infection numbers are falling and restrictions are easing but for the foreseeable future we will be continuing with the wearing of face coverings and thank you for your continued support with this.

Second Hand Uniform Sale

We would like to say a big thank you to The Friends for organising the Second Hand Uniform Sale last Friday, in particular to Miss Naylor & Mrs Bennett for sorting and washing the uniform prior to the sale and to all those parents that helped to man the stall and worked behind the scenes. All the hard work was rewarded with a fantastic profit of £93.

If you missed the sale we are hoping that The Friends will be able to hold another uniform sale later in the summer term when our new intake join us for Summer Club.

Any uniform that you can recycle is not only of benefit to each other but also to the environment as it helps to reduce the amount of clothing going to landfill and ensures we don't waste the world's resources.

Did you know;

The UK could save around £3 billion per year from the cost of the resources we use to make and clean clothes if we changed the way we supplied, used and disposed of clothing. This would reduce the carbon, water and waste footprints of clothing consumption by 10-20% each.

350,000 tonnes, that's around £140 million worth of used but still wearable clothing goes to landfill in the UK every year.

This equates to more than 30% of our unwanted clothing currently going to landfill.

National survey of children, The Big Ask, launched last week

The new Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has 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.

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>

Dates

Summer Term

Mon 3rd May—school closed—May Day

Mon 17th May—Year 2 Trip to the British Wildlife Centre at Lingfield

Wednesday 26th May—Reception Class Trip to Nower Wood

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

Monday 7th June—school Closed—Inset Day

Thursday 17th June—Year 1 trip to Wisley

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