



Newsletter – No. 3 18th September 2020

Message from Mrs. Mole

The staff at Polesden Lacey Infant school are very creative. Due to current advice on using woodwind instruments we have had to postpone the recorders lessons in school. This has not phased Mrs. Quinn who jumped at the chance to have a full class set of Samba drums. (These have been provided to us through the Effingham Learning Partnership as part of a bid for funding from the H R Taylor Trust.)

The drums arrived in school earlier this week and Mrs. Quinn started teaching the children to play them. We are very fortunate to have received enough for an entire class to use, although she decided to have half the class on this first session. The children seemed to make rapid progress and were learning quickly that it requires coordination, rhythm, concentration and team work to be successful.

I am looking forward to hearing them progress with the drums and hope that we also get to hear the children with the recorders later this year.



Rebecca Mole - Headteacher

Star of the Week

Well done to all the winners this week.

Rabbits— Leo—for being kind and caring to his teachers and friends and amazing at tidying up.

Squirrels - Freddy—showing a can do attitude and working super hard everyday!

Badgers - Scarlett—always contributing super ideas to class discussions.



Parent Volunteer Survey

We have sent out a Parent Volunteer Survey that we would appreciate you filling out.

We are so lucky to have such wonderful grounds and a dedicated staff who guide and nurture our children. Over the past year we have had many people who have volunteered their time and skills to support the school and the overwhelming response is how much they have enjoyed doing so and we see the difference it makes to the children's experiences. With this in mind we would like to see if there are more parents/local community members who feel that they have skills that they could use to support us. In the survey you will see a list of some of the talents we are looking for as well as a box to add in anything additional that you might like to share.

Currently, we are not having volunteers having direct contact with the children and we are sticking to 'the Rule of 6'. Hopefully as the year progresses this will change and those volunteering will be able to work with the children (Subject to appropriate safeguarding checks)

Please do take a few minutes to fill out the survey and we look forward to seeing your hidden talents that you would like to share with us!

Deadline: Thursday 24th September 2020

Values Leaves

At Polesden Lacey Infant School we like to celebrate the different ways that children and adults show our school values of being Fair, Resilient, Respectful, Caring, Courageous and Curious.

If you see your child doing anything that you think shows one of our Values please write it on a leaf and send it into school. Rather than sending pre-cut leaves home from school please could you cut out a leaf and write the reason on it. Maybe you could pick a shape from leaves of different trees. Each class will have a box to put the 'Values Leaf' in and they will be shared with the class during the week.

Below are this week's leaves:

Isobel - for being courageous when learning to use stilts.

Matthew - for being respectful and looking after his Lego toys.

Mia G - For showing great resilience helping daddy build a patio heater, including peeling off the protective wrapping.

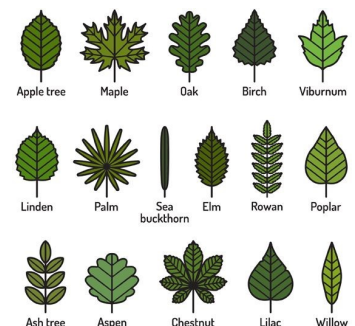
Mia G - for showing resilience with some tricky nuts and bolts.

Henry H - for showing curiosity when he thought of great ways to sort objects.

Dana - was respectful by carefully putting away the bouncy hoppers.

William G - was respectful by carefully putting away the bouncy hoppers.

Rosie - by carefully putting away the bouncy hoppers



Bike and Scooter licenses

It is great to see so many people scooting, cycling and walking to school. It is a fantastic way to travel, you will be helping to keep the air clean and you arrive at school full of energy. In order to help everyone stay safe when scooting and cycling to school we operate a bike and scooter license scheme.

I hear everyone shout, 'How do I get a license?'

Follow the 6 step plan below:

1. Pick up a skillful cycling and or skillful scooting contract with from the school office or download one from the website: <https://polesdenlaceyinfant.surrey.sch.uk/drive-policies/>
2. Read through the contract with your child and help them to understand what they need to do to keep themselves and others safe.
3. Once you and your child are happy that you understand the contract and will abide by it, sign the contract.
4. Take the signed contract to the school office and they will issue you with a license.
5. Attach your license to your scooter and/or bike.
6. Enjoy coming to school safely on your bike and/or scooter.

Our current bike/scooter licenses were designed several years ago and we would like to update them so we are running a **competition** for all children to enter, to design our new scooter and/or bike licenses.

- The design will need to fit onto a piece of paper no larger than 10cm by 10cm.
- It should say if it is a bike or a scooter license.
- The design could be generated on a computer or by hand.
- Entries should be posted in the entry box outside the main reception.
- Remember to include your child's name on the back of the entry.

Eco - Tip

Reduce Car Use

During lock down most of us walked more. Now that many of us are much busier and have less time it can be tempting to jump back in our cars to travel short distances! Try and ask yourselves if you need to go in the car or could you just as easily walk or cycle. Often it turns out to be quicker and easier to walk, you improve your fitness and are not contributing to polluting the air.

Fairtrade

W is for Water

Around 1 billion people in the developing world don't have access to good quality water, so it is not surprising that money from the Fairtrade Premium is sometimes used to provide accessible clean water for the farmers and the local communities. Why not check out this [link](#) that shows the difference that having a water tank with clean water can make to all those who live in a community.



Pick Up and Drop Off—Reminder

Please refer to the letter sent yesterday regarding changes to drop-off/collection times.

Below is the table with the new times that is included in the aforementioned letter:

Class	Drop-off	Pick-up
Rabbits	8.55am	2.50pm
Squirrels	8.50am	3.00pm
Badgers	8.45pm	2.55pm

Guide Dogs for the Blind

Badger class will be finding out all about Guide dogs for the Blind via a virtual talk next Thursday. Seeing the guide dog and learning about how they enable those who are visually impaired usually inspires the children to raise some money for the charity. With this in mind Mrs. Quinn is planning to make apple muffins using apples from the school orchard, with Badger class and then sell them on Friday at pick up time.

We have carried out a risk assessment to ensure that we can do this in a safe way with regards to COVID-19. This has meant that although the experience for the children of making the muffins will be very similar we have decided to sell them in a slightly different way to enable social distancing. On Friday Mrs. Quinn will be setting up a table near the outside entrance to the school library and spots will be on the ground to show parents and children where to queue. The muffins (along with a little of our excess allotment produce) will be displayed along with an honesty box for parents to put their donations in. All money collected will go to Guide Dogs for the Blind.



Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy

We are looking for someone fabulous to join our team of Lunchtime Supervisors. The position is suitable for one person or shared if you can't do everyday, working from 11.45am—1.00pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

If you are interested, please see Rebecca Mole by Thursday 24th September for more details.

Dates

Autumn Term 2020

25th September - Apple muffin sale in aid of Guide Dogs for the Blind

15th October Flu Immunisations for all classes

Half Term: 26th October —30 October 2020

2nd November - School Closed—Inset Day

4th & 5th November—Parent Consultations (we anticipate that these will be via telephone call—further details to follow in due course)

Last day of Term: 18th December 2020