



# Newsletter – No. 30 19th May 2023

## Message from Ms. Mole

One of the unique things, that we do at Polesden Lacey Infant School, is our 'Circle Time'. It is not something that I can take credit for. It was my predecessor, Mrs. Keedy, who started it but it was one of the things, that the children who were involved in interviewing me for the role of Headteacher, asked if I would keep, if I became the head. They said that they loved being able to discuss different topics and help to make decisions and so I quickly agreed that we would keep 'Circle Time'. All the children in the school are involved, working in small groups of children, from all the classes, with an adult, they discuss topical matters from school to local issues to world problems. A couple of weeks ago they reviewed playtimes. Did they like the changes that had been made? Was there anything else that they would like to see? Mrs. Mullins reviewed all of the feedback and she was pleased to see that the majority of the children were positive about the changes and she also took some of the suggestions that the children made. One of the ideas put forward was to have 'Playtime Stars'. We have now introduced this to the children and the staff are busy picking the Playtime Star everyday. If they are chosen (for doing things like playing well, improving a skill, being resilient or being helpful and caring) they are awarded a little certificate and can choose a badge, which they can keep. Some of your children will already have received a certificate and badge and so know what they look like. For others, here are some pictures of what to look out for.

Rebecca Mole, Headteacher



## Star of Week

**Rabbits:** **Tabitha** for writing an amazing story!

**Squirrels:** **Maddie** for sharing her super maths thinking! You have worked SO hard!

**Badgers:** **Charlie** for your positivity and enthusiasm in all of your learning this week!

### Values Star of the week: .

**Rabbits:** **Lydia** for being such a kind and caring friend!

**Squirrels:** **Poppy WC** for demonstrating fairness and being a respectful member of Squirrel Class!

**Badgers:** **Keelia** for your resilience and determination with your maths this week!

**Well done to all the winners this week.**



## Forest School Star of the week

**Rabbits:** **Mia** for being patient waiting for your turn and excellent focus using the palm drill.

**Squirrels:** **Dashel** for being really helpful caring for our nature areas.

**Badgers:** **Henry** for being enthusiastic and hardworking and curious and caring for nature.

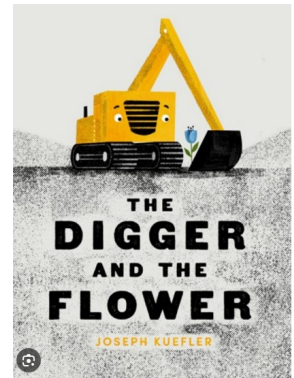


**Book Recommendation of the week ..... By Lara in Year 1**

**The Digger and the Flower**

**By Joseph Kuefler**

"I like this book because the digger cares about the flower and caring for the flowers is important"



**Year 1 Masks**

The children in Squirell Class enjoyed making masks which were inspired after studying Peru and the Amazon. They all planned and created their masks individually and are very proud of their work!



**Reception Class Assembly—Friday 26th May at 9.10am approx.**

Rabbit Class will be holding a class assembly in the school hall on Friday 26th May to celebrate their learning this term. We will be starting at 9.10am and the assembly will last approximately 30 minutes.

We would love for parents and carers to come along and celebrate the children's achievements. Tickets are not being issued but numbers are limited to a maximum of 2 adults per family. Siblings are welcome but must be able to sit on an adults lap or they will count within your family allocation of 2 seats. Should the younger sibling become upset or noisy we would ask that you take them outside so that the children and parents can focus and enjoy the performance.

**School Clubs - Week of 22nd May**

**Gardening Club** will be held on Thursday Lunchtime instead of Monday lunchtime as Ms Mole is joining Year 1 on their trip to Wisley.

**Judo**—there is **no** Judo on Friday 26th May as Peter is on holiday.

All other clubs are running as normal.

## This week at Forest School



## Compost Bags

We are currently rebuilding our compost heaps in the allotment. We need to remove all of the compost that we have made and are looking for empty compost bags to put it into. If you have any empty bags that we could use, they would be gratefully received.

Please leave the bags on the bench in front of the school where Ms. Mole will collect them ready to fill. Many thanks.



## Sun Hats & Sun Screen

Even though it isn't always particularly sunny and warm at the moment the UV levels are still quite high and can cause skin damage through the clouds. To help protect your children please remember to send them to school with sun hats, apply sun cream before you come to school and bring a rain coat. The weather has been unpredictable so far this year so we need you to plan for all eventualities! Whether it is sunny or wet we love to be outside in it!

We strongly recommend the legionnaire style sun hat as this helps to protect the children's necks and ears as well as keeping the sun off their heads and faces. If you do not have a sun hat at home we do have them for sale in the school office at a cost of £4.00. Payment can be made by cash or bank transfer, Mrs Cummings can give you the school bank details.





## Message From The Friends

### Village Day 2023 - Saturday 17th June

As you will have seen in the school notices PLIS will again be taking part in Bookham's annual and very popular Village Day. The Friends traditionally help the school with costume making and therefore we have two requests for you please:

1. Last year our Upcycled Jubilee theme went down very well with the judges. Therefore we are again looking to create costumes and accessories for the children using as much upcycled material as possible. If you have any of the following we'd appreciate it if you could dig it out and pop into the black plastic collection box at the front of school:

- ♦ Surplus (but unused...) paper plates - white would be great but we can use patterned or other colours too
- ♦ Brown, orange, yellow card
- ♦ Cardboard tubes such as toilet paper tubes, kitchen roll tubes or the tubes from wrapping paper
- ♦ String
- ♦ Black, brown, orange, yellow, grey fabric
- ♦ Any grey or brown fluffy fabric

2. The children are involved with making their costumes and accessories and this year we have a Safari theme - we are finalising the exact details of the costumes for each class but will need some help on the mornings of Thursday 8th and Friday 9th June, please, to assist in putting together these wonderful creations.

**In order to help you must have undertaken a safeguarding session with Ms Mole in the last 12-18 months** - if you or a grandparent or another family member would like to help but have not yet completed a safeguarding session please email the office to sign up. If you have completed a safeguarding session and are available to help please email [plisfriends@gmail.com](mailto:plisfriends@gmail.com). Thank you!



## Dates for your diary 2022/23 - The Friends of Polesden Lacey Infant School

If you're keen to help out with any of these activities and events, or have any questions, please email [plisfriends@gmail.com](mailto:plisfriends@gmail.com).

**To be able to help you will need to have attended one of Ms Mole's Safeguarding Briefing sessions please.**

Thurs 8th and Fri 9th June - Making Mornings for Bookham Village Day (Sat 17th June)

Friday 9th June - Gardening Afternoon (3pm-5pm)

Friday 7th July - Mufti Day

Sun 9th July 12pm-3pm - Summer Fair

Thurs 13th or Fri 14th July (tbc) - Summer Movie Night and Mufti

## **School Dates**

### **Summer Term 2023**

22nd May—Year 1 trip to Wisley Gardens (all day)

23rd May—Eco committee with Ms Mole (am)

26th May—Reception Class Assembly— after drop off—more details to follow

***29th May—2nd June - Half Term—School Closed***

***5th June—School Closed Inset Day***

8th June—Village Day making morning

9th June—Reception Class Trip to Nower Wood

**Saturday 17th June**—Bookham Village Day (all children and families invited to join the parade)

21st June—Olympic Athlete Visit

23rd June—Yr 2 Yehudi Menuhin singing Picnic—more details to follow

**Sunday 25th June** - Bookham Open Gardens (Pupil tour guide volunteers to show visitors around our school grounds.)

29th June (PM) - Sports Day (More details to follow)

6th July—Open Afternoon Yr 1 & Yr 2, Stay and Play for Reception—more details to follow

19th July—(am) Year 2 Leavers Assembly—more details to follow

21st July—Last day of term—school finishes at 1pm