



Newsletter – No. 30 10th May 2024

Message from Mrs. Mole

We have had lots of lovely trips and learning in and out of school this week. Year 1 class (Squirrel Class) spend the day at Wisley Gardens on Wednesday and on Thursday Year 2 (Badger Class) went to The British Wildlife Centre. Both trips were blessed with beautiful weather, excellent facilitators and children who were eager to learn. Many thanks to Mrs. Bryan and Miss. Joslin for organising the trips. **There are a few pictures below but to see more don't forget to visit our school facebook page.**

Today (Friday) we were joined by some parents, carers and some volunteers from The Grange, to join in our Gardening Afternoon. This newsletter is being finished during the afternoon and we are hoping that after school some more families and children will stay and have some fun making our grounds look super.

You may have seen in the newsletter last week that we are planning our Arts Week and the focus is on recycled materials. Please do collect any bits and pieces of plastic that are clean and we could use. Mrs. Mathews is particularly interested in bits of plastic that are bright colours. Please pass to your class teacher.



During the last week of this half term (Monday 20th May to Friday 24th May) we will be holding a 'Walk to School' week where we are encouraging children to walk, cycle or scoot to school. Not only is this good for us in the morning to be ready for school it is also much better for our environment. Please see below in the Newsletter for more details.



Rebecca Mole, Headteacher



Star of the Week

Rabbits: Calista

Squirrels: Gian

Badgers: James



Star of Week

Rabbits: Finn for working hard to plan and create his own brilliant jetpack with recycled materials.

Squirrels: Squirrel Class for fantastic behavior and asking excellent questions on their visit to Wisley.

Badgers: Badger Class for representing our school so beautifully on our trip to the BWC!

Values Star of the week: .

Rabbits: Rory for being a curious and courageous learner—in both maths and phonics!

Squirrels: Rilee for being respectful and curious during the trip to Wisley.

Badgers: Alex for showing great curiosity and respect on our trip to the BWC.



Forest School Star of the Week

Squirrels: Evie for creating some beautiful Andy Goldsworthy inspired artwork using natural materials.

Badgers: Emily for designing a detailed map for the treasure hunt and great teamwork!



Walk to School Week

Next week in school we will be announcing to the children our "Walk to School Week" for 20-24 May. During this week we would like to encourage you to consider how you travel to school and if you could try to be a little more active. Not only does this give the children a great start to their day, making them more ready to learn and improving their mood, it is also great for the environment; improving air quality and reducing congestion. We appreciate that it's not possible for everyone to walk to school but could you consider park and stride, in which you park away from Howard road in one of the neighbouring roads such as Crabtree, Halepit or Dowlans Roads. This would only add a few minutes to your walk, scoot or cycle.

Each day that your child uses an active mode of transport - walk, scoot, cycle, or park and stride, they will be able to collect a token from the front of school, which they will then hand to their teacher. If it's easier for you to do an active journey in the afternoon, your child can collect a token the following morning. At the end of the week the tokens will be counted up and a special active playtime arranged.

In addition to this, on Thursday 23rd May we will be holding a **"bling your scooter or bike day"**. Children are invited to decorate their scooter or bike in a sporty theme, maybe by adding a sport's accessory or pictures or a favourite sports person. Please make sure your decoration doesn't impede being able to ride it! We will then have a parade around the sports court to celebrate active travel. Children will be able to walk their scooters or bikes around to the fenced area when they arrive on the Thursday morning.

So let's get active!

Mrs Bryan



Reminder—New Easy Way To Help Us Win A Share of £6000 Greenredeem

Rethink Waste is a local initiative encouraging us all to waste less, recycle more, discover money-saving tips and earn rewards for living a greener lifestyle.

Each week there are 3 activities (a short 2 minute video to watch, a very short quiz on the weekly topic and a pledge to make a difference). For each of these you earn points.

Over the next 50 days, they are running a Surrey Schools Donation campaign, the more points we finish with, the bigger the share of £6000 we get.

At the start of this week we were 9th on the list, please sign up, collect your weekly points and donate to our school here: <https://rethinkwaste.co.uk/register>

The video and quiz are informative and engaging and you could even get your children involved.

Any funding we receive will go towards litter pickers and our Solar Panel project.

Encourage family members to sign up too and let's get our school up that leader board!

Message from the Friends

Sponsored Bounce

A favourite event with the children - getting to bounce on a bouncy castle in the school hall!

This is taking place on 23rd May, please see the separate email from Mrs Cummings with all the info, we must have a completed permission form to allow your child to bounce.

After school there will be a chance for you to bring a picnic to have in the school grounds and for the children to have extra bounces for a small donation.



Volunteering Opportunities

We need some volunteers to help with the following events:

- 2 volunteers per class to count bounces on 23rd May, 1.15pm - 3pm
- 8 volunteers for the Village Day Parade Making Morning on 6th June, 8.45am - 11.30am helping the children create their outfits for the parade.

Sign up here: <https://volunteersignup.org/LRLJH>



Summer Fair Preparations

We're turning our attention to the Summer Fair which takes place on 14th July.

The Friends are meeting to go through plans on Wednesday 22nd May at 7.30pm at The Bell in Fetcham, please let us know if you'll be coming along on plisfriends@gmail.com

No experience necessary, mostly can be sorted from home in advance! If you can't make the date but want to help also let us know and we'll make sure to catch up with you afterwards.

Corporate Sponsorship

We'd love to secure some local sponsors for the fair to help cover the costs, meaning anything we make on the day can go directly to the school. If you work or have links with a company who may be interested please let us know at plisfriends@gmail.com. They'll get promoted on our posters and on social media.

Dates

20th—24th May—Art Week—various art activities will take place during the week

20th—24th May—Walk to School Week

20th May—Class photos (am)

21st May—Perform Workshops—all classes

27th May—31st May Half term

3rd June—Inset Day school closed for training

4th June all children return to school

5th June—Year 2 Trip to Woking Mosque (am only)

Saturday 15th June—Bookham Village Day

17th June—Year 2 Singing Picnic at Yehudi Menhuin School (am) More details to follow

26th June Sports Day followed by family picnic after school

2nd July—Reception Trip to Nower Wood—More details to follow

2nd July—Year 2 children visit their new schools (Surrey wide transition day)

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

23rd July Last day of term - school closes at 1pm

Friends Events for your diary:

Friday 10th May - School Gardening afternoon

Thursday 23rd May - Sponsored Bounce & After School Picnic

Thursday 6th June - Making Morning for Bookham Village Day Parade

Saturday 15th June—Bookham Village Day Parade

Sunday 14th July – Summer Fair 12 - 3pm

