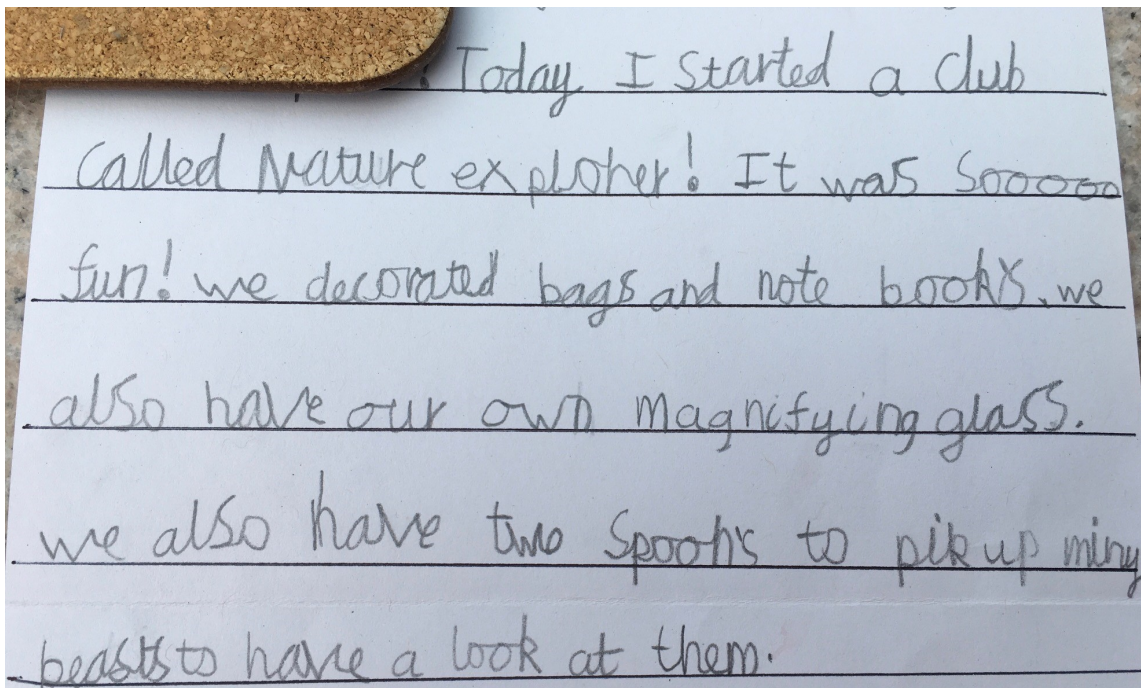


Message From Ms. Mole.

As you will be aware we started our after school clubs for children in Year 1 and Year 2 last week. I was delighted to receive two emails and positive verbal feedback from children and adults about how much the children had enjoyed themselves. In gardening club we planted some salad leaves which the children took home to grow. Here you can see that within one week many of the seeds have sprouted due to the excellent care that they had received. Below is a letter to the school and Mrs. Leggatt in particular saying how much they had enjoyed it. The teachers spend time planning the activities that they do in the clubs and the result is fun learning, enjoyment and curiosity. We really appreciate hearing what the children think (especially when it is in the form of a beautifully written letter or a photo of what they have been doing!)



Take care and continue to stay safe,

Rebecca Mole Headteacher

Star of Week

Well done to all the winners this week.

Rabbits: **Keelia** for good participation in all her learning

Squirrels: **Henry H** for listening to instructions and working hard in all subjects. Well done!

Badgers: **Dana** for always working hard and super creative writing.

Forest School: **Harry** for bug hunting with care and consideration.



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

Below are some of this week's leaves:

Finlay was caring when he told Finn his rainforest 'looked really good'.

Holly was respectful when she asked to borrow the tape from another child.

Ava was resilient when she remained calm after her crepe paper was taken by someone else.

Finn was resilient and did not get upset when he could not find his stars. He calmly asked for help to find them.

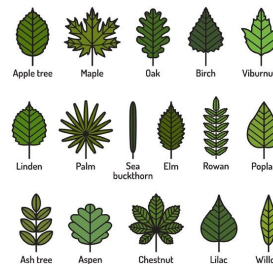
Riana was caring when she said 'good job' to Finn

Isobel showed great determination and resilience as she walked all round London last week for her 2 day appointment at Great Ormond Street Hospital. She was incredibly brave and her physios are amazed at her outstanding recovery which is mainly due to her hard work and determination. Her family are very proud of her.

Oliver was caring when he looked after Anais when she was hurt.

Ellie was caring in maths, praising others.

Hailey caringly supported Oliver when he was fed up and encouraged him to finish the story he was writing.



ECO tip

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. **Recycle clothes!**

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@polesdenlaceyinfant.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.



Fairtrade

In circle time this week the children talked about how we could support Fairtrade. Below you can see the list of things that they thought we could do. Next week in Circle Time the children will be starting to carry out one of the actions.

1. Buy Fairtrade items
2. School should buy Fairtrade items where available
3. Individuals to buy more Fairtrade items
4. Make posters to put up in the school and outside the school encouraging people to buy Fairtrade
5. Email posters to parents for them to see and encourage them to buy Fairtrade
6. Ask supermarkets to stock more Fairtrade items
7. Fairtrade cake sale
8. Letter to the Prime Minister
9. YouTube video
10. Find out what Fairtrade ingredients the school kitchen uses and encourage them to use as many as possible.

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.

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>

COVID Local Support Grant

Surrey County Council will ensure help is available for families struggling as we transition out of lockdown, through the Government's COVID Local Support Grant. It is designed to directly help families and individuals who have been hardest hit by the pandemic, with the majority set aside to ensure children do not go hungry during school holidays.

The council, through schools, will ensure support to all 17,000 children in the county eligible for Free School Meals. There will also be a grant for care leavers, and direct support to families of younger children eligible for the pupil premium.

The remainder of the funding will be given to the Surrey Crisis Fund and made available to residents who are struggling. This money will provide support towards food costs and utility bills, but also emergencies such as replacing broken white goods, to guide people away from long lasting debt.

Surrey County Council will administer the funds, which must be spent by 20 June 2021. As the funding is only available for a limited time, Surrey have asked us to share this message with eligible families.

Enquiries should be directed to the Community Helpline: 0300 200 1008. More information can be accessed on the [government website](#) or the [Surrey Crisis Fund webpage](#)

Dates

Summer Term

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

