



Newsletter – No. 32 24th May 2024

Message from Mrs. Mole

This week was certainly a busy one! It was wonderful to see so many people walking, cycling, scooting and park and striding to school. I am sure that Howard Road residents must have thought that we had broken up early for half term! Hopefully, with summer nearly here many of you will make it a habit to use the car a little less. It is so good for the children prior to school and helps to reduce pollution. Thursday's parade of 'blinged' scooters and bikes was great. Thank you to all those adults who helped to realise their child's plan. A big thank you to Mrs. Bryan for organising the week and inspiring the children to make a difference through their actions.

This was also our arts week in school. The children had the opportunity to experience a drama workshop, tailored to each class depending on what they have been learning. Rabbit class were captivated by mini beast, Squirrel class went of a trip through the rainforest and Badger class explored nursery rhymes to help expand their writing. On Wednesday the children listened to some amazing GCSE music students who performed to the classes. Instruments played ranged from the piano to the cello, from the violin to the drums and some spell-binding singing. Many thanks to Notre Dame school and Mrs. Turner for performing for us. We wish all the girls the best of luck with their GCSE performances.

We followed our Eco theme for our art work. Each class started with the idea of the animals which live in the sea and how our waste, particularly plastic, is impacting them. Some of the art work will be on display at an exhibition being held at Great Bookham School on 4th June (See below for more details) and we will also be displaying the children's masterpieces in our school hall after half term. We will let you know when it is ready for you to come in and see. Many thanks to Mrs. Mathews for coordinating the week and to all the staff for all the hard work that they have put in to make the ideas a reality.

On Thursday afternoon we had all the fun of the sponsored bounce. Another huge thankyou to The Friends for organising and all those who sponsored the children.

I hope that you all have a lovely half term, remember to keep reading, have lots of fun with your children and loved ones, do things that make you happy and be ready to come back to school on TUESDAY 4th JUNE (not the Monday!)

Rebecca Mole, Headteacher



Star of the Week

Squirrels: Evie Fan-Hine

Badgers: Valentyn



Star of Week

Rabbits: **Ava** for working hard to improve her handwriting. Keep it up!

Squirrels: **Finn** for writing fantastic sentences about our trip to Peru.

Badgers: **Theo** for your infectious enthusiasm and wonderful story writing skills!

Values Star of the week: .

Rabbits: **Bailey** for being resilient and curious in the classroom, you are also always so caring!

Squirrels: **Gian** for being resilient in reading long and challenging words in his reading book.

Badgers: **Felix** for being such a caring friend and always looking out for others!



Forest School Star of the Week

Rabbits: **Rafael** for practicing your balancing skills on the slack line and in the hammocks.

Squirrels: **Arthur** for sharing great idea and helping with our training and survival session.

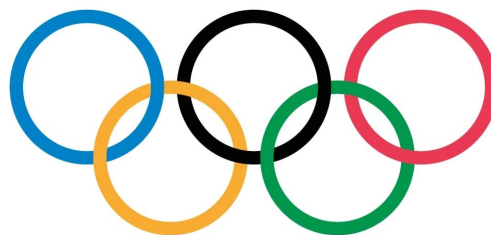
Badgers: **Maddie** for exploring different ways to balance on our slack line obstacle.

Village Day 2024 - Saturday 15th June

PLIS will again be taking part in Bookham's annual and very popular Village Day. We need your help to start collecting items that we can use to make the children's costumes. The theme this year is The Olympians.

If you have any of the following we'd appreciate it if you could dig it out and pop into the plastic collection box at the front of school:

- ribbons - any colour (preff olympic colours - red, blue, green, yellow, black)
- wool in red, blue, green, yellow and black
- we will also be doing painted pebbles, so if you go to the beach in half term could you pick up a few nice flat pebbles.
- bows
- toilet roll tubes
- plant pots
- cardboard
- paint for targets
- pinecones
- coloured lolly sticks



Our Oceans Our Future

Throughout this year Badger class have been taking part in a project about 'Our Oceans, Our Future' along with some of the other schools in the local area. In the autumn term they visited The Natural History Museum,



where they learnt about some of the creatures that inhabit our oceans and also some of the problems that rubbish and particularly plastic is having of the wildlife. Miss. Joslin revisited the issues of plastic and other waste on beaches in her Geography topic in the spring term and our arts week this week has focused in all three classes on the oceans and the difficulties and solutions to those difficulties.

On Tuesday 4th June, some of the Year 2 children will be joining children from St. Lawrance, Eastwick and Great Bookham School to exhibit some of their art work, a poem that they wrote together and to play a game that will help others understand how we can reduce, recycle and reuse plastic to slow down the amount that currently ends up in our waterways. Miss. Joslin will be taking the class to see the exhibition during the school day. There is an opportunity for all children and families to go along and see what we have been doing and what the other schools have done as well. From 4pm to 5.50pm the exhibition is open to all children, parents and carers. It would be great to see many of you there.

If any of you will be at the beach over the half term, why not spend a little time collecting any rubbish that you see. If you do, please could you fill in the survey found with this link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe3oWW4B_cwiFzUX6KOZL_rzwP6Bf45-s_zqgWNWfC3ycR_3Q/viewform?usp=sf_link As part of the 'Our Oceans, Our Future' project the schools are collecting data and seeing where we are making a difference to our seas.

To wet your appetite for the exhibition, here is the poem written by Badger Class

Clownfish, seahorses, turtles and stingrays
Disappearing day by day
Does it make you mad?
Or perhaps sad?
To know that our litter
Including our glitter
Is destroying their homes leaving them all alone!
To make it right
We must fight
To ban plastic bags, cups and straws
We do not need them anymore!
Instead try to re-use
Or recycle paper, cardboard or glass.
So that our magnificent
Ocean creatures will have a chance!



Message from the Friends

Sponsored Bounce Thank You!

Congratulations to all the children who bounced yesterday, as always the event was a lot of fun!

A huge thank you to everyone who volunteered, sponsored and stayed for the after school picnic, together we raised just over £1000 which will be spent on some wonderful things for the children to enjoy.



Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are still needed to help craft our parade outfits/accessories for the Village Day Parade. Ideally we'd love another 5 people to help in the morning on 6th June from drop off to 11.30am. Sign up here: <https://volunteersignup.org/LRLJH>

It's Olympics themed, so the teachers have thought up some wonderful sporty ideas for us to craft, you don't need to be a master crafter, nothing will be too technical! See the separate request for donations of items.

Summer Fair Toys, Games & Teddy Donations

We would welcome any donations of soft toys/ teddies, toys and games for our stalls at the summer fair. If you're having a clear out over half term, please save them for us and bring them in to school when we come back. Also, we would welcome people keeping an eye on local Facebook Groups and collecting any free toys etc for us too.



Thank you to those who have already said they'll help with preparations, we have a range of jobs, some very small, so if you'd like to play your part please let us know, we'd be very grateful!

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.

Photos of This Week's Various Activities

To see photos of the children participating in some of the many and varied activities that have taken place this week please visit the school Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/PolesdenLaceyInfantSchool/>

Dates

27th May—31st May Half term

3rd June—Inset Day school closed for training

4th June all children return to school

4th June—Oceans' Exhibition at GBS. Year 2 attending with class during the day. All families invited to attend from 4pm to 5pm

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:

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

Saturday 15th June—Bookham Village Day Parade

Sunday 14th July – Summer Fair 12 - 3pm

