Newsletter – No. 35 30th June 2023

Message from Ms. Mole

An enormous thank you to all the families and children who gave up some on their Sunday to come and be tour guides for our open garden. Specific thanks go to Ava B, Thomas, Flynn, Riley, Amelie, Frederick, Eloise and Keelia, as well as some of their siblings who gave amazing guided walks around the school. All the feedback was fabulous, comments such as 'such confident children,' 'so knowledgeable,' 'delightful,' and 'the ethos of the school shone through', were given by the hot but happy garden visitors. I would also like to say a personal thank you to Jan and Ron Heasman, who have continued to support the school. The allotment is looking wonderful this summer due to their

hard work and on Sunday they braved the sweltering sun to talk to visitors and run a small seed planting table where visitors could plant a seed to take home. (The recycled pots were put in little paper bags that Jan had made from newspapers!)

Wednesday saw most of the children spending time in their new classes or new schools for those children moving to Junior Schools in September. As I walked around the school, it definitely felt as if the children were prepared and ready for this new challenge. I know that many of the children I spoke to were excited once they had spent time with their new teachers in their new classrooms and I hope that you got similar feedback when you talked to your children.

On Thursday we were blessed with some late sunshine and enjoyed a busy sports day afternoon. It was great to see the children giving their all and the parents, grandparents, carers and siblings cheering them on. Afterwards, It was wonderful seeing the bank so full of families sitting together after school enjoying picnics and each other's company.

Have a lovely weekend. Rebecca Mole, Headteacher

Star of Week

Rabbits: Seth for fantastic independent writing

Squirrels: Savannah for retaining and applying so many new sounds!

Badgers: Henry for being a kind and helpful member of badger class!

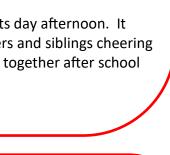
Values Star of the week: .

Rabbits: Margot for being resilient at sports day!

Squirrels: Ruah for being curious and asking interesting questions.

Badgers: Kitty for being fair and making sure everybody got an equal amount of turns on sports day!

Well done to all the winners this week.







Forest School Star of the week

Rabbits: Enid for being really careful around the fire and giving a great explanation of how charcoal is made.

Squirrels: Ava for showing resilience when we found a slow worm in the woodland.

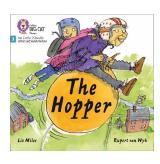
Badgers: Charlie for being really helpful and hardworking by helping with tree pruning and creating a new nature area.

Well done to all the winners this week.

Book Recommendation of the week By Valentyn Year 1

The Hopper

Valentyn loves this book because you can get anywhere you want with the hopper. Even chocolate land and Valentyn loves chocolate!



Sports Day



















Polesden Lacey Infant School Summer Fair -Sunday 9th July (12pm-3pm) Sponsored by Grosvenor Estate Agency, Surrey

9..8..7.. we are counting the days until this year's Summer Fair and the numbers are getting alarmingly small!

Sunshine has been ordered, Badgers will be performing their Village Day dance, there will be food and drinks, ice cream, inflatables, games and tombolas, a plant stall from 12pm-1pm, displays and activities in the mini-arena, craft and more!

Bring the whole family, bring a picnic blanket, have lunch, enjoy a drink at the bar and play some of our fun games. We will again be offering the multi-purchase of tokens (at the entrance) for the children to

use on most of the games, so that they can be a little more independent - this was so popular last year!

A (very!) small team of parents are working hard to plan and prepare an exciting event but we cannot do it without you, too! **We still very much need volunteer help on the day**, otherwise we unfortunately won't be able to run some stalls, which will be so disappointing for the children. Please have a look at the rota and see if you could possibly hop on a stall for a bit <u>volunteersignup.org/TRCAK</u> Thank you.



Donations

Bottles: On **Friday 7th July** we will be holding a **mufti day** when we invite the children to come to school in their own clothes and, in exchange, ask you for the donation of a bottle for a tombola. It can be any bottle, of any type or size - wine, fizz, spirits, beer, bath oil, olive oil, shower gel - anything unopened that you have to hand. Just please bring it to drop off on Friday 7th.

Jolly Jars: We are inviting children to upcycle items by decorating a glass jam jar (or similar) and filling it with small unused items you might have left over from party bags, stationery stores or just hanging around in that craft or gift drawer..... These could be small stationery items, stickers, craft items, small bouncy balls, wrapped sweets, small packets of seeds, small bubbles etc. **Please make sure that jars are named** (marker pen on the bottom or a slip of paper inside). There will be a prize for the best decorated jolly jar in each class and all jars will be available to win on the Jolly Jar Tombola at the Fair. **Completed and NAMED jars should be dropped off into the classroom next week, between Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th July please.**

Toys: Finally - we would appreciate donations of the following at any time if you happen to be having a clear out at home. Please drop them off to the box outside the office between now and Friday 7th July:

- unused craft kits or other craft items
- good condition pre-loved soft toys
- good condition pre-loved toys and games

All these details are also in a leaflet which will come home with your child/ren next week to make it easy for you to check what is happening and when.

We would also like to extend our thanks to local estate agency, Grosvenor, who have very kindly sponored our fair to allow us to maximise our fundraising for the benefit of our children. You can find out more about Grosvenor here <u>https://www.wearegrosvenor.co.uk/</u>

If you have any questions please email plisfriends@gmail.com



Message From The Friends

Summer Movie Night at Polesden Lacey Infant School

Friday 14th July

As the summer term races towards its close we are again treating our children to a fun Summer Movie Night, after school on Friday 14th July.

We are currently finalising which films we can show. There will be one film per class, with an interval for popcorn and a drink. **Tickets are £5 each.** No child will ever be excluded from an activity for financial reasons, so if this is a stretch please have a chat with Ms Mole or your class teacher.

Pick up times will be:

Rabbits - 4pm

Squirrels - 4.45pm

Badgers - 5pm

If your child/ren would like to attend please make sure you:

- 1. Complete the permission form here (one per child please): Movie Night Permission Form
- 2. Pay for their ticket/s on our online platform here: Movie Night Payment

By Wednesday 12th July please

Apologies that we can't yet offer permission and payment on one platform but we're working on it!



Message from The Friends

Preloved uniform sale - Friday 7th July at 3pm

We will be running a uniform sale next Friday 7th July at 3pm, in case you'd like to get a head start on uniform for September or need something to get you through the next couple of weeks!

Please help us rehome preloved uniform and save it from landfill. We have a selection of branded and non branded uniform items for sale, at very reasonable prices. All proceeds contribute to our fundraising for the school. Cash or cards are welcome (cards can be used for purchases over £1).

We'd very much appreciate donations of any outgrown uniform to the red bin at the front of the school - please ensure it is securely contained in a plastic bag. We particularly need branded jumpers and cardigans in all sizes please.

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 <u>plisfriends@gmail.com</u>.

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

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

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

Autumn Term 2023

1st September—School Closed Inset Day/Staff Training

4th September—school closed Inset Day/Staff Training

Tuesday 5th September—8.30am Year 1 & 2 return