



# Newsletter – No.38 9th July 2021

## Message From Ms. Mole.

What a fabulous week we have had. After a year where many of the special events we would usually do have had to take place behind closed doors or not happen at all we are now making up for lost time!

On Monday we welcomed Badger Class children and staff back into school.

On Tuesday there was lots of great learning in all the classes.

On Wednesday we had our first sports day for two years and the first opportunity to have parents and carers in school supporting the children. Mrs. Binding had organized a great series of sporting activities that the children thoroughly enjoyed. I caught little snippets of comments from parents; 'How gorgeous they look in their PE uniform.' 'How lovely to see the children in school having so much fun.' 'I'm so pleased that we can have Sports Day and be able to come in and watch.' were just a few of the things I heard on the day and I really appreciated the parents who either emailed in or spoke to me personally about how grateful they were that we had managed to go ahead with the event.

On Wednesday, when the children were not at their sports day, they were having fun with Maths as we held a mini Maths day.

On Thursday we welcomed British athlete Chad Miller into school to do a workshop with each class. He was phenomenal. The children were captivated and inspired by him and we hope that in years to come we can cheer him on at the Olympics!

On Friday the children enjoyed workshops led by Surrey Wildlife Trust. As always their activities engaged the children and made them think about how we look after our world.

As we move into the final week and a half of this academic year we will continue to have inspiring visitors and activities, awesome learning opportunities and plenty of fun. To help ensure that we minimise the risk of having to close a bubble we have decided to continue with the same procedures and protocols that we have had in place over this term. We will be reviewing all our risk assessments over the summer and we hope that the majority of the protective measures that we currently have will be removed from September. I will of course write to you prior to the children starting back next term with the specifics and I have my fingers crossed that it will be a shortish letter with very few procedures!

Finally, I would like to say well done to Miss. Hampson who has been working predominately with Badger Class and Mrs. Quinn on passing her final teaching practice. She quickly became part of the Polesden Lacey Infant School team and enriched the learning experience of the children she worked with. We wish her all the best as she moves on to her teaching career. We know that her new school is very lucky to have her.



Take care and stay safe,

**Rebecca Mole Headteacher**

## Star of Week

Well done to all the winners this week.

Squirrels: **Alice** for being fantastic team member, particularly at sport day.

Badgers: **William P** for his positive attitude to learning and expert knowledge during mini beast hunting.

Forest School: **Oliver S** for his enthusiasm and great team work!



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

Below are some of this week's leaves:

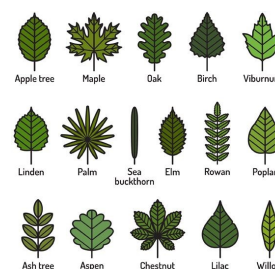
**Miles** was helpful and caring dusting the floor for his brother's friend's mum's party!

**Brooke** was determined when she was sewing in her own name label on her uniform.

**Henry H** was curious. He thought of a great way to sort objects in maths.

**Isabelle** was courageous and resilient when taking part in the Beavers talent show and showing everyone how to draw a teddy bear. She was also caring when she shared her croissant with her daddy.

**Henry P** was courageous and resilient when he was at school and his brother had to be at home, home learning.



## Thank You

A huge thank you to Oliver and Daniel's parents who took down and removed the old stage that had been on the bank. Over the years it had been a much loved and used piece of equipment but recently it had deteriorated and needed to be taken down. They did a fabulous job and we would like to say thank you so much for doing this, it is really appreciated.

## Eco Tip

This week we have a tip from Ava about how important flowers and plants are. This is what she wrote:

*Plants release oxygen and take in carbon dioxide, that's called Photosynthesis. Flowers come in different colours. Butterflies and bees love them, the flowers' pollen is as sweet as honey.*

Eva's message is definitely we need flowers and plants!

### Fairtrade



Did you know that you can get Fairtrade Furniture for conservatories and Garden Rooms? I did not realise until I saw some recently. Has anyone else seen any unusual products that are available that are Fairtrade?

### A plea from The Friends of Polesden Lacey Infant School

As we near the end of term we're running low on uniform stocks and would really appreciate your donations of good condition, clean PLIS uniform of all sizes please. We still have some new joiners who would appreciate it and lots of existing children who have grown out of the size they're currently in!

If you are having a clear out of uniform in the next couple of weeks, or have piles of it sitting around already, please pop it in a bag and drop it into our new red metal collection bin which will be located at the front of the school. This will now be a permanent fixture so that you can drop off uniform at any time.

If you're leaving the school but don't have a chance to sort your uniform before the end of term then just drop us an email at [PLISFriends@gmail.com](mailto:PLISFriends@gmail.com) and we can arrange to take delivery over the holidays.

**Please make sure that your donations are washed and in good condition** with no holes, major stains or very faded colours. We are keen to provide a second (or sometimes third and fourth) life for school uniform, but it does need to be saleable, otherwise we end up having to take it to the clothes recycling ourselves.

As well as keeping clothes out of landfill, reducing the need for new production and providing a service for parents, our uniform sales generate much needed funds - 100% of which go towards projects which directly benefit all of the children at Polesden Lacey Infant School.

Thank you



### COVID –19 Testing Reminder and Lateral Flow Test Available in Bookham Pharmacy

Please remember that all adults and children over the age of 11 are encouraged to complete twice weekly Lateral Flow Test. Although this test is not 100% reliable in detecting positive cases of COVID—19 it does pick up some cases. There has been a dramatic increase in the number of cases across the country and in Surrey over the past few weeks and as a school we can see the impact of this increase. Lateral Flow tests are available for free from both Pharmacies in Bookham.



## Sports Day Pictures



For more pictures of Rabbit Class please check on Tapestry.



## Athlete in School

On Thursday all children spent an hour with Chad Miller, an elite British sprinter. The children were captivated by him and had the opportunity to learn a little more about him as well as taking part in a variety of the training exercises that he uses. Austin even go to race against him and came a very close second (this is very impressive as Chad can run 100m in 10.33 seconds!) . Not only did he challenge the children physically but he also talked about the importance of always improving and there always being something that you can do better. Enjoy the pictures below.





## Surrey Wildlife Trust

On Friday all children spent an hour with Surrey Wildlife Trust. They did a mini-beast Safari looking at mini-beasts and where they live, as well as Pond dipping. The children had the opportunity to sort and identify creatures they have in their school pond. Even more pictures below for you to enjoy.





## Maths Day

As well as sport's day, each class used the book 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers as a stimulus for their maths activities on Wednesday. The children thoroughly enjoyed reading the book and were inspired to investigate a range of mathematical concepts including lotting at large numbers, classifying and position and direction. The children explored the distances and relative sizes of the planets on our solar system by recreating scale models, classified a range of animals using Venn diagrams, counted all the legs of the people in twos and made rockets using different shapes. We all had a lot of fun.



## Dates

### Summer Term

Tuesday 13th July - Sponsored Bounce (pm)

Friday 16th July — Friends Movie afternoon for Year 1 & 2 —to be held after school

Tuesday 20th July — Year 2 Leavers assembly

Tuesday 20th July—Skipping Workshop—all classes during the morning

Wednesday 21st July — School Finishes 1.00pm for the Summer Holidays