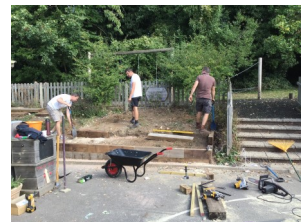


Message from Ms.. Mole

It is not only the staff at Polesden Lacey Infant School who are very creative. We also have children and parents with many and varied creative skills. The decorate a Vegetable competition, organized by The Friends, showed the imagination of the children (and I suspect a few parents). The competition was judged by Jemma who marveled at the ingenuity of the children and was really pleased to see how closely the children had observed the food to come up with their designs. Below you can see pictures of some of the entries. The children were able to take their entries home and any left at school were added to our compost. You can find out who won later in the Newsletter.



A group of Squirrel dad's showed just how creative and resilient they can be whilst working on the terraced wildflower garden on Sunday. They worked hard throughout the morning digging, sawing and problem solving to make great progress. They are hoping to finish soon so that the children can get planting.



Thanks to all of you who have filled out the parent volunteer survey. It is really exciting to see your skills and have so many of you offer your services. Mrs. Scott has already started to contact some of you and we will continue to do so over the next few weeks so we can get started on some projects. If you would like to offer your services there is still time and you can access the survey [here](#).

Rebecca Mole - Headteacher

Star of the Week

Well done to all the winners this week.

Rabbits - Alexander for being a wonderful friend, helper and tidier-upper.

Squirrels - Ella for working so hard in all areas of her learning and blowing me away with her perseverance.

Squirrels - Miles for showing determination and perseverance in his writing.
Wow - super work!

Badgers - Austin for always being ready to listen and always trying his best.

Forest School - William P for his imaginative art in the woodland.

Forest School - Sophie for her original ideas for sorting objects.



Parking on Howard Road

Many thanks to all of you who are so considerate when parking in Howard Road. On Thursday morning I stood by the entrance to Oakdene Close, it was lovely to see all the children walking and skipping to school, being aware of their surroundings and staying on the pavement.

Please do keep up the parking on the school side of Howard Road and making sure that you are not blocking any drive ways or parking on the grass verge. You may want to consider parking a little further away and walking down Howard Road – it is a great opportunity to chat to your child/children and notice the little things in the local environment that you may miss when you are in the car. I know that at the moment there are some parents who are juggling drop offs and pick ups at different school but if you are not having to do this it would really help if you were able to park somewhere like Crabtree Lane and walk or scooter down. This frees up space on Howard Road and makes it safer and more less stressful for others.

Values Leaves

At Polesden Lacey Infant School we like to celebrate the different ways that children and adults show our school values of being Fair, Resilient, Respectful, Caring, Courageous and Curious.

If you see your child doing anything that you think shows one of our Values please write it on a leaf and send it into school. Rather than sending pre-cut leaves home from school please could you cut out a leaf and write the reason on it. Maybe you could pick a shape from leaves of different trees. Each class will have a box to put the 'Values Leaf' in and they will be shared with the class during the week.

Below are this week's leaves:

Maël was caring by helping his little sister off the sofa so that she doesn't hurt herself and by saving a butterfly that landed on the paddling pool.

Maël was curious about how growing taller works as we grow older, looking at examples of his sunflower that the planted which is now taller than him.

Henry P was very curious helping Daddy build a garden bench.

Daniel was very caring of the environment when he enthusiastically joined the Ashted Rotary litter pick. He helped to fill 8 sacks of rubbish!

Michael was caring and helped the adults sort out the water bottles.

William P was caring and helped the adults sort out the water bottles.

Charlie W was caring and helped the adults sort out the water bottles.

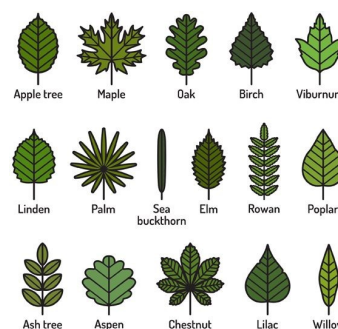
William P showed that he cared for the classroom environment by taking the bin round to collect paper.

Emma took care of a bumblebee that couldn't get to the flowers. She picked a dandelion and gave it some water.

Jessica was very courageous going to her first hockey club session.

Holly was curious about what a war is, why they start and what the soldiers do.

Poppy K was curious about Remembrance day and why we have it.



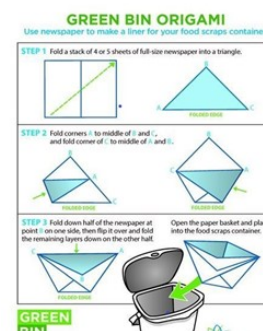
Harvest

As you know we had our Harvest Festival assembly today. Thank you to the Friends for organising the collection and delivery of food to the local food bank and you for your generosity in donating food items. The children surpassed our expectations when decorating the fruits and vegetables. Please enjoy the pictures of the winners.



Eco - Tip

Why not have a go at making your own compost waste bin liner? Instead of using plastic bags all you need are some old sheets of newspaper and some origami skills!



Fairtrade

X is for Xeriscaping

Fairtrade encourages farmers and producers to use efficient methods of production and xeriscaping reduces the need for extra water from irrigation. Plants are selected because they need little or no water beyond what the natural climate provides. The soil is also improved and maintained which is extremely helpful to growers in dry regions. This results in a better deal and greater sustainability for Fairtrade farmers.

Pick Up and Drop Off—Reminder

Just a reminder of the drop off and pick up times

Below is the table with the new times that is included in the aforementioned letter:

Class	Drop-off	Pick-up
Rabbits	8.55am	2.50pm
Squirrels	8.50am	3.00pm
Badgers	8.45pm	2.55pm

Dates

Autumn Term 2020

Starts: 15th October Flu Immunisations for all classes

Half Term: 26th October —30 October 2020

2nd November - School Closed—Inset Day

4th & 5th November—Parent Consultations (we anticipate that these will be via telephone call— further details to follow in due course)

Last day of Term: 18th December 2020