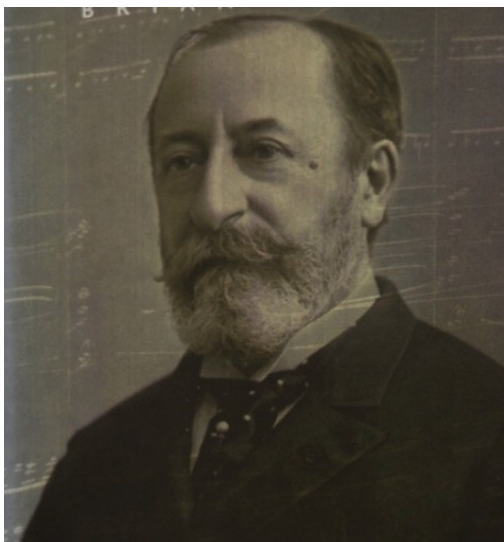


Message from Mrs. Mole

Every half term, we have a piece of music or an artist that we learn about and listen to in assemblies, This ranges from film music, through the Beatles, to Bollywood, across to Chen Yi, the Recycled Orchestra of Paraguay to Beethoven. This term we are listening to Carnival of the Animals by Saint Saëns. If you do a google search you can find out lots of information about this piece of Music and there are various recordings you can listen to on You Tube. Some of the movements sound very familiar as they have been the inspiration for some film music and the children have been enjoying listening to the different parts and imagining the animals.



I hope that some of you are able to listen to The Carnival of the Animals, or at least pick a few animals to see what the different movements sound like with your child or children. I have really enjoyed seeing their reaction to all the pieces that we have listened to so far.

Have a lovely weekend.

Rebecca Mole, Headteacher

E-Safety meeting—Monday 10th October at 8pm (online)

Please check your e-mails for details on how to join the meeting. If you haven't received the e-mail please contact Mrs Cummings in the school office and she will resend it to you.

Please remember the meeting will be run by two ex-safeguarding Police officers who are going to share information, ideas and insights into online child exploitation and how best to support your family. It has been organised at this time (8pm) as the meeting is not going to be suitable for young ears.

Star of Week

Well done to all the winners this week.

Rabbits: **Lydia** for writing new sounds learnt beautifully!

Squirrels: **Maddie** for demonstrating a positive attitude to learning—super effort!

Badgers: **Addison** for always trying her best and having done lots of wonderful work this week.

Values Star of the week: .

Rabbits: **Seren** for showing all the school values and being a role model to the class!

Squirrels: **Willow** for being a kind and caring member of squirrel class

Badgers: **Mael** for caring and thoughtful contributions during PSHE lesson about loneliness.

Fairtrade C is for Chocolate

Chocolate comes from cocoa trees. Cocoa trees grow in tropical places. Switzerland produces the best chocolates in the world. Chocolate comes in different sizes and shapes. Chocolates are tasty, but too many chocolates will make us go to the dentist.

Written by Anya



Reading Meeting

A huge thank you to all the parents who attended the phonics and reading meeting. We hope that you found it useful. For all those who could not attend we have put a copy of the PowerPoint on the school website and you can access it by clicking this link:

<https://polesdenlaceyinfant.surrey.sch.uk/information/curriculum/english>

Mrs Binding used a number of videos during the presentation which can be found following the link below. The Little Wandle website has other useful information for parents so please take the time to browse and download the documents.

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

One of the main messages the school wanted to share during the meeting was how important reading for pleasure is. We want the reading you do with your child at home to be a fun pleasurable experience. The reading books that are sent home are matched to their ability so they are able to read them successfully. Please celebrate this success at home.

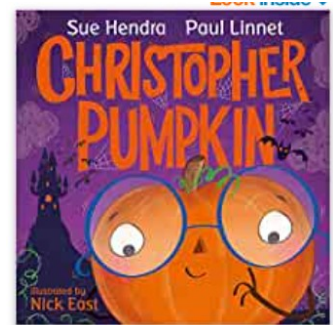
Don't forget to sign up for mystery reader - we welcome all family members; Grandparents, uncles, aunties etc.

E-Safety Tip

TAG! Support your child to 'Tell a Grownup!' if they are unsure of something they see or hear online. Use https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/4_7/ with your child to play games which reinforce what they should do if they are upset by something they see online. Teaching them this skill very early on enables them to be confident users of technology and keeps them safe.

Book Recommendation of the week from Joshua Binding

A funny Halloween themed story about a pumpkin who doesn't like scary things at all ! This is one of Mrs Binding's son's favourites and he wants you all to read it!

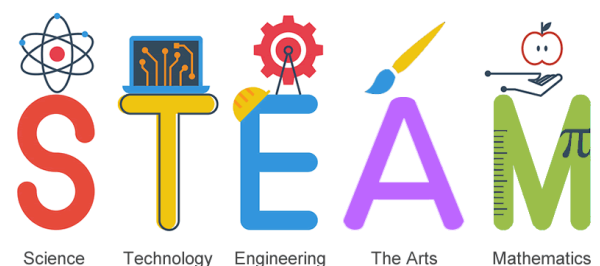


Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths (STEAM) week

From 17th to 21st October we are holding a STEAM week where the children will be creating, building and investigating. As you will already be aware we have Lego workshops in school for the children in Year 1 and Year 2. Reception class will be designing and making musical instruments using the things that they have in the classroom including items in the 'junk modelling' area, Year 1 will be designing an instruments using pieces of wood that they will have to cut and decorate and Year 2 will be designing and making picture frames and all classes will be having fun with some science investigations.

We would also like to invite any parents who work in one of the STEAM areas into school to talk to the children about what they do and answer questions that the children may have.

If you would like to volunteer please email office@polesdenlaceyinfant.surrey.sch.uk and Mrs. Cummings will forward your offer onto the teachers.



Bringing Toys to School

Can we please ask you to discourage your child from bringing toys or pressures items into school with them, unless it is part of their Show and Tell. Toys can easily get lost or damaged at school which then causes the child concerned a lot of anxiety and upset.

Can you also please reiterate with your child that if a toy has been brought to school it must not be swapped with another child. Not all children fully understand what it means to swap a toy and then get very upset if the other child doesn't want to give it back.

Message from The Friends

Dates for your diary 2022/23 - The Friends of Polesden Lacey Infant School

We have been very keen and set out our complete plan for the year. Please pop these dates in your diaries for now - more information will be shared closer to each date.

If you're keen to help out with any of these activities and events, or have any questions, please do email plisfriends@gmail.com.

We will ask for specific volunteers nearer the time where they are needed, but always welcome your interest!

Sun 16th October - Gardening Day: everyone welcome (Please sign up now!)

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1DDEs9PK_acyi_UMTWzz_26SfB_2ki6L07qligp7yvNw/edit

Fri 21st October - Scary Hair and Halloween Mufti Day (Crazy Hair and Own Clothes)

Wed 2nd November (eve) - Friends' AGM

Fri 9th December - Christmas Grotto, Making Morning and Christmas In the Classroom

Fri 3rd February (tbc) - Quiz Evening

Thurs 2nd and Fri 3rd March - Book Swap for World Book Day

Thurs 30th March - Easter Activities and Bake Sale

Thurs 27th April - Sponsored Bounce

Thurs 8th and Fri 9th June (tbc) - Making Mornings for Bookham Village Day (Sat 17th June)

Sun 9th July - Summer Fair

Thurs 13th or Fri 14th July (tbc) - Summer Movie Night and Mufti

Dates

Autumn Term 2022

10th October—8pm—E-Safety online meeting

Sunday 16th October—Gardening Day at school, all families welcome sign up with THE friends if you are able to come.

18th October Lego Stem Workshop during the school day

18th October 3pm—4pm—Lego Robotics workshop—Yr 1 & 2, places must be booked in advance.

Half Term; 24th October —28th October 2021

2nd November 2pm—3pm Open Afternoon Year 1 & 2, Stay & Play for Reception

23rd November Flu Immunisation's for all classes (Parents must sign up for this online—see separate e-mail for more details)

Last day of Term; Friday 16th December 2022 school closes at 1pm