



Newsletter – No. 6 13th October 2023

Message from Mrs. Mole

Every day is a school day! This week this has certainly turned out to be true for me. In the Forest School sessions Miss. Aylett has been making 'conker soap'! I was intrigued and so went online to do a little research... The chemical aesculin, found in conkers, (a saponin) is responsible for the frothy lather that results from mashing the leaves and conkers in water and is pretty effective at getting hands clean after mooching about in the woods.



The soap made from conkers has a very gentle action compared to some modern day soaps which often contain very caustic additives. Their use historically, other than a rough woodland soap, was for cleaning delicate fabrics such as old tapestries. Why not try making some yourself? (Smash the conkers in a pestle and mortar. Add water and boil, Strain the liquid. Cool and pour into a recycled bottle ready to wash hands or the dishes!



I also learnt that there are lots of different types of super heroes and they come with all different super powers! Badger class taught me this with their 'super hero day'. They did an excellent job at designing and making their costumes and then solving all the problems set by Miss. Joslin.

Next week I am sure that we will continue to learn even more in our STEM week. We will be designing and making different things as well as having visits from some great scientists who we hope will wow us with the wonders of the natural world and technology.

I hope some of you go out and collect conkers and have a go at making soap.

Rebecca Mole,
Headteacher

Star of Week

Well done to all the winners this week.

Rabbits: Joshua for focusing and listening carefully during phonics—super blending too!

Squirrels: Evie for trying hard and showing excellent learning behaviours

Badgers: Valentyn for a wonderful self-portrait in art this week. You worked very hard!

Values Star of the week: .

Rabbits: Sebastian for being a respectful and caring member of Rabbit class and for developing resilience and independence when dressing.

Squirrels: Seren for always showing all of our school values—a fantastic role model for everyone.

Badgers: Anastasia for always being a caring friend!

Forest School star of the week:

Rabbits: **Manuel** for being curious and focused while learning how to make Conker soap.

Squirrels: **Finn** for doing a great job bashing up Conker's to make natural soap!

Badgers: **Heidi** for being really enthusiastic to learn and make our natural Conker soap.

Book Recommendation of the Week by Sophie Year 1

Everyone laughs out loud when we read Mr Grumpy by Roger Hargreaves.

All the Mr Men books are great but Mr Grumpy is so extreme and what happens to him is so funny, it's a whole family favourite.

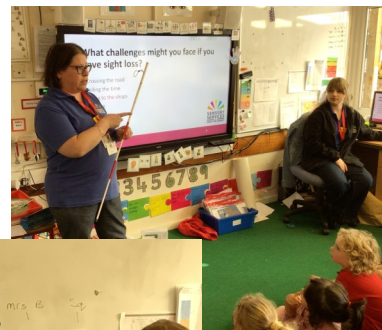
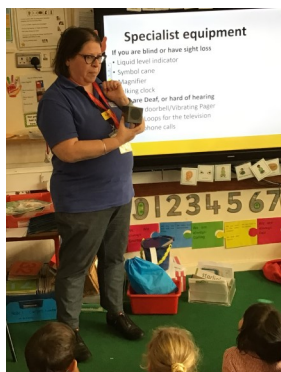


Super Hero Day—in Year 2



Sight for Surrey in Year 1

Year 1 had a very informative visit from Sight for Surrey. The children learnt all about the difficulties that people can experience and some specialist equipment that can be used to help them .



This week at Forest School



Message From The Friends

We had a fantastic turn out on Sunday for our Family Gardening Day, with so much achieved on such a beautiful sunny day. A huge thank you to everyone who came along and got stuck in. The grounds are looking fantastic!

As we near the end of this first half term we have lots of fun planned for **Fri 20th October**. We will be holding a **Scary Hairy and Mufti Day Fundraiser**, where children can wear their own clothes or a costume to school with crazy and spooky hair! Let your imagination go wild, accessories and crazy colours are encouraged. There'll be a bucket for £1 donations on the entrance to each classroom. For those who do breakfast club or Judo please put your money in an envelope to be handed to a teacher.



Also on Friday 20th October we will hold a **Halloween bake sale** from 3pm after school. We would be very grateful for donations of homemade or shop bought cakes and bakes for us to sell. Please drop these off at the front of the school in the morning on the 20th. We request that all cakes and bakes are **nut free**. If you have made gluten free or dairy free cakes please label these up so that any children with allergies /intolerances can select these.



Please remember to bring pennies with you both in the morning and at pick up on 20th so you can buy some yummy treats to take home ready for half term!

Other dates for your diary (more information to follow!)

- Halloween Scary hairy and Mufti Day - Friday 20th October
- Halloween Bake Sale - Friday 20th October

Christmas activities

- Santas Grotto – Fri 8th Dec
- Christmas Crafts in the Class - Fri 8th Dec
- Christmas Movie Night - Thurs 14th Dec
- Wreath Making - TBC

Driving on Site

It has come to our attention that parents are driving on site when dropping children off or picking up from before and after school clubs. Can I please remind you all that as per the Parent's Handbook, which you would all have been given when your child started at Polesden Lacey Infant School, this is not allowed. Please see excerpt from the Handbook highlighting this issue.

1.1.1 For safety reasons

Please **DO NOT** drive into the school grounds unless you are picking your child up with prior permission from the school office or in the case of illness. ***This includes when dropping off or collecting at before and after school clubs.***

Children are permitted to travel to school on bikes and scooters BUT they must dismount at the school gates and then push or carry the items whilst on school premises to avoid accidents to themselves and others. There is a cycle rack in front of the school. **NB.** Please note you must sign up to the safe scooting and/or cycling schemes to obtain a permit for your scooter and/or bike. Please see the separate policy and codes of practice on the school website <https://polesdenlaceyinfant.surrey.sch.uk/information/policies>

NO parking should take place in Oakdene Close, in order to keep access clear for residents and emergency vehicles and to avoid the dangers involved with cars turning in this narrow cul-de-sac, especially when children are arriving and leaving school.

If you have to drive to school, cars should be parked in Howard Road, on the school side of the road, or preferably further out on roads such as Crabtree Lane, remembering not to obstruct zigzag lines and driveways. (We are committed to having a positive relationship with our neighbours and it is incredibly frustrating for them when our families park across driveways or in a way that prevents them from entering or leaving their property.)

It is essential that emergency vehicles have access to the school via Howard Road at all times. **Please do not obstruct the road**

Please remember that the road is in constant use and all pedestrians entering or leaving the school should use the pavements on either side of Oakdene Close

Please also remember that staff are often arriving or leaving at the same time as you so please make sure that you and your children walk on the path when entering and leaving the school grounds and not on the drive way.

This policy has been endorsed by the school governors and is to help us to keep your children safe.

Dates

Autumn Term 2023

16th October—Year 2 trip to The Natural History Museum

17th October—Lego Stem Workshops during the day for Year 1 & Year 2

17th October 3pm—4pm—Lego Stem Workshop for Year 1 & 2 only

19th October 8.45am Badger Class Assembly (Badger Class parents and Carers invited to watch)

Half Term; 23rd October —27th October 2023—school closed

1st November 2.30pm—3pm Open Afternoon Year 1 & 2, Stay & Play for Reception

2nd November—special assembly—Positive Dog Training for all 3 classes

7th & 9th November 3.30pm—7pm—Parents Consultations

5th & 7th December 9am—9.30am approx —Year 1 & 2 Christmas Performance

13th December 9am—9.30am approx.—Reception Class Christmas Performance

Last day of Term; Friday 15th December 2023 school closes at 1pm