



Newsletter – No. 6 9th October 2020

Message from Ms.Mole

As usual, we have been doing lots of reading at Polesden Lacey Infant School. Enjoying books with the children is such a lovely thing to do and it makes such a difference to the progress that they make in school if you are able to read on a frequent and regular basis at home in conjunction with the reading that we do in school. At home you will do a combination of hearing your child read books and sharing books with your child. The books that you hear your child read will be easier as the expectation is that they will have books that are allowing them to practice what they have learnt. Sharing books will help them to develop their vocabulary, take them on adventures, improve their understanding of how books work as well as developing a love of reading. Below are some hints from the Booktrust for sharing books.

- Ask your child to choose what they'd like to read. They'll feel more interested in the story if they've picked it out themselves. (And don't worry if they keep returning to the same story, either!)
- If you can, turn off the TV, radio and computer. It's easier for both of you to enjoy the story without any other distractions.
- Sit close together. You could encourage your child to hold the book themselves and turn the pages, too.
- Take a look at the pictures. You don't just have to read the words on the page. Maybe there's something funny in the pictures that you can giggle about together, or perhaps your child enjoys guessing what will happen next.
- Ask questions and talk about the book. Picture books can be a great way to talk through your child's fears and worries, or to help them deal with their emotions. Give them space to talk, and ask how they feel about the situations in the story.
- Have fun! There's no right or wrong way to share a story – as long as you and your child are having fun. Don't be afraid to act out situations or use funny voices... your little ones will love it!



Rebecca Mole - Headteacher

Star of the Week

Well done to all the winners this week.

Rabbits - Elisa for fantastic number ordering to 20 and being a very caring friend.

Squirrels - Brooke for showing perseverance and determination with her reading by practising at home and at school!

Badgers - Dana for excellent work and progress in maths. Great attitude!

Forest School - Sam for his patience and quiet focus when building his bug shelter



Our School Fund Donations

Very many thanks for all the contributions made to our school fund so far for this term. Although we are unable to have some of the activities that we had originally planned, the teachers have explored alternatives to enrich the children's learning. The donations to the School Fund will enable us to participate in many new and exciting extra activities this term and also find resources for activities such as cooking, Science and Lego workshops. We ask that families pay £15 per term. However, if you wish this can be paid annually, which costs £40.

If you have not yet sent in your donation we would be grateful if you could do so, as soon as possible, to help Mrs Scott (who is our school fund administrator).

Many thanks for your support with this as it really does help us to enrich your child's learning experience at school.

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:

Jacob showed curiosity when he touched the book on a tree and said 'what's this?'

Riley was courageous when he walked Durdle Door and Lulworth cove. He did about 16,000 steps.

Riley was respectful by always being well mannered and so polite.

Riley was caring by always offering to help others.

Frederick was very caring when he did the hoovering to help mummy.

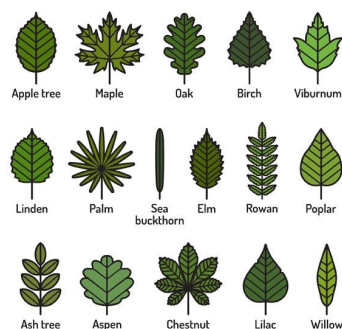
Alice was respectful and resilient by continuing and completing her chores even when she was tired, bored and upset.

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

Holly K has been very caring, patient and understanding during a stressful time whilst we moved to a new house.

Poppy K has been very caring, patient and understanding during a stressful time whilst we moved to a new house.

Lily demonstrated curiosity of how the world began.



Working party

Tomorrow, Saturday 10th October, we have a group of parents and friends who are going to be working hard to make our school even more fabulous. From 9am to 3pm we will be clearing, tidying, mending and painting around the school grounds. We have an idea of lots of the things that you would like to volunteer so if you are able to come along and help please do sign up in the office or email info@polesdenlaceyinfant.surrey.sch.uk.

This year will have to be a little different due to the 'Rule of 6' and social distancing but I feel that as we are working outside and we have plenty of space we will be able to easily comply with the current restrictions.

We look forward to seeing those who have already said that they are coming in have fun. Even if you have not yet signed up please do come along—your support and help makes an enormous difference.

No experience necessary and I look forward to seeing many of you whilst we dig, hammer, clear, tidy and paint!

Open Day - New Parents

Due to public demand we have now added an additional date — Thursday 29th October

Subject to any further restrictions imposed by the Government we are planning to hold this year's Open Day on Wednesday 28th October which falls within the school's Half Term Holiday.

To enable us to comply with current Government guidelines each tour will consist of no more than 5 adults plus the Headteacher, making a total of 6 persons present at any one time. This year we are asking that children do not attend the tour and if at all possible that attendance is limited to one adult per household. This will hopefully enable us to give as many families as possible the opportunity to visit our school. All adults will be required to wear a mask whilst in the school hall and during the tour inside the building.

The session will consist of a presentation in the school hall by the Headteacher, followed by a tour around the inside of the school and then finishing with a tour of our lovely grounds. Each tour will last approximately 1 hour and cleaning will take place inside the hall prior to each session.

If you know anybody that is looking for a school place in September 2021 do please encourage them to come along. They can book a space on one of our tours by e-mailing office@polesdenlaceyinfant.surrey.sch.uk

Alternatively, please encourage them to visit our newly updated school website where they can find out all sorts of information about the school as well as see some lovely photos of the children in action, www.polesdenlaceyinfant.surrey.sch.uk.

We are also holding a separate Open Day for existing Playschool Parents on Wednesday 14th October, if you haven't already booked onto this tour please do so asap as we only have slots available on the 11am session now.

Eco - Tip

If you have not yet an opportunity to Watch David Attenborough's film, 'A life on Our Planet', I would encourage you to do so. Although it makes for hard watching about the current sate of our planet it is also a film that encourages us ,as individuals, to be courageous and alter what we do and how we do things to bring about change. The film is currently streaming on Netflix.

Journey Around the United Kingdom!

This week the children in Squirrel Class have continued their journey around the United Kingdom! We have had fun learning about the different countries, capital cities and landmarks found around the UK. On Thursday we 'visited' Wales and worked together to make Welsh Cakes which the children really enjoyed. Evie from Badger Class came in as our Welsh Special Guest and taught the children how to count to 10 in Welsh- Thank you Evie!



Guide Dog update

We are very pleased to introduce 'Ginger' to our school community. He is the Guide Dog puppy that Badger class will be sponsoring over the next year.

 | Sponsor a Puppy

Thanks to being sponsored by

Badger Class

Ginger

is starting an amazing journey to become a life-changing guide dog.

Signed: 
Chris Allum
Puppy Sponsorship Manager

Signed: 
Matthew Bottomley
Head of the Breeding Programme



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Ginger

Breed: Golden retriever **Loves:**

Mum: Clio

Dad: Trigger

- Playing with her toys
- Dinnertime with her siblings
- Exploring the outdoors

For more photos and a video of Ginger, please visit:
[guidedogs.org.uk/puppy-Ginger](https://www.guidedogs.org.uk/puppy-Ginger)

Join Ginger's exclusive Facebook group, here:
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Fairtrade

Z is a tricky one!

We have come to the end of the alphabet but Fairtrade is far from over. Last year marked 25 years since Fairtrade goods became available in this country and over 4,500 products have since been certified. There are now over 1,000 Fairtrade Schools in the UK and Badger class will shortly be writing to our catering providers to persuade them of the benefits of extending their Fairtrade range. Let's wish them luck! So, what should Z stand for?

Z is for Zeigeist

The word 'zeitgeist' means 'spirit of our age' and no doubt Fairtrade will continue to promote the values of our age - sustainability, protection and fairness.

Dates

Autumn Term 2020

13th October Full Governing Body Meeting (If you would like to attend please inform the school office 2 weeks prior to the meeting)

14th October—Open Day Tours for existing Playschool parents

15th October Flu Immunisations for all classes (Deadline for replies is 4pm on 8th Oct)

Half Term: 26th October —30 October 2020

28th October—Open Day

29th October—Open Day

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)

24th November Full Governing Body Meeting (If you would like to attend please inform the school office 2 weeks prior to the meeting)

Last day of Term: 18th December 2020