



Newsletter – No. 7 20th October 2023

Message from Mrs. Mole

This week has been incredibly busy at Polesden Lacey Infant School.

On Monday Year 2 went to The Natural History Museum. They took part in a workshop about the Oceans, what lives in them and why we need to look after them. (We also visited Andy's clock and the dinosaurs as it wouldn't be a visit to the museum without seeing both these things!)

On Tuesday, Badgers and Squirrels enjoyed Lego workshops, building models and then programming the iPads to make the models move.

On Thursday, we enjoyed the Year 2 assembly, showcasing some of the learning that they have done this term. They performed brilliantly! Almost as soon as Badger class parents and carers had left the hall we had the pleasure of George, the scientist blew our minds with his amazing science experiments. He said after the workshops how brilliant the children had been. This was probably helped by Sophie and Enid when answering one of his first questions - 'What connects us?' Sophie said, 'an invisible string' and Enid followed this up with, 'love connects us all.' (Sophie's answer was referencing a book that the children in Rabbit class are reading called *The Invisible string* by Patrice Karst).

We also had a return visit from Rock Steady Music. Due to the fantastic response from their previous visit, I'm delighted to be able to confirm that Rock Steady Music are going to be starting lessons with us on Friday 3rd November. They are hoping to form four bands and each band will each get a half an hour lesson every Friday morning. The bands will be taught on a rotating timetable so that the children are not missing the same learning every week. All children brought a leaflet home yesterday giving more details about the lessons. If you would like to sign your child up to join the band please visit their website or call them. The details you need are on the flyer.

On Friday, it was chaos and fun all day long with the Scary Hair day and yummy cake for the Halloween cake sale.

Throughout the week musical instruments were crafted by Rabbits and Squirrels, fruit kebabs were designed, made and munched by Year 1 and pumpkins were picked by Reception and chopped up to make pumpkin soup which they then slurped.

We are definitely ready for a rest!.

I hope you have a lovely half term and look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 30th October.

Rebecca Mole,
Headteacher

Forest School star of the week:

Rabbits: Calista for great focus and control using the palm drill.

Squirrels: Charlie B for being safe and following instructions when using tools.

Badgers: Maddie for being really imaginative making your conker bat Rosie.

Star of Week

Well done to all the winners this week.

Rabbits: **Ava M** for being a phonics superstar! Super blending and writing of our tricky words.

Squirrels: **Ralph** for making amazing progress in his writing this week.

Badgers: **Everyone in Badger Class** for a wonderful class assembly!

Values Star of the week: .

Rabbits: **Thomas** for being courageous and resilient when coming into school and a fair and caring member of Rabbit Class!

Squirrels: **Amelie** for fantastic work in English and Maths all week.

Badgers: **James** for your curiosity on our trip to the Natural History Museum!

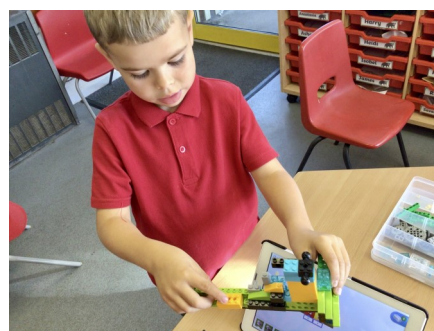
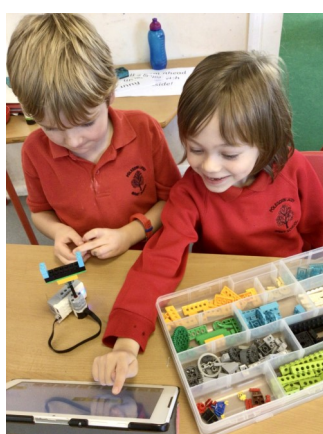
Year 2 Natural History Museum Trip



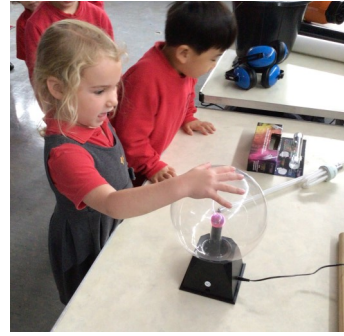
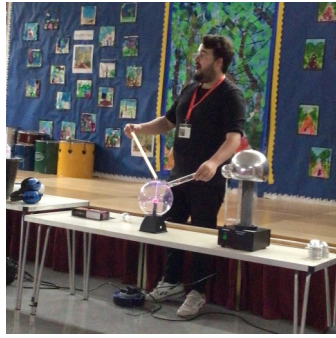
Year 2 Assembly



Lego Workshop—Year 1 & 2



Science Workshop—All classes



Scary Hair —All classes



Message From The Friends

What a fantastic first half of the term we've had! Thank you to everyone who has been involved so far! It has been great seeing all the children today with the spectacularly spooky hair and some amazing costumes too! Don't forget there's the perfect opportunity for a yummy end of half term treat too, with the bake sale running at pick up – so don't forget to bring some money along!

Our attention has also now started shifting to **Christmas** and tickets are now available for our **Wreath Making Evening**. Please see the separate email sent out by the office with all the details. If you're interested in coming along please email plisfriends@gmail.com Tickets are a only £30 and include everything you need to make a stunning festive wreath along with a mince pie and hot drink.



In the School Hall from 7.30 - 9.30pm
Only £30 per person

Friday **24** November

Limited tickets available. Email plisfriends@gmail.com to book your place now.

All Materials, foliage and decorations provided. Just bring your festive creative flare! Festive nibbles and hot drink also included.

We also want to take this opportunity to remind you of another **free and easy way you can support our fundraising for the school**, especially as we all start to think about getting started on our Christmas shopping. Over 7,500 brands will donate to Friends of Polesden Lacey Infant School at no extra cost to you - so you can raise donations when you buy gifts, decorations, your festive food shopping, or anything else! It really is as simple as that!

One of the top fundraisers only joined **easyfundraising** in the summer of last year and **has already raised £103.02** by remembering to shop via the app or using the donation reminder in her browser, and she even claims that she doesn't do that much online shopping (although we're not sure we believe her!).

Use the following link to raise a bonus £5 donation after you raise your first £5. We really can't express enough how much of a difference this makes to our fundraising efforts!

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=206787&invite=52j5ox&referral-campaign=s2s&utm_campaign=refCROtest



Dates for your diary (more information to follow!)

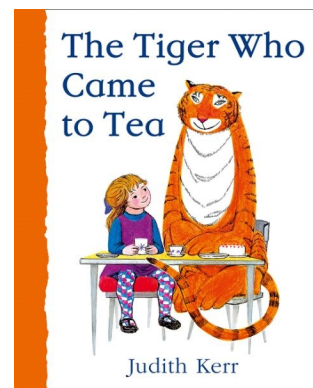
- Wreath Making Evening – Fri 24th November 7.30 – 9.30pm
- Santas Grotto – Fri 8th Dec
- Christmas Crafts in the Class - Fri 8th Dec
- Christmas Movie Night - Thurs 14th Dec



Book Recommendation of the Week by Charlie B Year 1

The Tiger Who Came to Tea by Judith Kerr

"I like this book because Tiger's are my favourite animals."



Love in a Box

You will have received an email and a leaflet in the children's bags about 'Love in a Box'. This is an initiative that we have supported in the past but due to COVID was not running for the last few years. The Mustard Seed charity collects boxes of gifts that are taken to Eastern Europe and given out to children who would really benefit from receiving a box of gifts. On average they send out 30,000 boxes a year and each one is individually received by a child.



All the information that you need regarding how to donate is contained in the leaflet which is in your child's school bag. We realise that there could be a significant expense to putting together the box and adding the donation towards the cost of delivering the gifts. Some of you may wish to join with another family to send one box between you. I am sure that the children would gain a lot thinking of others and what another child would like to find in a Christmas box.

If you would like to make up a box to donate please could they be returned to school by Friday 10th November.

Dates

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

30th October—children return to school

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