

Message from Ms. Mole

A huge thankyou to the parents and grandparents who gave up part of their weekend to make the grounds look so fabulous and ensure they are ready for the children to use in their learning. Thank you to Harrison's grandad, Mia G's dad, Ava, Miles, Ella and Isla's dads. The photographs below give you a glimpse of what they have been up to.



Rebecca Mole - Headteacher

Star of the Week

Well done to all the winners this week.

Rabbits: - **Hunor** for good listening and following instructions

Squirrels: **Arthur** for being courageous and resilient in all areas of his school life and being a maths superstar!

Badgers: **Ellie** for working super hard in English, especially with her spellings.

Forest School: **Anais** for making fantastic bracelets to match her Leopard Girl Costume!

Puffin Club: **Aya** for always being helpful, kind to the other children and very polite



Emotion Coaching

Surrey Educational psychologist service offer the school a wide range of resources, training and assessment.

They are also offering free training for parents on 'Emotion Coaching'. 'Emotion Coaching' is an approach that the school follows and have had recent training on. 'Emotion coaching' is an approach which helps children and young people to understand the different emotions they experience, why they occur and how to handle them. This helps children and young people to learn how to regulate their emotions and behavior.

If you would like to attend this training please email the address in the attachment.

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.

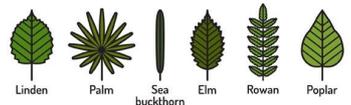
If you see your child doing anything that you think shows one of our Values please write it on a leaf and send it into school. Rather than sending pre-cut leaves home from school please could you cut out a leaf and write the reason on it. Maybe you could pick a shape from leaves of different trees. Each 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:

Oliver: was courageous when he described he feelings and his mum was really proud of him.



Oliver: was very caring when he asked if he could help with Zara's bloods. He entered the code for the phone and read out loud her numbers and described which way the arrow was going. Oliver could see that Zara was nervous so he asked if she would like to hold his hand. Oliver you are a true superhero! An awesome brother.



Oliver: was courageous when he was worried about the nasal flu vaccine

Freddy: has been caring. He has been an amazing role model, teaching his little brother how to use the toilet, without being asked—just out of kindness.

Robbie: showed respect to our library books by putting them back in the right place.

Emma: Showed resilience this week by learning how to ride her bike without stabilisers.

Zara: was very caring to her brother when he was worried.

Superhero Day

This Wednesday was Superhero day in Badger class. The children had been learning all about superheroes and then creating their own, making their outfits and finally spent the day solving problems together and generally having a fantastic time.



Why not check out the school website gallery to see more photos from the day. <https://polesdenlaceyinfant.surrey.sch.uk/news-and-events/photo-galleries>

Books Home

Squirrel and Badger children will be bringing their English and Maths Books home with them this afternoon for you to have a look over this weekend and prior to the parent meetings taking place after half term. As you know we will be conducting these meetings via phone rather than you coming into school and so you will not be able to see the books on the day of the meeting.

Please could you return the books to school on Monday 19th October as the children will need them in the classroom.

Science & Technology Week 19th—23rd October

As part of our special Investigate and Create week, The Junior Stem Company is coming into our school on **Thursday 22nd October** to run a Lego Robotics workshop for the children. During the day Year 1 and 2 will be designing a Lego creation and then programming the laptops to make their creations move.

Junior Stem are offering the children in Squirrel and Badger classes the chance to participate in an additional Lego robotics workshop which will give them the opportunity to develop their knowledge further. This will run after school from 3-4pm and will cost £5. If you would like your child to take part, please complete the Google form following this link: <https://forms.gle/HKAEUgfKBgKCT8Rd9> by 9am on Monday 19th October 2020.

If the session is over subscribed we will select the children able to take part by 'taking names out of a hat'. If your child is allocated a space in the Lego Robotics Workshop we will email you during the afternoon of Monday 19th October so payment can then be made.

Please note that in conjunction with The Junior Stem company we have carried out a Covid—19 risk assessment to ensure that this fabulous activity can go ahead safely. The person delivering the sessions in class and after school will be wearing a mask whilst working with the children.

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.

Parent Governor Election—Reminder

If you are interested in becoming a school Parent Governor don't forget the deadline for applications is Thursday 22nd October 2020. For more information please see e-mail sent to all parents on 8th October.

School Photos

Don't forget the deadline for returning your school photo form is 21st October 2020.

Covid 19—Social Distancing Reminder

With the increase in numbers of people testing positive for Covid – 19 both locally and nationally please make sure that you are maintaining your distance from one another when dropping/collecting your children. Although your children maybe in the same bubble at school, the evidence is that the virus is more likely to be passed by adults than children. The staggered start and collection is in place to make this easier for you all, we understand that it can be tricky to time it just right but would encourage you all not to walk up to the school gate until it is nearly your time. There is not much room by the gate on Oakdene Road to wait and be 2 metres from others who are not in your household.

Eco - Tip

This week Ms. Mole looked back at some of the suggestions that the children made in Circle time about how to look after our environment and she decided to include one of them as this week's Eco Tip.

Always carry a fold away bag so that you do not need a bag when you are in the shops

Love in a Box

In assembly next week the children will learn about a charity, 'Mustard Seed', which collects shoe boxes full of gifts for children in Eastern Europe. In your child's bag there is a leaflet explaining how the children can donate a box of gifts for those who do not otherwise receive any gifts at Christmas. (Please be aware that in the past 3 days the leaflet has been handled by Mrs. Cummings, your child's class teacher and your child)

In previous discussions with the children we talked about the following items being suitable: small toys, puzzles, soft toys, drawing materials, shower gel, hats, gloves and scarves . We also previously discussed 'second hand' items and agreed that these would be fine as long as they are 'good as new'.

Look out in your child's book bag for more information. The boxes need to be returned to school by Thursday 5th November 2020.

If you have any spare empty shoe boxes these would also be useful for other children who want to fill a box but haven't got a box to fill. Please drop any donations in at the table to the school office.



Fairtrade

We have now been through the entire alphabet. This week why not think back to some of the things that we have found out about Fairtrade over the past year. Make a decision about what you as a family are going to do to support Fairtrade and the people behind the products. Why not write your decision down and make a pledge to one another to make a difference? Stick it on the fridge to remind you all !!

Ms. Mole's pledge is stuck on the fridge picture!



The Friends

Attached to this week's newsletter email is the Friends' Newsletter. As you will see from their letter the support that they give the school and your children is immense. You will also see that some of the current committee will shortly be stepping down and they are looking for some new members to take them to the future. As the headteacher, I have found their support invaluable. If you think that one of the roles is something that you would be interested in please do contact the Friends or speak to Ms. Mole

Dates

Autumn Term 2020

19th—24th October—Investigate and Create Week

21st October—school photo form due back

22nd October—Deadline for Parent Election Applications

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