



Newsletter – No. 5 1st October 2021

Message from Mrs. Mole

This week I have been fortunate to spend time in the classrooms with the children. I have been so impressed at their focus, engagement and desire to be challenged (or stretch their brains as I hear the teachers and children say). If I ask the children what they are learning, they are nearly always keen and able to tell me and can explain what they did to succeed. I have also been pleased to see and the children are making links with their learning. On Thursday I was in Squirrel Class, Mrs. Mathews had introduced the children to the Thistle as the national flower of Scotland and the children then had an opportunity to paint an abstract picture of one. Cunningly, Mrs. Mathews had only given the children the prime colours to paint with. Earlier in the week Mrs. Leggatt had focused on colour mixing to make differing colours. The children quickly realized, when they had to paint a thistle, that they had to mix up the paints to make the green and pinky/purple that they needed. The teachers' careful planning was really helping the children to consolidate their earlier learning and move their knowledge into their long term memory. They had to think back to what they had done earlier in the week; puzzled faces quickly turned in pleased grins and success. Well done to the children for retrieving the skills and information that they had and well done to the teachers for carefully planning opportunities for the children to be able to do this. Next week Badger class will be holding their 'Superhero Day', I know that they are getting excited and that Mrs. Quinn has planned many opportunities for the children to draw on their skills and knowledge to solve problems! Look out for the photographs in next week's news letter. I am looking forward to seeing many of you at our 'Gardening Day' on Sunday. I still have my fingers crossed for more sunshine than rain!

Rebecca Mole, Headteacher

Star of Week

Well done to all the winners this week.

- Rabbits: James for fantastic maths and being a kind friend.
Squirrels: Charlie for being curious and trying his best
Badgers: Izzy for great work in math's



Message from The Friends

Friends of PLIS Annual General Meeting

The Friends AGM will be held on Thursday 14th October. The AGM is held once a year, during this meeting we'll discuss finances, board elections, and other matters that affect the Friends and its activities.

It's essential that we have representatives from our Friends committee at the meeting, so please put this date in your diary if you can attend.

A copy of the agenda for the meeting, along with details of where the meeting is being held, can be found on the Polesden Lacey School Noticeboard just before the playground gates.

Parking in Howard Road

We are aware that the very large majority of our parents and carers park courteously and safely and the school would like to thank you for this. Unfortunately we have received several complaints recently about dangerous parking that would prevent an emergency vehicle having access and drivers parking across driveways of residents in Howard Road. We realise parking can be difficult but ask everyone to avoid parking in a dangerous or discourteous way. When we discussed parking with the children last year they created this charter and we ask everyone to follow it at all times. Please ensure that anyone bringing your child to school is aware of this charter too.

Grown-ups please can you:

- **Keep our crossing clear**
- **Drive slowly (especially in Oakdene Close)**
- **Do park and stride if you can**
- **Leave space for emergency vehicles**

Parking tip; park further away than Howard Road and walk.... We are told it is quicker than battling for a parking place

Individual School Photos

Individual school photos will be taking place during the morning of Monday 11th October so take extra care when getting ready for school so the children are looking their best in their school uniform.

School Website

It has been brought to our attention that like us, some of you have been experiencing problems with the format of the school website when logging on from a PC or Laptop. We have been in touch with the company that created the website for us and they have now fixed the problem. If when you next log on you are still having difficulties with the format the advice that we received and seems to have worked for us is to refresh the page so that it loads a fresh copy or failing that open a new private window in your browser. The problem for us was that our browser was using a cached version of the page rather than a fresh version that was picking up the changes made.

Mystery Readers

The children and staff at Polesden Lacey Infant School love reading and listening to stories. After the success of the mystery reader over the past 2 years we are excited to offer this opportunity to our parents again.

If you would like to come in to school and read a story to your child's class then please e-mail office@polesdenlaceyinfant.surrey.sch.uk and Mrs Cummings will forward it on to your child's teacher.

These stories will take place each Friday at 2.30pm. The children will not be told who is going to read to them, hence the term Mystery Reader.

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:

Aaron was very caring and looked after another child on way to Puffin club

Poppy K was caring and supportive towards her sister when she really needed it.

Holly K was courageous when going for a blood test at the hospital

Jessica was very caring and looked after a child when hurt

Sofia was very caring and looked after a child when hurt

Mia was very caring and helpful when she got Leo's breakfast ready for him

Emily showed kindness to her brother by giving him a kiss when he was upset

Jonny for being kind and sharing with your friends at lunchtime

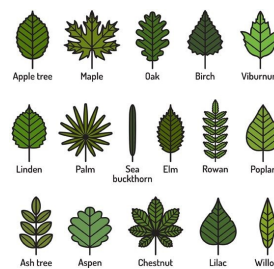
Ava for being kind and supportive of Lara when she was feeling sad

Valentina for being kind to Lara at lunchtime when she was feeling sad

Maddie for being kind and sharing with her friend at lunchtime

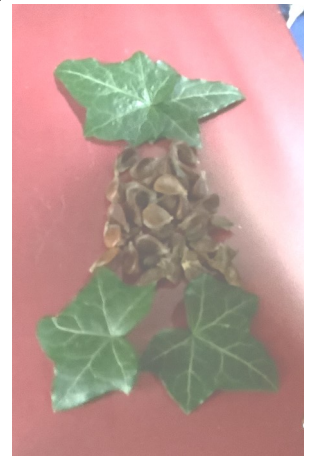
Lara for eating her lunch even though she felt worried and for having a happy afternoon with her friends after a difficult morning

Maddie rescued a poorly stray cat and we took him to the vets to get better.





Badger Class' interpretations of animals in the woodland using natural materials found on the woodland floor. Their attention to the colours was exceptional as was their teamwork



Dates

Autumn Term 2021

7th October Badger Class Super Hero Day

11th October Individual School Photos

22nd October School Closed (Holiday given in Lieu of Bank Holiday for Queen's Platinum Jubilee)

Half Term; 25th October —29October 2021

1st November - School Closed—Inset Day

Last day of Term; 17th December 2021 school closes at 1pm