



Newsletter – No. 6 8th October 2021

Message from Mrs. Mole

This week has been a super one at Polesden Lacey Infant School. It all started with our Gardening Day. After the very wet Saturday, we were blessed with sunshine on Sunday. The rain had loosened the weeds and were fairly easy to pull and dig out. There was a great turnout which meant that we were able to tick off all the jobs on the list and the school grounds are now looking back to their fabulous best. One of the additional benefits of the day was parents getting to meet each other, not only within their child's year group but also across the year groups. Digging, chopping and chatting were order of the day for the adults. A little bit of digging, sweeping, weeding and plenty of playing was order of the day for the children! An enormous thank you to The Friends Of Polesden Lacey Infant School for organizing the day, providing snacks to keep us going and putting on the picnic to revive us at lunchtime. Many of those who came along are keen to take part in another Gardening Day and we are starting to plan one for early spring 2022. If you are keen to do a little bit of grounds work in school before then we would love to have you in. We have a couple of parents who have offered to do some regular gardening and if you would like to join them please do let the office know.

Rabbit Class have continued having fun investigating and are busy learning lots of new phonics sounds, learning to blend the words when reading and will very soon be bringing home books to read. Reading is so important, not only is it the gateway to other subjects, to access information but also an activity that brings so much pleasure to so many. I have been enjoying some of the maths learning in Squirrel Class and it seems as if the children have been as well. I have seen some of the children doing the same activities that they had done in the lesson on the playground at lunchtime!

Badger class have probably been the most excited this week as they built up to their Superhero day. Conversations in the playground were heavily focused on what superhero they were coming as and what their superpower was going to be. The day finally arrive and the superheroes came into school. The children worked together in teams to solve problems and locate Golden Badger and complete tasks set by Fire Girl (AKA Mrs. Quinn) supported by Super Dog (AKA Mrs. Cushnie) and Forest Girl (AKA Miss Aylet). I think that it will be a day that they will remember for many years!

Rebecca Mole, Headteacher

Star of Week

Well done to all the winners this week.

Rabbits: Maddie for writing Inky's sounds independently

Squirrels: Molly for always being kind and helpful and a great role model

Badgers: Jessica for always working like a superstar!



Message from The Friends

On Thursday the 21st of October we are celebrating Halloween with some spooktacular events for the children.

It's Mufti Day so dress up in your favourite Halloween costume, mask or plain clothes. Donation of £1

We will also be running a Decorate a Mask competition, judged by Ms Mole, with a prize per class. A template will be put in your child's bag next week and needs to be returned by the 21st.

Last but not least, the return of the bake sale! Whether you're a star baker or expert buyer, we are asking you to bring in some Halloween goodies. A plate will be sent home next week and whether you bake or buy, we look forward to receiving your donations on Thursday the 21st at drop off. All items will be sold after school for 50p each so remember to bring some change.

For those attending after school clubs, don't worry, we'll keep some treats for when these end so no one misses out.

Finally a reminder of the Friends AGM on the 14th of October at 8pm in Briary House, Barclay Close, Fetcham, KT22 9SY, we will be voting in the new committee so your support on the night would be much appreciated.

Parking in Howard Road—Reminder

Despite our plea in last week's newsletter regarding the parking in Howard Road we are saddened to say that we received another complaint from a local resident about dangerous and inconsiderate parking. On this occasion it has resulted in the matter being brought to the attention of the community Police Team who have started to patrol the area and will be checking on parking at pick up and drop off.

We have always had a very good relationship with our local residents and would really like this to continue. We appreciate that the large majority of you do park with care and consideration for which we are very grateful, to the few that don't can we please ask you again to follow our school values and show respect to each other, the community and also your children by parking safely and considerately when dropping off and picking up your children.

Individual School Photos—Monday 11th October

Don't forget individual school photos will be taking place during the morning of Monday 11th October.

Late Arrival

During the main Covid Pandemic we suspended the capturing of data in relation to children arriving to school late. Following advice from the school Attendance Officer we will be reinstating this with effect from Monday 11th October. What this means for you is that any child that arrives at school after 8.55am will need to come in through the school office and you will be asked to complete a late form stating the reason for your late arrival. This will then also be recorded against your child's attendance and monitored by the attendance officer at her monthly meetings with Ms. Mole. We appreciate that there are occasions where you are late due to circumstances outside your control and these factors are taken into consideration.

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 2.40pm. 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:

Alice is caring when she helps her sister get ready for school in the morning.

Matthew was curious when investigating if he could build a straw tower to touch the ceiling in Lego Club.

Calvin was very caring when he helped a Rabbit find their way at school

Mael was very brave overcoming his fear of staying with a babysitter

Arabella was very caring to Jacob when she supported him with an activity

Riley was a resilient writer—he tried his best!

Arabella was a curious learner—she made a part whole model at playtime

Rocco was resilient when writing sentences

Zara Showed resilience in her writing

Molly is a curious learner—she always asks interesting questions

Elisa was courageous when having a try at sounding out spellings on her own

Harrison was resilient when learning to use finger spaces

Kai was curious to see if he could order numbers to 100 and find out which were missing

Addie was respectful when she found Mrs Mathews' pens and put them on her desk for her

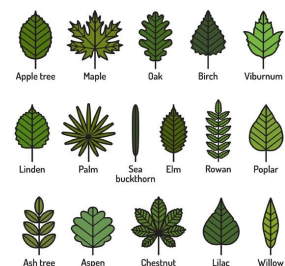
Ava was very respectful at playtime when she made sure that all the hoppers went away

Marnie was courageous—she went skiing and went down the slope on her first try!

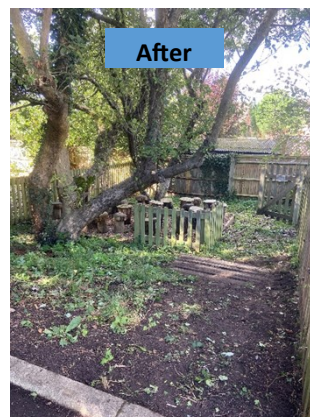
Frederick was courageous when he cut his nose

Rocco was very courageous when he was in a car accident

Maddie was kind to her brother



Photos From Sunday's Gardening



Super Badgers!



Dates

Autumn Term 2021

11th October Individual School Photos

18th—21st October Science Week—fun science based activities across the week for all classes

19th October Lego Stem Club after school for Year 1 & 2—more details to follow next week

20th October at 9.15am Year 2 Assembly—more details to be sent out next week

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