Pyrford C of E Primary School Weekly Newsletter

The Dark & Fireworks



Year 2 have started reading 'Orion and the Dark' in their English lessons. To immerse them into the theme of the story, they created their own pictures to represent the dark.









Firework painting in nursery.





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Headteacher's Letter

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a chance to enjoy the half-term break with your children. The time flew by for me, but I managed to catch up with friends, see a play, and even ride a tandem bike! (According to the rental place, it's the ultimate test for any marriage.)

In school, we've been exploring the Sermon on the Mount, focusing on the theme of "purity of heart" and the value of wisdom. We discussed the story of Zacchaeus, the tax collector, who learned from Jesus how his past actions had hurt others, and how important it was for him to earn trust and seek forgiveness. This led to some wonderful conversations about how we all make mistakes and how each of us can work to become kinder, more tolerant, and more forgiving.

Just before half-term, I invited parents in for an informal chat about school topics. We covered everything from school sports and uniforms to communication and parking! I'm already following up on some of these areas. Rest assured I have started digging deeper into some of these subjects and I will endeavour to keep parents abreast of any possible developments. This week I have been tracking down Liz Bowes, who I understand Mr Wright had started to work with around improving the parking situation, as well as speaking to the admin team about communication. In the Spring term the whole school is moving to a new management information system and having been part of the Trust's procurement of the new system, I feel that this will provide better communication options, but until this time I will be looking into how we reduce the current volume.

On the topic of improvement, I'm also working with Twelve15, our catering provider, to discuss ways to enhance the school meal service. Please mark your calendars for Friday, November 15th and 22nd after school (location to be confirmed) when the Twelve15 senior team will be here to meet with parents. This is a great opportunity to share your feedback on school meals. You can also provide feedback directly through their website at Twelve15's contact page. Plus, they'll be meeting with the school council, who will be gathering student opinions.

On a related note, please remember to pre-order school meals! This week we had some real challenges around school meals due to parents not ordering them on time - this led to quite a large shortage and ultimately a negative impact on service, which was not the fault of the kitchen. They always make additional meals as they know there will be some errors, but this week there were days where we had 30+ pupils with no meal ordered for them still needing to be fed. This left the school in the tricky position of reducing portion size to meet demand or not feeding children. So please may I ask that all parents make sure ordering has occurred, especially after a holiday.

This week, we also had the honour of welcoming Dame Kate Dethridge to Pyrford. Dame Kate, a regional schools commissioner with the Department for Education, visited us to celebrate our recent OFSTED success. It was a privilege to show her around, and she was truly impressed by the children's focus and dedication.

With Remembrance Day coming up, I want to thank you for supporting the Poppy Appeal at school. Your contributions help raise vital funds for a meaningful cause. We'll be observing a two-minute silence on Monday to honour those who have served.

Lastly, I'll be out of school next Thursday and Friday for a headteacher conference. The leadership team will be running things in my absence, so I may not see as many of you around next week, and I'll miss the first Friendly Friday—apologies for that!

Have a great weekend!

Mr. D Gavin Dutton Headteacher

Superstar Poet



In the Summer term a number of our children entered a national poetry competition, along with another 20,000 children from across the country.

The winning entries have been published in a book *Once Upon a Dream,* amongst them entries from Shifa Ahmad, Toby Brewster, Sophie Cooper, Immy Hope, Emily Hutton, Juliette Moore, Haleema Pazir, Finley Savery and George Watson.

This week we also received a parcel address to Joshua Ranchhoodjee, containing a creative writing goody bag and informing him that he had been selected as one of 10 national winners from the 20,000 entries.

We are so proud of Joshua and all the others who entered and whose poems were published.

Here is Josh's poem "Sickly Nightmare"

Ms Ana teaching about a poem,

In a classroom, far from home.

Suddenly at the window, a fat red monster with zombie eyes,

Sticky feet and huge in size,

Barges in with a giant pickaxe,

Knocks Ms Ana unconscious and snaps.

All the children scream,

This monster is mean.

But fluttering wings,

The fairies sing,

Stardust and magic wands,

They throw the monster into a faraway pond.

What's this? A tickle on my nose,

Daylight, I wake up and the nightmare goes.



Sports Report



On the last day of the half term we took a team of our talented girl footballers to take part in national qualifiers at Woking Leisure Centre. We really were so impressed at how well they all played and worked together as a team.

We won two of our matches and lost one, narrowly missing out by 1 point for the finals. If only they had counted the 4 goals from Amelie Coventry in the friendly match! A huge well done to all the girls and a big thank

you to Richard Pitts for stepping in as parent coach.

Susie Steen

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Congratulations to Immy Bulmer who came away with 3 gold medals (100m freestyle, 100m backstroke, 50m backstroke) and a silver medal (50m freestyle) at the recent Woking Swimming Club Championships. Her times are in the top for the county, meaning she will qualify for the Surrey County Championships early next year. Well done Immy!



SCHOOL PHOTOS IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Our photographer will be in school on Tuesday and Wednesday next week (12th & 13th) to take individual photos of the children and sibling groups.

Please note carefully the table below.

Squirrels	Photographs on either day
Reception	Photographs on either day
Year 1	Photographs on Wednesday (come to school in PE kit as usual on Tuesday)
Year 2	Photographs on Wednesday (come to school in PE kit as usual on Tuesday)
Year 3	Photographs on Tuesday (come to school in PE kit as usual on Wednesday)
Year 4	Photographs on either day
Year 5	Photographs on Tuesday (come to school in PE kit as usual on Wednesday)
Year 6	Photographs on Wednesday (come to school in PE kit as usual on Tuesday)

On the day(s) children might be photographed, they should be in full, smart uniform. Years R - 2 should wear a jumper or cardigan and Years 3-6 their blazer.

Some children will be asked to bring their uniform with them on the day that they are in PE kit so that we can accommodate sibling shots. Those children concerned will be emailed directly.

TERM DATES FOR NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR 2025/26			
Tuesday 2nd & Wednesday 3rd September	INSET DAYS		
Thursday 4th September	First Day of Autumn Term for children		
Friday 24th October	INSET DAY		
Monday 27th - Friday 31st October	Autumn Half Term Holiday		
Friday 19th December	Last Day of Autumn Term		
Monday 22nd Dec - Friday 2nd January	Christmas Holiday		
Monday 5th January	First Day of Spring Term		
Wednesday 28th January	INSET DAY		
Monday 16th - Friday 20th February	Spring Half Term Holiday		
Friday 27th March	Last Day of Spring Term		
Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April	Easter Holiday		
Monday 13th April	First Day of Summer Term		
Monday 4th May	Bank Holiday		
Monday 25th - Friday 29th May	Summer Half Term Holiday		
Monday 29th June	INSET DAY		
Friday 17th July	Last Day of Summer Term for children		
Monday 20th & Tuesday 21st July	INSET DAYS		

Golden Book Awards - w/c 21st October



N SQUIRRELS - Edith Gray Edith explored the numeracy resources. She made a tower of cubes and counted them up to 20. Great counting Edith!

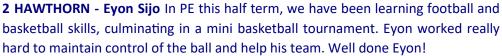
R BEECH - Salsabeel Mushtaq We have been learning about repeating patterns in Maths. Salsabeel worked super hard to master spotting a pattern and then continuing it. She found it a little tricky at first but persevered and kept practising until she mastered it and she can now create her own patterns. Great job!

R HAZEL - Carter Clark for impressing Mrs Freeman with his amazing constructions. He works really carefully to create imaginative vehicles and robots that he is then able to play with. He has an eye for detail and is a future engineer in the making. Well done Carter!

1 OAK - James Litston for his Autumnal writing. He thought carefully about each sentence he wrote to describe the whole scene. Miss Daly was very impressed with his use of adjectives and that he was able to use his finger spaces. She was very proud of him for working so hard recently and following instructions when completing the star job. Well done James!

1 PINE - Nathaniel Sarich for thinking of great adjectives to describe the Autumnal objects.

2 CEDAR - Anna Szabo Year 2 have been learning about landscapes in Art. Anna chose watercolours to produce a beautiful English countryside landscape. Well done Anna!





YEAR 3 - Everyone for their fantastic behaviour and learning on their trip to Butser Farm. They listened brilliantly, asked excellent questions and were a credit to the school. The Butser Farm staff all said they thought they were wonderful.

4 ALDER - Numaan Ahmad for trying his absolute best. Mrs Gill and Mrs Wright are very proud of all the effort he is making. Numaan made a fantastic kindness card for a friend. He carefully followed the instructions and added some drawing which made the card very detailed. It looked great and his friend was really pleased with it. Well done Numaan!

4 LARCH - **Alice Allan** We have been writing poems about blackberry crumble in the style of the poet Joseph Coelho. Alice really impressed Mrs Steen with her poetic language and clever metaphors.

5 CHERRY Noah Edgley for his outstanding effort in English. In his formal recount of Poon Lim's survival story, Noah worked hard to meet all four points in the success criteria and included fronted adverbials, heading and subheadings, parentheses and expert vocabulary in his writing. Well done Noah, keep up the great work!

5 ROWAN - Caspian Rubie for his fantastic writing in English. He worked hard to create a formal recount about the survival of a man in WWII who amazingly survived for nearly 4 months after he escaped from a sinking ship. Well done Caspian, keep up the good work!

5 WILLOW - Harry Kidd for his outstanding sportsmanship, demonstrated during his cricket lessons this half term. Consistently he cheered on his peers, encouraging them to work as a team and to try their best. He always celebrates their successes and offers support when things haven't gone his team's way. He is both a natural leader and a team player. Well done Harry!

6 HOLLY - Mickayla Clark for her excellent work in our Evolution and Inheritance Science unit. Her explanation of how fossils are formed and what information they give scientists about life on earth millions of years ago, is well thought out. She has also used her imagination to give her own theory of what current creature a fossil might be the ancestor of. Super work Mickayla!

6 LAUREL - Joseph Hughes for his fabulous poem about the snow leopard. He included similes, alliteration and powerful adjectives to create a feeling of tension, describing the chase scene between the snow leopard and the mountain Tahr. Joseph researched the habitat and how the snow leopard has adapted to its environment. Well done Joseph, keep up the great work!

Golden Book Awards - w/c 4th November



N SQUIRRELS - Abeeha Khan We have been talking about Autumn and looking at the changes in our environment. Abeeha spent a long time exploring the different leaves we had collected.

R BEECH - Hannah Baggott Hannah is becoming a superstar writer. She has loved learning our phonics each day and is now starting to use them to add labels to her drawings. Well done Hannah - keep up the good work!

R HAZEL - Uthman Mughal Uthman is keen to try everything and will chat to anyone about what he's discovered. He tries really hard with all of his learning and even does extra work at home. Well done Uthman!

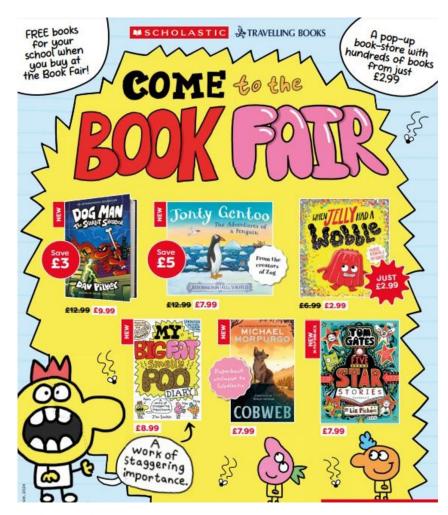


- **1 OAK Zaina Sajjad** for her excellent Maths. Zaina has been learning to use the part-whole model to partition numbers. She can recognise the different parts and add these together to find the whole. She showed great resilience in her learning and Miss Daly is so proud of her for completing the challenge too. Well done Zaina!
- 1 PINE Noah Hoque for making a fabulous stick puppet and exploring how to make it rigid.
- **2 CEDAR Veronika Pashko** for working so hard in Maths and completing activities with confidence. She used the Base 10 to help find 10 more and 10 less each time. Mrs Goree and Mrs Shardlow are very proud of Veronika well done!
- **2 HAWTHORN Pippa Carnegie-Horrocks** In English we have started reading *Orion and the Dark*. Orion is afraid of many things. Pippa thought of all the things she's afraid of and drew them inside her own circle of fear. Pippa was also kind towards her friends when they shared their fears.
- **3 ELM Esmée Ratcliff** We have been learning about how Jesus changed people's lives. Esmée wrote a brilliant article about Jesus' miracle of feeding the 5000. Great work Esmée!
- **3 MAPLE Nomu Console** for his excellent work in Science. He really enjoyed learning about forces and discovering which items you could push or pull. Well done!
- **4 ALDER Figen Izet** Figen works excellently and enthusiastically during all our Spanish lessons. Last term, she enjoyed learning about clothes. She is remembering the words and could recall some foods this week. Brilliant effort Figen!
- 4 LARCH Zimal Abdullah for her outstanding effort learning all her times tables. What a superstar!
- **5 CHERRY Olivia Steen** for her fantastic display of skills in netball. Year 5 have been revising the different passes and learning the importance of finding space and marking players of the opposing team. Liv showed great initiative in both our drills and mini games, finding space on the court and demonstrating the different passes brilliantly. Well done Liv!
- **5 ROWAN** Ellie Bligh We began our new DT topic 'Moving Toys'. As part of our research we looked at the different types of CAMS and the reciprocal movements these create when connected with a follower. Miss Wilson was impressed with Ellie's work. She clearly showed the linear and rotational movement in her diagrams using arrows and added a description to explain the movement of the follower. Excellent work!
- **5 WILLOW Isobel Beattie** for her excellent work in DT. She researched how CAMS of different shapes change the linear motion of their followers. She clearly described the different reciprocating motions in her work and presented her learning to a high standard. Well done Isobel!
- 6 HOLLY Adriana Kale Parron for writing a fabulous explanation of Light in Science. Mrs Bull particularly liked how she used questions to engage her reader and how she explained in a clear way. She included what light is, how it travels, sources of light and drew a great diagram to explain how light

allows us to see. Well done Adriana for this fabulous work!

6 LAUREL - Austin Jones for creating a fabulous information poster about hillforts. We have been learning about the Stone Age through to the Iron Age and discovered what life was like in an Iron Age hillfort in Britain. Austin summarised his findings clearly and concisely. Well done Austin. Keep up the great work!





When? Tuesday 19th November & Thursday 21st November

CARD PAYMENTS ONLY!

Where? In the Music Hut



Tours of the School for Prospective Parents Wednesday 27th November

Do you have a child due to start in Reception next September? Come and hear what we can offer your child and see the school in action.

Tours at 10am, 2pm & 7pm

No need to book - just come along at the time that suits you best.

Squirrels Nursery

We will be holding small group tours of the Nursery. Please email Mrs
Anderson to register your interest.

c.anderson@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk



		AUTUMN TERM DATES
Tue 12 Nov		
		Individual Pupil Photos
Wed 13 Nov	42.45.46.45	Individual Pupil Photos
Wed 13 Nov	13:15-16:15	Y6 Boys Football Team Tournament @ Greenfield
Fri 15 Nov		EYFS Nursery Rhyme Dress Up Day
Fri 15 Nov		Y5 Birds of Prey Visit
Fri 15 Nov	15:20-15:50	Friendly Friday - EYFS & Ys 1 & 2
Wed 20 Nov		Flu Vaccinations
Thu 21 Nov		Y2 Fire of London Workshop
Fri 22 Nov	15:20-15:50	Friendly Friday - Ys 3 & 4
Wed 27 Nov		Y2 Fire Safety Workshop
Wed 27 Nov	10:00 14:00	Tours for Prospective Parents
	19:00	
Wed 27 Nov	15:30-17:30	SEN Parents Meetings
Thu 28 Nov	13:15-16:15	Y4 Boys Football Team Tournament @ Greenfield
Fri 29 Nov	15:20-15:50	Friendly Friday - Ys 5 & 6
Mon 2 Dec	pm	Y4 Netball Team Tournament @ Halstead
Thu 5 Dec		Y4 Netball Team Tournament @ Greenfield
Fri 6 Dec	10:30	ENGAGE Christmas Assembly
Fri 6 Dec	18:45-20:45	PTA Wreath Making Workshop
Sat 7 Dec	09:00-12:00	PTA Christmas Tree Sale
Sat 7 Dec	13:00-15:00	PTA Christmas Fair
Tue 10 Dec	14:30	Squirrels Sing Christmas
Wed 11 Dec	10:00	EYFS Christmas Play
Wed 11 Dec	13:30	KS1 Christmas Play
Thu 12 Dec	13:30	KS2 Carol Concert
Fri 13 Dec		Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 13 Dec	14:30	Squirrels Sing Christmas
Mon 16 Dec	am	EYFS Elf Visit
Tue 17 Dec	08:45-09:45	KS2 Awards Assembly
Tue 17 Dec	pm	Christmas Film Afternoon
Wed 18 Dec	08:45-09:45	EYFS/KS1 Awards Assembly
Wed 18 Dec		Christmas Pause Day
Fri 20 Dec	09:00	Christmas Service @ CoGS
Fri 20 Dec	12:00	Last Day of Autumn Term
Mon 23 Dec - Fri 3 Jan		CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

	SPRING TERM DATES			
Mon 6 Jan		First Day of Spring Term		
Thu 23 Jan		Y1 to Windsor Castle		
Wed 29 Jan		INSET DAY		
Tue 4 Feb	15:30-17:30	Parents Evening Meetings		
Thu 6 Feb	15:30-19:30	Parents Evening Meetings		
Thu 13 Feb		Y6 Greeks Workshop		
Mon 17 - Fri 21 Feb		HALF TERM HOLIDAY		
Wed 5 Mar		Y5 Vikings Workshop		
Wed 12 - Fri 14 Mar		Y4 Hindleap Warren Residential		
Thu 13 Mar		Y2 to Brooklands Museum		
Fri 14 Mar	15:20-15:50	Friendly Friday - EYFS & Ys 1 & 2		
Wed 19 Mar		YN & YR Little City Visit		
Fri 21 Mar	15:20-15:50	Friendly Friday - Ys 3 & 4		
Fri 28 Mar	15:20-15:50	Friendly Friday - Ys 5 & 6		
Fri 4 Apr	12:00	Last Day of Spring Term		
Mon 7 - Mon 21 Apr		EASTER HOLIDAY		

SUMMER TERM DATES				
Tue 22 Apr		First Day of Summer Term		
Fri 25 Apr		Y5 Tudor Workshop @ RGS (1 class)		
Fri 2 May		Y5 Tudor Workshop @ RGS (1 class)		
Fri 9 May		YR to Godstone Farm		
Fri 16 May		Y5 Tudor Workshop @ RGS (1 class)		
Mon 26 - Fri 30 May		HALF TERM HOLIDAY		
Fri 6 Jun	15:20-15:50	Friendly Friday - EYFS & Ys 1 & 2		
Thu 12 Jun		Y2 to The Lookout Discovery Centre		
Fri 13 Jun	15:20-15:50	Friendly Friday - Ys 3 & 4		
Tue 17 Jun		Y6 Leavers' Service @ Cathedral		
Fri 20 Jun		Y4 Chinese Dragon Workshop		
Fri 20 Jun	15:20-15:50	Friendly Friday - Ys 5 & 6		
Tue 24 Jun		Y6 Lego Stem Workshop		
Fri 27 Jun		Y5 to Wildwood		
Mon 30 Jun		INSET DAY		
Tue 1 & Wed 2 Jul		Forest School - 1 class per day		
Fri 4 Jul		Y3 Outdoor Learning Activity Day		
Mon 7 - Fri 11 Jul		Y6 Marchants Hill Residential		
Fri 18 Jul	12:00	Last Day of Summer Term		

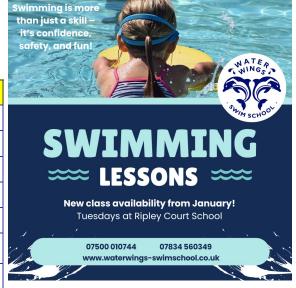
Parents' Voices Matter

The Additional Needs and Disabilities (AND) Partnership has designed a survey for all parents and carers of children and young people with AND in Surrey.

The AND Partnership want to understand your experience of accessing help and support related to Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in Surrey. They will use your feedback to improve local services that support Surrey's children with additional needs with their education, health (including diagnosis) and care.

Take the survey https://www.surreylocaloffer.org.uk/news/homepage/parents-voice-matters-survey

The survey closes at 23:59 on Sunday 24 November







Join us again for this lovely festive event and create a beautiful wreath to take home

6.45pm - 8.45pm, School Hall £55 per person, includes all materials Please bring your own refreshments

Only 30 spaces - To book your place please email pyrfordptaevents@gmail.com and arrange a transfer to:

Account: FPPS Sort Code: 40-46-48 Account No: 51432591

Please use: WREATH/[INSERT NAME] as a reference

Do you own or work for a business or company that would be willing to support our Christmas Raffle and Silent Auction by donating a prize?

Please get in touch by emailing

pyrforduniform@gmail.com

SCHOOL UNIFORM



PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SHOP

Good quality pre-loved uniform items available in a range of sizes

The PTA are now running the uniform shop

- Email: pyrforduniform@gmail.com with your request
- Collections/donations: meet at the portacabin (back playground) on Fridays at 3pm
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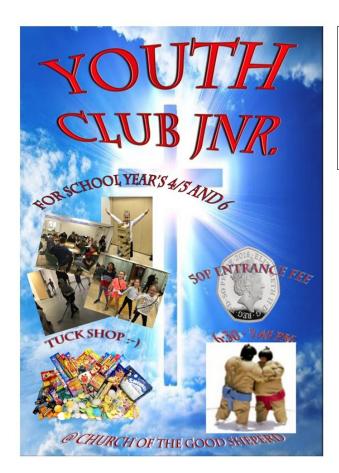
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Dear PARENTS:- We need four parents per night to have the appropriate adult to child ratio in our Church Safeguarding policy. So, if you have not already volunteered this year, PLEASE LOOK and SEE if you might be free once this term, that would be WONDERFUL!

If free, you can email suzanne@wisleywithpyrford.org or fill in this slip and return it at Youth Club Jnr. Many thanks.

Name & contact no./email

I would be available to help on Friday _____ (date)

SEPTEMBER

Friday 20th September 6:30pm-7:45pm
@ the church of the good shepherd

OCTOBER

Friday 4th October 6:30pm-7:45pm

@ the church of the good shepherd
Friday 18th October 6:20pm-8:00pm
TRIP OUT BOWLING~ GUILDFORD SPECTRUM

NOVEMBER

Friday 15th November 6:30pm-7:45pm @ the church of the good shepherd

Friday 29th November 6:30pm-7:45pm

@ the church of the good shepherd

DECEMBER

Friday 13th December 6:30pm-7:45pm
@ the church of the good shepherd

