Pyrford C of E **Primary School** Weekly Newsletter

Busy Year 2









In gymnastics, we have been creating sequences of movement and building strength through climbing and balancing.





In Art, we looked at the artist Georgia O'Keeffe and used different techniques to paint our own pictures.



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Headteacher's Letter

Dear Parents,

I hope that the grey clouds that have lingered this week will clear for the half-term holiday and that we can all enjoy a little more brightness.

In our assembly this week, we reflected on the importance of ensuring that our kindness stands out. We shared *Psalm 103:8*—a song of kindness—and the story of King David showing God's kindness to his enemies. It was an uplifting way to start the week, and we want to encourage everyone to continue letting their kindness shine.

This week, we marked *Safer Internet Day* with engaging activities and discussions about staying safe online. Our pupils explored how to use the internet responsibly, understand digital footprints, and recognise online risks. We encourage you to continue these conversations at home to support your child's digital wellbeing. If you haven't already, please take a moment to complete the parental survey—we truly value your input.

I'd also like to highlight the *BookTrust's* latest campaign, *Read It Forward*, launched in partnership with *Bookshop.org*. This initiative raises funds to support children—especially those from low-income families or vulnerable backgrounds—by providing them with access to books. Additionally, every purchase on *Bookshop.org* helps support independent bookshops across the UK, ensuring they continue to thrive. You can read more about the importance of sharing books with your children here.

I write this newsletter while away in Dorset with fellow headteachers from Surrey, where we are sharing best practices and exploring new ideas to bring back to our school communities. It has been an insightful experience, and it also marks a personal milestone for me—half a school year here with you all! In fact, it was this time last year that I was deep in the interview process. These past six months have been a pleasure, and I look forward to continuing to develop and grow our school together.

I wish you all a wonderful half-term break—make sure to rest and recharge, as we know things will only get busier from here on in!

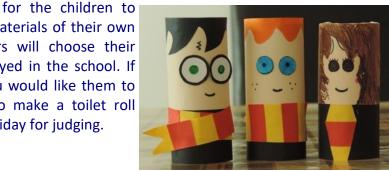
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Gavin Dutton
Headteacher



We are celebrating **World Book Day** on **Friday 7th March.** Children are invited to wear a costume of a favourite book character or pyjamas (representing bedtime stories) to join in with the special day. Each year group will be celebrating the day with lots of fun activities in their classroom.

Children are asked to bring a toilet roll to school to decorate as a book character - there will be resources here

use, but they are also welcome to bring in materials of their own to use if they would like to. The teachers will choose their favourite 2 toilet roll characters to be displayed in the school. If your child is in Nursery or Reception and you would like them to take part in the activity, please feel free to make a toilet roll character at home and bring them in on the Friday for judging.



Toys Wanted!

We are looking for toys that light up, make sounds, move or are generally interesting to look at! If you have anything that you no longer want or need, we would be very grateful for any donations. Some ideas of the sorts of toys we are looking for are below- please send any donations in to Mrs Murray or Mrs Freeman in Reception. Many thanks.

| Bumble Ball | Pull-string animals | Flashing windmill | Balloon |
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| Jack-in-the-Box toys | Giggle stick | Musical spinning top | Singing/Dancing toys |
| Light toy | bubbles | Jumping man | Noise maker |
| Mesh ball | Wind up toys | Maraca | Spring toy |

WANTED NON-FICTION BOOKS FOR OUR LIBRARY



We would like to add to the books in the non-fiction section of our library. If you have any books at home that you would be wiling to donate, please bring them to the school office. THANK YOU!

Golden Book Awards



N SQUIRRELS - **Theo Carnegie-Horrocks** When reading *The 3 Billy Goats Gruff* we talked about positional language. Theo was great at understanding the positional words and used them to describe where objects were hiding. Well done Theol

R BEECH - Milo Boffee for trying really hard in his phonics lessons. He has been concentrating really hard at carpet time and giving 100% to his written work. His confidence is growing and he's starting to believe in himself more and more. Keep up the good work Milo!



R HAZEL - **Abi-Rose Hayles** for recreating the story of *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* by drawing a story map. Mrs Freeman loved that she added descriptive words and labels and used lots of colour. Well done Abi!

1 OAK - Ella Grundy In English we have been focussing on *Little Red*. Ella thought very carefully about Little Red Riding Hood and her qualities. She also tried incredibly hard to retell the whole story. Miss Daly is really proud of the effort Ella has put in to her English recently. Keep it up. Well done Ella!

1 PINE - Billy Sawbridge-Tookey for displaying fantastic knowledge about materials. He has explained his thinking well and used his knowledge to explain what we learned when we tested which materials would be best for *The King's Umbrella*.

2 CEDAR - **Dev Agraval** for always working hard and trying his best with all his learning. He has shown excellent multiplication knowledge in Maths this week when learning about the 5 times table. He completed all the tasks set with confidence, including the challenge - well done Dev!

2 HAWTHORN - Sebastian McArthur for working particularly hard in our Art lessons this half term, where we've been looking at shades, tints and different techniques. We looked at the artist Georgia O'Keeffe and Sebastian tried hard to copy her style. Well done Seb!



3 ELM - Mila Finn. At this week's Safer Internet Day, we learnt about how to protect ourselves from scams. Mila produced a brilliant poster explaining how to spot scams so that we can stay safe and avoid them. Great work Mila!

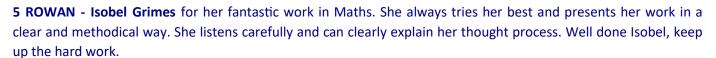


4 ALDER - Haddasah Madzingira In DT, Year 4 have been designing and making cushions. Hadassah thought carefully about how she wanted her cushion to look. She was very focused, ensuring her stitching was neat and tidy. An excellent cushion she should be very proud of.

4 LARCH - Haleema Pazir for her wonderful acrostic poem all



5 CHERRY - Aarav Sarkar for his fantastic display of sportsmanship in our PE session led by Fullbrook's PE teahcers. As well as cheering on those around him, Aarav was able to apply lots of the skills we have learned so far in the dodgeball tournament and even won Player of the Day. Great work Aarav!



5 WILLOW - Charlie Matthews for his fantastic listening skills in Science. We have been learning about mixtures and solutions, which includes learning and using lots of scientific language. Mrs Woodhams was very impressed with his ability to use this technical language to annotate his illustrations explaining how a solute dissolves in a solvent to make a solution.



6 HOLLY - Anum Imran for her work in RE, studying Hinduism and worship in the mandir and the home. Anum's work is clearly laid out and she wrote interesting information about Puja, the objects used and their significance. She also coloured a beautiful Rangoli pattern, which are used in their festival. Super work Anum!



6 LAUREL - Liam Makuyana for his fabulous work in RE. We have been studying Hindu worship in the mandir and the home and have found out how Hindus celebrate different festivals. Liam worked hard taking notes during the lesson and then clearly







Novice category at the School & University Polo Association tournament last weekend and came away with first place!

Congratulations to Evie in Holly and her older sister Esme, who competed in the

We have posted just over 100 entries to the KS1 and KS2 poetry competition. Thank you to all parents who supported their children to enter. We are so impressed by the children's enthusiasm and creativity. We cannot wait to see them in print! *Mrs Shardlow*

The year 6 team went to play against other schools in our league at St Dunstan's. They played brilliantly and impressed us with how well they worked together as a team. We saw some superb goals from Max T and Sebastian F. Archie M made some fearless saves in goal. All the children who played deserve a mention! We won 2 games and drew one, making it through to the finals. Well done boys! A big thank you to Doug Tine for stepping in as coach.



2:45 - 6pm Flexible Days

Please contact Mrs McAllister for an application form info@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk



Parent and carer support



Supporting children who face additional challenges can be difficult at times. With that in mind, the Hope Service has created a space for groups of parents and carers to come together on a regular (fortnightly) basis to discuss the challenges they face in a confidential and supportive environment.

Transforming lives These groups are specifically for parents and carers of children who would like additional support. You will have an opportunity to exchange experiences and

receive support towards managing the often complex situations you find yourselves in. This is not a parenting class, rather a non-judgemental support group and we encourage you to talk about whatever seems most important.

The Hope Service will be offering topical sessions to coincide with the dates on offer, where parents and carers can join together to discuss current difficulties.

Support is offered via Microsoft Teams by Hope staff members, which could include a Therapist, Nurse, Teacher, Social Worker and Hope day programme staff or outside facilitators.

The following link details the sessions on offer:

https://clicktime.symantec.com/15wPURrH3sqdNRyUBSm6S?h=HoBLVLuvjpOmfho-JzvP7c1OsGj2TUbNQU9T6LXwJWQ=&u=https://www.hopeservice.org.uk/parent-and-carer-support

Coming up.....

| Tuesday 18 February 5 - 6pm | Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and mental health: How does ADHD impact on a young person's mental health and what strategies can be used to support a young person with ADHD. |
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| Tuesday 4 March 5 - 6pm | Working with Aggression and Challenging Behaviour: Learn how to set boundaries and manage difficult situations. |
| Tuesday 11 March 5 - 6pm | Autistic Spectrum Condition (ASC) and the connection with gender identity: How do you support your young person with an ASC diagnosis and gender identity. |
| Tuesday 18 March 5 - 6 pm | Transitioning to Adult Service: What is the process of transitioning to mental health Adult services? |



| | SPR | ING TERM DATES |
|---------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| Fri 14 Feb | 15:00 | PTA Valentine's Day Bake Sale |
| Mon 17 - Fri 21 Feb | | HALF TERM HOLIDAY |
| Mon 3 Mar | pm / evening | Choir to Primary Music Festival |
| Wed 5 Mar | | Y5 Vikings Workshop |
| Fri 7 Mar | | World Book Day Mufti |
| Fri 7 Mar | after school | Book Day - PTA selling 'Wonka Bar's |
| 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 21 Mar | 19:30 | PTA Race Night |
| Fri 28 Mar | | Mufti Day for PTA Colour Raffle |
| Fri 28 Mar | 14:00-14:30 | MAGs Event (Years 1 & 2) |
| Fri 28 Mar | 14:00-14:30 | MAGs Event (Nursery & YR) |
| 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 |



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FIND OUT WHAT'S ON THIS HALF TERM

THE ULTIMATE WHAT'S ON GUIDE FOR FAMILIES TO FIND THINGS TO DO IN THE LOCAL AREA

www.woking-rocks.co.uk



FIND HALF TERM FUN

Half-term fun made easy! The Woking Rocks website is packed with family-friendly audities, from exciting parks and scenic walks to our holiday club guide. And to make things even simpler, we've added a handy button to help you find it all in a flash!



OUR FAVOURITE HALF TERM ACTIVITIES

Storytime - at RHS Wisley

 $\underline{\textbf{Wet and Windy}}$ - at Surrey History Centre

My Pet Pals Workshop - at Pets at Home



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FRIENDS OF PYRFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENT OUR FUNDRAISING

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FRIDAY 21ST MARCH
7.30 -10PM SCHOOL HALL

WILL YOU BACK A WINNER? 8 races AND
a few surprises!
It promises to
be an evening
of fun!

£5 ENTRY PER PERSON
SCAN THE QR CODE TO BOOK
FOOD PREORDER INFO COMING SOON



The bar will be open for drink and nibbles.

PLEASE BRING: Cash for betting + your own drinking glass

MORE INFO: There will be 8 horse races shown with 8 horses running per race. Bets of between £1 – £5 per horse, per race, will be accepted. Every horse will have the same odds at 8–1. Winners will get paid out at 4–1 and all proceeds will go to the School.

| | SU | JMMER TERM DATES |
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| Tue 22 Apr | | First Day of Summer Term |
| Fri 25 Apr | | Y5 Tudor Workshop @ RGS (Rowan) |
| Mon 28 Apr | | EYFS & KS1 Perform Drama Workshops |
| Fri 2 May | | Y5 Tudor Workshop @ RGS (Willow) |
| Tue 5 May | | Swimming lessons start |
| Tue 6 - Fri 16 May | | Ducks in Reception |
| Fri 9 May | | YR to Godstone Farm |
| Fri 16 May | | Y5 Tudor Workshop @ RGS (Cherry) |
| Mon 19 May | pm | Y3/4 Performance Technical Rehearsal |
| Tue 20 May | | Y5 Fullbrook Away Day |
| Tue 20 May | pm | Y3/4 Performance Dress Rehearsal to whole school |
| Wed 21 May | | Y5 Shah Jahan Mosque Visit |
| Wed 21 May | 14:15 | Y3/4 Production @ CoGS |
| Thu 22 May | am | YR Fire Service Visit |
| Thu 22 & Fri 23 May | | Y3 Feet First Walking Training |
| Mon 26 - Fri 30 May | | HALF TERM HOLIDAY |
| Thu 5 Jun | 13:30 | KS2 Author Visit |
| Fri 6 Jun | 15:20-15:50 | Friendly Friday - EYFS & Ys 1 & 2 |
| Wed 11 Jun | | EYFS Bugfest |
| Thu 12 Jun | | |
| | | Y2 to The Lookout Discovery Centre |
| Fri 13 Jun | 15:20-15:50 | Y2 to The Lookout Discovery Centre Friendly Friday - Ys 3 & 4 |
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Ink Cartridge Collection

You can help us raise funds by recycling your ink cartridges.

Please bring to the school office. We cannot take toner and laser cartridges.



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

<u>JANUARY</u> Friday 17th January 6:30pm-7:45pm

@ the church of the good shepherd Friday 31st January 6:30pm-7:4

@ the church of the good shepherd 6:30pm-7:45pm

FEBRUARY
Friday 14th February 6:30pm-7:45p
@ the church of the good shepherd 6:30pm-7:45pm Friday 28th February

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Ice Skating Trip @ Guildford Spectrum

Friday 14th March 6:30pm-7:45pm @ the church of the good shepherd

Friday 28th March 6:30pm-7:45pm @ the church of the good shepherd



