



Potten End C of E Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Newsletter 4

Date: 17 May 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have had a great week? It is always so great to have the sun shining and seeing the children making use of the outdoor environment. However I question where it has gone today?

This week we have certainly had an outside theme. Nursery and Reception spent a wonderful morning during their 'Mini Beast March', at the 'Old Green', developing their physical skills alongside their knowledge and understanding of the world. I was also able to observe Year 1 enjoying Wonder Wood, building castles linked to their topic this term. There were so many budding princesses and princes as well as the odd dragon or two. This really highlights the richness of our curriculum and how much the children enjoy taking their learning outside. This is a passion of mine, that we provide an enriched curriculum for our children to learn and enjoy.

I have also spent the week observing lessons and have seen some strong teaching alongside engaged learners. The children in this school really are lucky to have such hard working, dedicated and committed staff.

Finally, I need to finish with a massive well done to our Year 6 children! SATs are over! They worked so hard, showed resilience and were a credit to themselves! Whatever the outcomes are in July, they did themselves proud. Of course they also enjoyed some well deserved treats. Thank you Year 6 parents for the kind cake donations and for the FOS for the breakfast provisions every morning! This afternoon, I joined them briefly on the sports field to celebrate their hard work. The children and teachers of course were rewarded with an ice-cream as a surprise. It was lovely to hear such respectful and grateful appreciation from the children, who were also recognised by the ice-cream seller who stated that every child showed impeccable manners! This demonstrated the strong values embedded as part of our Christian ethos.

Can I also take this opportunity to thank all those parents who support us as a school. I am pleased to say that we enjoy very good support from the majority of our parents. It is so important to us that we work in partnership with yourselves on educating our children. If you have any concerns at all that you wish to raise, in the first instance please do contact the office and ask to either speak with or arrange a meeting with your child's class teacher - they can arrange an appointment with you or for the class teacher to give you a telephone call after school. Please do refrain from trying to catch the teachers in the mornings as their priority at this time is to get their class settled and ready for their day of learning. If it is of a more sensitive or serious nature, please telephone the office and ask to make an appointment with a member of The Senior Leadership team. We are here to help and want to work together with you.

Have a good weekend. I know I will be watching the football and supporting our local team - so come on Watford!!!

Kind regards

Denise Kennedy, Interim Head Teacher

Attendance

Well done to Years 1 & 6 who are this week's winners with 99.3% attendance.

Fantastic!

News from the classrooms

Year 1

Year 1 have been learning about Castles

This week we have been to the Wonder Wood, where we made our own castles using natural materials. We then talked and wrote about the properties of the materials we used to make them.



We have been learning about the differences between Motte and



Bailey and Keep and Bailey castles, and linking this to our own experiences.

In Art we tried drawing and painting castles. We are really enjoying our topic and can't wait to visit a real castle next half term.

Year 5

Year 5 are enjoying their sessions working with the local Herts Police Community Support Officers. So far we have had three sessions and looked at important issues including personal safety, anti social behaviour, online and social media safety as well as drugs and alcohol awareness. The children love wearing their 'mini police' caps and the PCSOs also bring in jackets for them to wear during the workshops. The children will soon be discussing local issues and making plans for how they may support them.



Special Person Awards

Year N: Harrison & Year N
Year R: Year R
Year 1: Auburn
Year 2: Furqan-Ali
Year 3: Nell
Year 4: Sam
Year 5: Leo
Year 6: Year 6



Teddy Awards

Tidy Ted: Year N

Clean Colin: Year 2

Organised Oscar: Year 6

Diary Dates

This Week

- w/c Monday 20 May: Walk to School Week
- Monday 20 - Wednesday 22 May: Year 4 Trip to Hudnall Outdoor Education Centre
- Monday 20 May:
 - 09.30am-10.30am: Years N & R Open Classrooms
 - 11.00am: Year R Dental Talk
- Wednesday 22 May 09.30am-10.30am: Years N & R Open Classrooms

Next Week

- w/c Monday 28 May: Half Term
- Friday 31 May: Year 6 Prop making

A full calendar including club dates is available on our website

Recent letters

School sent out the following letters and emails. Copies of letters are also available on our website.

- Measles information link - all Yrs - *via email*
- Bikeability Course Itr - Yr 6
- Final Hudnall arrangements email - Yr 4
- Transition Workshop Flyer - Yrs 4-6 - *via email*
- Open Classroom email - Yrs N&R

Friends of the School sent out the following letters and emails. Copies of letters are also available on our website.

- Fathers' Day email
- End of Year Summer Bash information
- Bags2School reminder
- "Thank you" & Summer Bash reminder email

Parent Giving

- For more information on Parent Giving, please click on the following link:
<http://www.pottenend.herts.sch.uk/parent-giving/>

Collective Worship Value

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