



## Oasis Academy Putney Newsletter 19<sup>th</sup> Novemebr 2021

### **Wellbeing tip**

Kindness is more important today than ever. The isolation of the last year has highlighted how little acts of kindness can break down barriers and brighten the lives of the people around us. Doing these small acts also help to reduce our own stress and improve our own emotional wellbeing. That being said, we need to remember to be kind to ourselves as well, which can often be harder or easily forgotten. Here are some reminders of some little things we can do that just might go a long way for ourselves:

- Prioritise some “me” time, so you can relax and reflect on how you’re feeling and how your day or week has been so far
- Turn off from your social media channels for a day, or even a week
- Pay yourself a compliment or say out loud the positive qualities you like about yourself
- Treat yourself to something you enjoy, such as buying a new plant, a piece of cake or a hot drink Feel free to tell you friends or colleagues what you did to practice kindness over the next few weeks to start the conversation and fuel more kindness.

### Sleep helpline for families

A New Sleep Helpline for families Launched - open 5 nights a week, Sunday to Thursday, 7-9pm 03303 530 541 <https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/national-sleep-helpline/>

Sleep is a major talking point with tech at bedtime and impact. So many children and families have problems with sleep at some point and can escalate quickly, families don't know where to seek help and yet can be nipped in the bud with basic and accessible intervention like this. Lead schools have trialled this helpline and very positive feedback – concise, professional messaging from trained sleep counsellors, including clear reminders about managing tech at bedtime.

Free Online Safety Parent Magazine: <https://bit.ly/3BxNYUn>

<https://www.vodafone.co.uk/mobile/digital-parenting>

The latest magazine from Vodafone is concise, accessible for families and with an excellent focus on managing tech at bedtime.

## Year 4 multiplication check

Two years ago the Government introduced a multiplication check into the statutory assessment framework for primary schools. Covid then started and so far it has never taken place. This academic it will be going ahead. Attached is a link to give more information.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1CR1i4cu88NYdFNIMy6BzCjIKk5xxppMb/view>

## Punctuality

We are still seeing a significant number of children arriving late each day. It is important to be on time as the first part of the school day is used to give out instructions or organise school work for the rest of the day. Late arrivals are disruptive to the whole class and often embarrassing for your child. We take the view that there are no late children, only late parents. The school gates open 10 minutes before the start of the school day and we expect children to arrive to enter the classroom in time for lessons to start at 9.00am. While we do understand that there are transport issues from time to time, when they become regular the expectation is you will leave home at an earlier time.

## Coats

Please ensure that your child has a coat in school every day. They will go outside at playtime and lunchtime unless there is really heavy rain. It is essential that they are appropriately dressed.



## Attendance

<b>Birch (1)</b>	94.51
<b>Cherry (1)</b>	98.81
<b>Conker (R)</b>	99.13
<b>Elm (5)</b>	97.14
<b>Holly (4)</b>	96.11
<b>Maple (2)</b>	99.44
<b>Pine (4)</b>	97.65
<b>Rowan (2)</b>	98.80
<b>Sycamore (3)</b>	99.55
<b>Willow (3)</b>	96.67
<b>Total</b>	97.92

# Reception

This week the Reception class travelled around the world! We visited France, Turkey, China, Kenya and Brazil. We loved learning about the different types of food eaten in each country, we also looked at their flag and described the colours on each one.

On Wednesday Yu Cheng's mum visited us to teach us all about China! It was so interesting to learn about the Great Wall of China and what types of clothes they wear for their Chinese New Year. We are starting to understand the concept of a sentence and how to write each word in a straight line. We practised writing the sentence "I can see a panda."

In maths we learnt about number zero and that it has no value. We also introduced the concept of combining two groups to find the total. We have had a wonderful week full of creativity and broadening our horizons.



# Year 1

This week we have been focusing on pointillism in art and learned about the artist George Seurat. Look at our amazing landscape pictures which we will add to next week. In writing we had a visit from Bob the Alien who told us that the characters from our story needed our help to get off of the moon. In maths we have been focusing on telling, first, then and now stories with subtraction. Next week we are looking forward to writing our own version of The Way Back Home.



# Year 2

In Year 2 this week we have been enjoying consolidating our learning on number bonds to 10 and 100 considering we can do this systematically to ensure we don't miss any.

In English we enjoyed designing our own envelope to enclose our beautiful letter we wrote last week. We have been considering how to use exclamation in a sentence and when it is necessary.

In Geography we continued our work on landmarks and even drew and described a landmark and explained where it is located in the world.

In Art we enjoyed creating a seascape with watercolours thinking about how we could blend one colour to create different tones.

In Science we have been considering Global Warming and the effect it is having on earth.

We are all really excited about our Christmas nativity and have begun our rehearsals this week. We look forward to sharing more information with you soon. We look forward to another outstanding week next week!

# Year 3

We thought we'd share our weekly library trips with you this week. You can see in the pictures below the relaxed reading environment for yourself. It is lovely to have them back in there. There was much excitement this week as for some it was their first week borrowing a book of their choice from the library since before the pandemic break. The library is a lovely place of calm where the children can go weekly to spend time independently reading and exploring the array of books on offer. I'd like to take this opportunity to remind you that we are always keen to take donations. Please let either classteachers know if you have any books you wish to donate.

In Science this week we'd thought we'd do yet another experiment after last weeks success. This week we used the various colours of starburst sweets to learn about how metamorphic rocks are created. The colourful starburst represented the various sedimentary rocks before their transformation to metamorphic rock following heat and compression. Ask your child if they can remember how we created our very own metamorphic rock with the starburst. What has to happen?

In History we continue to learn about the Ancient Egyptians. Our focus this week was the ancient egyptian society. We spoke about how Pharoahs were at the top of the heirachy and how farmers and slaves had limited to no rights.



# Year 4

We have had a great week in Year 4 as we started new topics in Math and Science. In Math, we have started exploring length and perimeter and the children have been introduced to equivalent measurements and are learning how to convert lengths using centimeters and meters.

In Science, we have moved from our biological focus on the digestive system to a chemistry focused exploration of the different states of matter. The children have explored the differences and similarities in how these different states behave.

In our writing lessons, the children finished their brochures and were able to present their persuasive texts to their classmates ( see attached for picture).

As part of our ongoing creative writing classes with Annie, Pine Class had a visit from Ranger Bill who is responsible for caring for our lovely common. The children were introduced to his stuffed Mallard ( Mickey!) and were able to pose him questions about his experiences promoting sustainable actions ( see attached for a picture).

Best Wishes,

Mr. Sloan and Ms. Pickering



# Year 5



This week, Year 5 have started the first part of multiplication and division in maths. They have been exploring multiples and factors of numbers this week. In English, the children have continued their writing linked to *The Lost Happy Endings* and they have explored using a variety of skills (such as metaphors, parenthesis, repetition) to add a dramatic effect to their writing. In geography, the children have been learning coordinates and they were able to draw their own map of London following the correct coordinates. In drama, the children have been rehearsing their performance for the Christmas concert. There were some great moves! Lastly, in art, the children have continued to explore Japanese Sumi-e ink art and created their own landscapes using a variety of brush strokes and techniques. Great work, Year 5!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

19th November

PARENT YOGA

EVERY FRIDAY 2-3 PM

26TH NOVEMBER

NON-UNIFORM DAY

4TH DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS FAIR

1-4PM

4th - 12th December

CHRISTMAS ONLINE

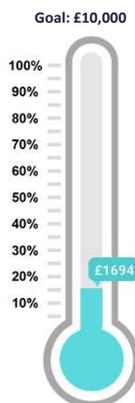
AUCTION

10th December

CHRISTMAS JUMPER

DAY

## RAISED SO FAR



And a piano!



And a cello!!



And a guitar!!!



Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another busy week for the PTFA.

We kicked off the week with another cake and pre-loved uniform sale – thank you to Pine class for all the delicious bakes and to all of you for buying the yummy treats!

We are busy with ongoing planning and preparation for the Christmas Fair and online auction, and we need your help! We can't run the Christmas Fair without your help, and we need volunteers to help man the stalls and games we have planned. If you or a family member can spare an hour to help, please let your Class Rep know. It's also a great way to get your kids involved, too!

Don't forget, our next non-uniform day is next Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November. We are asking for a bottle donation towards the adult tombola or pre-loved Christmas jumper.

Thank you for your continued support!

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"Life is a balance  
of holding on and  
letting go"

- rumi



## Yoga for Parents

£5 per session or £25 for the term  
All funds towards Oasis Academy Putney PTFA

**Weekly yoga every Friday  
2pm - 3pm**

We'll be working towards developing a strong vinyasa practise, but these sessions are intended for everyone so you can expect to learn/recap the basics, as well as be seriously challenged. Expect to sweat but also totally let go. No experience necessary.

Please bring a yoga mat.

Sign up [ptfa@oasisputney.org](mailto:ptfa@oasisputney.org) or 07796 495803

**Christmas Fair**  
Saturday 4th December 1-4pm

FOOD AND DRINK • MUSIC •  
SANTA'S GROTTO • ARTS  
AND CRAFTS • AUCTION •  
STALLS • GAMES (EVEN  
SPLAT MR LILLO!) •  
TOMBOLA • CAROLS AROUND  
THE PIANO • RAFFLE •  
DONKEY RIDES

**PTFA**  
Putney Teachers' & Parents' Association

All welcome!  
Entry  
£2 Adults  
50p Under 12s

[@oasisputneyptfa](https://www.instagram.com/oasisputneyptfa)

## PTFA Key Dates

26th November	Non-uniform day in exchange for Christmas Fair donation - either bottle or Christmas jumper
4th December, 1-4pm	Christmas fair (Holly class to provide baked goods)
4th - 12th December	Christmas online auction
10th December	Christmas jumper day
10th January	Cake and Uniform sale (Willow class)
7th February	Cake and Uniform sale (Sycamore class)
10th February	Movie night
11th February	Valentine's cards / biscuits from parents
25th February	Spring clean pre-loved items sale
14th March	Cake and Uniform sale (Rowan class)
14th March	Recipe book collation
18th March	Holi fest
31st March	Mad Hatters Tea Party
22nd April	Cake and Uniform sale (Maple class)
6th May	Teacher hair dye challenge
9th May	TBC: Readathon week
16th May	Cake and Uniform sale (Birch class)
21st May	Sponsored walk
18th June	Summer fair (Cherry class to provide baked goods)
1st July	Sports match - parents vs. teachers

11th July	Handprints on roof wall
18th July	Cake and Uniform sale (Conker class)



# PINES AND NEEDLES

Oasis Academy Putney Primary School has kindly been donated x 2 Christmas trees by Pines and Needles and they would love to offer parents a discount on Christmas trees in their pop up stores! Our local pop up stores are located in Barnes and Putney at:

Barn Elms playing fields, Rocks Lane, Barnes, SW13 0BY  
&  
Putney Leisure Centre, Upper Richmond Road, Putney, SW15  
6JA

**DISCOUNT CODE: OASIS10**

**Keep an eye out on Pines and Needles social channels  
@pinesandneedles for kids treetorials and wreath making  
workshops**

Please visit [www.pinesandneedles.com](http://www.pinesandneedles.com) for more details and other locations as they are all around London!



# Pines and Needles

## Home of The Christmas Forest

0203 384 9420 | 123 Shirland Road, London W9 2EW



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