

Key Dates:

#### Christmas Jumper Day -

Pupils come in school uniform & wear a Christmas jumper.

**12.12.23 R, Y1 & Y2 Nativity** -2.30pm

12.12.23 KS2 Christmas Extravaganza – 6pm

21.12.23
Last day of Term – pick up
3.30pm

22.12.23 – 05.01.24 Christmas holidays (school closed to all students)



**08.01.24 School open** to all students

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<u>Term Dates -</u>
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# OASIS PUTNEY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hoping you are all well.

I hope that you all have had a good week and were not troubled too much by the cold weather. My journey home last week was eventful as the train moved slowly up the East of the country due to poor weather only for it to be terminated at Peterborough, An hour and half away from home. I eventually got home after 6 hours but to be fair it was worth it. Please see the photographs below, I got my wish for snow and finally I got to build a snow man. The snow looked beautiful and even Hugo the dog enjoyed walking in it. Unfortunately, it didn't stay long and we are back to rain!!









The weather can not dampen our Christmas cheer though and the children are very excited. It was great to hear how much they had enjoyed the Christmas disco last week and I hear it was a great success. A huge thank you to the PTFA and everyone who helped to arrange it. We appreciate how much time and effort goes into making these events run smoothly and look to look effortless. So, thank you. I am sure our pupils and their families had a lovely time.

Yesterday we were greeted with sparkle and gems as pupils and staff chose to wear Christmas Jumpers to support Save the Children Charity. It is amazing at how many different jumpers there are, and they certainly brightened up the dinner hall seeing the children sat in a multicolour of jumpers.

Talking about dinner halls today we had our Christmas dinner. The food was delicious, a huge thank you to Kerry and her kitchen staff for putting in the extra hours to feed us a delicious meal. The children really enjoyed it and the hall looked beautiful decorated with decorations made by the children.

Whatever you are doing this weekend, I hope it is a peaceful and relaxing one.

Tracey and the Putney Team



# **CERTIFICATES OF THE WEEK**



	Writer of the Week	Reader of the Week	9 Habit Certificate	Mathematical Thinking Award	
Conker Class	Troy	Aslan	Норе	Victor	
Birch Class	Tommy	Macari	Jasmine	Mina	
Maple Class	Emilia	Kiaan	Mia	Leo G	
Sycamore Class	Leila	Aras	Jody-Jay	Abigail	
Pine Class	Frank	Rosie V	Lilia	Sora	
Elm Class	Edward	Dexter	Myla	Leila	
Chestnut Class	Matilda	Ayesha	Eytan	Fred	

# **3 Cs CERTIFICATE**

This week, the recipients of the special certificate recognising their fantastic character, competence or commitment to the community are:

KS1	KS2
Ja'hdore	Benaiah

### **WEEKLY ATTENDANCE**

Conker Class	Birch Class	Maple Class	Sycamore Class	Pine Class	Elm Class	Chestnut Class
97.32%	98.12%	95.45%	97.50%	97.84%	97.50%	97.00%



We are so excited for our end of term play on 12th December at 6.30pm. We've been working hard and can't wait for you to see the show!

There's Snow Place Like Home is about a young boy, Despada, who struggles with his own self-worth. Leaving home one day he goes on a life changing journey where he learns not only is he creative, courageous and capable but he is good enough and worthy of love and belonging from others.

Toucan Roar believe that mental health is extremely important. Our Drama and Performing Arts clubs are filled with fun and laughter but at the core of everything we do is your child's self-worth, confidence and well-being. Because of this, on 12th December we will be raffling two free places for our KS2 clubs and donating all proceeds raised to the mental health charity, Mind. You can enter the raffle by donating on our JustGiving page. It's £2 per raffle ticket, please make sure you provide your child's name and class when you donate so we can enter you into the raffle. Only cash will be accepted on the day.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/toucanroar

6.30PM | 12 DECEMBER | DOORS OPEN AT 6PM



# Reception



Apologies more news next week.



#### Our learning this week...

In Maths this week, the children started their new topic of place value to 20. We did lots of fun, practical activities to introduce us to our new topic. We had to match ten frames to numbers to 20. We also went on a number hunt around the classroom; there were images of numbers between 11 and 20 and we had to write down the numbers to match the images. We then looked at the number 10 and recapped our number bonds to ten. We were each given a tower of cubes and we had to think about how many cubes we needed to add to our towers to make ten and then find our friend that had that number. In English, we looked at the final plot point of our story – 'The way back home'. We wrote sentences to describe the stars the characters saw as they made their way back home, and we also wrote sentences to describe how they felt. We then started to think about how we could innovate the story. The children created their own main character and wrote down some adjectives to describe them. In phonics, we started to recap the phase 5 sounds we have learnt this term. In Geography, we looked at some landmarks in London.



#### Happy News...

The children made Christmas crafts this week to help decorate our hall. The children also enjoyed wearing their Christmas/winter jumpers.

#### Important parent information for next week:

- Our nativity show is on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30 we look forward to seeing you there!
- Our outdoor learning lesson will take place on Wednesday instead of Tuesday this week.
- Please ensure your child brings in their charged iPad every day if it is not being stored in class.
- Please ensure reading records and books are in school every day. Please write a comment in your child's reading record each time they read to you so that we can change their books when finished.
- Please watch the daily practice videos found in the parent resource section on Showbie. These will help your child to consolidate the new sounds taught.

Thank you for your continued support.

#### Quote of the week...

'It's not fiveteen, it's fifteen!' Reighla-Rose (Spotting the mistake in a reasoning question.)

#### Our learning this week...

This week Maple class finished their unit of work on addition and subtraction. I am so impressed with how well they have applied their understanding of tens and ones to adding and subtracting two 2-digit numbers. The children will continue to apply this understanding when solving equations that involve exchanges and when solving missing number problems.

In writing, the children have finished sentence stacking and next week they will begin to plan and write their own journey narratives!

As part of our 'Be Green' work in science, the children have continued to think about reduce, reuse and recycle, following on from our visit to the Western Riverside Waste Authority. They have also learnt about water conservation and why it is important.



#### Happy News...

It is nearly show time! The children have been practising their lines and their songs ready for our nativity on Tuesday. They are very excited to perform for you!

#### Important parent information for next week:

- PE kits are needed on **Tuesdays** and **Wednesdays**.
- Reading books and reading records <u>need</u> to be in school every day.
- Nativity performance Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December, show starts at 2:30pm.

#### Quote of the week...

'Everybody loves a baby!' - Maple Class in the Nativity

#### Our learning this week...

In English this week, we have finished writing our responses to George's marvellous medicine, before editing and moving on to our new unit, instruction writing. In maths, we have moved onto our 8 times tables, and applying them to written questions. In History, we have looked at how Egyptian life impacted ourselves on a day-to-day basis, and in Geography we looked at where we find different sorts of houses and why.



#### Happy News...

As we march on towards the festive celebrations, we also had the chance to produce our own Christmas decorations, which are now on display in the hall. We're looking forward to showing you them while you are in for the Christmas production!

#### Important parent information for next week:

- On Tuesdays each week we will be changing our reading books. Please ensure your child has their books with them so that they can make these changes.
- On Tuesdays we also have recorder please ensure these are in bags and ready.
- Please ensure that your child has their full swimming kit with them each week, to avoid anyone being unable to participate.
- Please try and read with your child in the evenings and record them in their reading records.

#### Quote of the week...

"I love playing football in the rain!" Benaiah

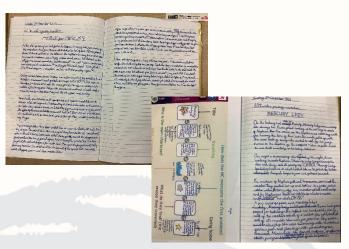
#### Our learning this week...

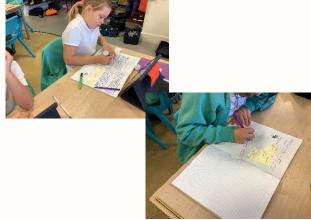
What a very busy week we have had!

The children have written their own journey narratives this week, based on our class text – Moon Man. The children all wrote wonderfully, and captured the tone and excitement of the narrtiave. Well done, Pine Class!

We have been involved in many drama and music rehearsals this week with Maddie, Katie and Mr. Isdale. The children have worked incredibly hard on their pieces for the Christmas show and I know that you are all in for a real treat next week. Please continue to learn the script that is on Showbie, so that the children can fully immerse themselves in the show on Tuesday evening. You will all have received a letter regarding arrangements for this and there is a costume list on showbie too.

In topic learning this week, we have continued with our newspaper reports on earthquakes and tsunamis, working collaboratively as a group and using our habits of consideration and patience, to ensure that everyone is involved.





#### **Happy News**

Pine class worked well on their group geography work this week and we hope to have our newspaper reports ready for the end of term!

#### Important parent information for next week:

- PE will continue to be on Tuesday each week.
- 12<sup>th</sup> December Christmas show for parents 6pm drop off to school for a 6.30pm start.
- 13<sup>th</sup> December Natural History Museum trip for our Extreme Weather event show (all day trip).
- Times tables please continue to learn your tables and use the link on Showbie to practise at home regularly. Please use the 'doing well' section.

Quote of the week...

'I liked that I got a second pet in Sumdog!' Freyja

#### Our learning this week...

This week, the children have challenged themselves in each and every subject. We have completed our maths unit on fractions, where the children have been developing a deeper understanding of unit, non-unit, mixed and improper fractions. They're becoming pro's at solving trickier reasoning questions now; with some children feeling confident enough to come up to the front and teach the class! In history, we have been comparing life in Britain with life in Baghdad throughout the 9<sup>th</sup> century; a fascinating subject that has been full of surprises! In art, the children are continuing to develop their brush strokes in preparation for creating a piece of artwork inspired by Henri Rousseau – I can't wait to see them when the time comes. Finally, we are nearing the end of our Science unit, and I have been so impressed with Year 5's knowledge of space. Well done everyone – just two weeks left until the Christmas break!



#### Happy News...

The children thoroughly enjoyed Christmas jumper day and are certainly in the Christmas spirit!

#### Important parent information for next week:

- Christmas Extravaganza: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December Children to be dropped off at the main office BY
   6pm. Limited seating two guests per child.
- Our PE day has changed to Thursday. Please bring in kits on Wednesdays and Thursdays from now on.
- Please ensure the children look at their spelling from the past few weeks (Aut 1 and 2). I will be testing
  them more regularly on spellings from previous weeks to ensure these are embedded.
- Please ensure books from the library are brought in every day.

#### Quote of the week...

"Rhetorical questions force the reader to consider both sides of an argument because you're left with an unanswered question" – Che.

#### Our learning this week...

This week, in writing, we started our unit on persuasive writing. The children have been learning how to write for a particular purpose and how to formalise their language.

In maths, the children have shown great confidence when adding and subtracting fractions of different denominators. I have been impressed by how quickly they have grasped the concepts as this is usually a tricky topic for many year 6s – Well done!

In geography, the children created beautiful leaflets about the different layers of the rainforest. Rainforests provide us – globally - with a huge number of natural resources. The children wrote information about what can be sourced from each layer of the rainforest and highlighted some of the diverse plants and animals that called each layer their home.

In history, the children have been learning about what life was life for people during the Industrial Revolution. They learned that, although it was a time of great technological changes, poverty, poor working conditions, and oppression by bosses meant that people often struggled during this time. The children acted out an interview in role as one of the people who would have worked in these low paying, dangerous jobs, such as factory workers and miners. They demonstrated their understanding of what was life for people in these jobs.



#### Happy News...

This week, the children had Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch. We had lots of fun singing Christmas tunes and enjoying the decorated hall as we ate our Christmas lunch!

Last week, some Year 6s took part in fundraising at the Christmas Disco – entrepreneurs in the making with their bracelet business!

Year 6 raised £40 for the roof fund. Every little bit helps!

#### Important parent information for next week:

- PE is on Wednesdays. Please remind your child to bring their PE kit on that day.
- Homework is due on Wednesday.
- Please remind your child to read regularly and to add a minimum of three detailed comments to their reading record.
- Next Tuesday is the KS2 Christmas show. Please drop your children off at the main office at 6pm. Thank you!

#### Quote of the week...

"I love sloths and would hate to see them loose their habitat"- Marli-J