



Dream Big, Aim High
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Weekly Bulletin

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Throughout the past 3 years and 125 'editions' of the Weekly Bulletin I normally write this section on a Friday morning following our weekly Celebration Assembly and it allows me a little bit of time to reflect on the successes that have taken place within the school during that week. This Friday is no different as there have been many things to celebrate this week at Potley Hill including;

- Danube's Class Assembly on Wednesday, (well done to all staff and Y3 pupils, together with those parents/carers who came along to watch)
- Fraser Photos on Wednesday (the children looked immaculate in their uniforms – at the time of the photographs at least)
- Y6 SATs Parents Meeting on Wednesday, (thankyou to those parents who were able to come along and learn a little more about how SATs work)
- Prospective Parents Tour on Thursday, (which included lots of positive feedback from them about the school)
- And finally, the PTA confirmed that through your generous support with the Christmas Card initiative you have raised £293 to go on the new totaliser in the School Office, (which will go towards the rejuvenation of the Reception Playground)

However, this Friday I have also been able to reflect on Potley Hill Primary School's first OFSTED Inspection since April 2019. A lot has changed in the world (and our school) since that time but one thing that hasn't is the fact that an OFSTED Inspection is an intense and challenging process for any school and its staff, and our experience this week has been no different. In the bulletin a few weeks ago I advised parents that we were expecting 'the call' so even though we were well prepared, there are a lot of emotionally drained staff in school today because we wanted the inspectors to recognise all the great things they do for our pupils each and every day; and they did.

Whilst I am unable to inform you of the graded outcomes at this stage, once I receive the report, (which will be in approximately 6 weeks time), I will share it with you all but what I can say is that it was a positive process with positive outcomes. The pupils really did show themselves in the best light possible and I am incredibly proud of them, and this is also how I feel about our staff because their hard work and dedication, (not just for those two days but every day), really is appreciated. And the kind words of encouragement and support shared by many of you with myself or other staff earlier in the week, either in person or via the Parent View Survey, have been greatly appreciated too and I have been humbled by how all members of the school community have pulled together over the past week – thank you!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend, and we look forward to seeing you all for Parents Evenings next week!

Mr B Ellis - Headteacher

Diary Dates

October 2024

Tuesday 22nd – Parents Evening 3.30pm - 6.00pm
Thursday 24th – School Nursing Team YR Vision Check & Y6 Height & Weight Check
Thursday 24th – Parents Evening 4.30pm - 7.00pm
Friday 25th – Christmas Box Appeal Mufti-Day
**Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November
HALF-TERM (School Closed)**

November 2024

Wednesday 6th – Prospective Parents Tour @ 9.30am
Thursday 7th – PTA Halloween Discos
w/c 11th – BookFair in school
w/c 18th – Y6 Bikeability
Thursday 28th – Community Orchard Planting
Friday 29th – Y3&4 Sleepover at School

Celebration

These pupils are being celebrated this week in class.

Lunchtime Supervisor Nomination: Cassius T

Class	Lead Learner	Star of the Week	Weekly Attendance*
Nile	Ginny W	Iwenose O	95.71%
Thames	Hugo C	Evelyn S	98.67%
Amazon	Amelija K	Logan M	94.67%
Danube	Cohen R	Erin A	92.5%
Yangtze	Ellie C-C	Elijus K	97%
Onyx	Sneha P	Corben G	99.33%
Orinoco	Poppy C	Sophie G	94.29%
Zambezi	Annabelle M	Robyn H	98.42%

*Highest weekly class attendance in bold print

This week's Potley Points results are:

Raducanu - 300

Williamson - 216

Peacock - 210

Farah - 205

Timestable Rockstars:

Most Active - Onyx

Most Improved - Zambezi

Coffee and Connection

Every Thursday 9—10 am

We would like to invite you to our new "Coffee and Connection Mornings" starting every Thursday in November. These sessions will be a chance for you to share your experiences with other parents, listen to some useful information around a particular topic and leave with some strategies to try at home!

The sessions will be lead by:

Ms Ward (Family Support Worker)

Mrs Morris (SENCO)

Mrs Wallace (Assistant Headteacher).



We will also have the **School Nursing Team** joining the sessions to give further advice and strategies.

7.11.24 Dealing with Separation at drop off

14.11.24 Helping your child deal with change

21.11.24 Help my child doesn't sleep!

28.11.24 What are my child's wants and needs?

5.12.24 Chores! What should I expect my child to help with at home?



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EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Please collect from the gate halfway up the playground at 4.15pm for:

Art Club Recorders
Board Games Space Club

Please collect from outside the school office at 4.15pm for:

Cooking Club

Please collect from outside the school office at 4pm for:

Picture Book Club

Please collect from Zambezi class door at 4.15pm for:

Year 6 Girls Booster Club

MONDAY

Year 1 & 2 Art Club (max 12)
Mrs Wilson & Mrs Watson - Amazon

Year 6 Girls Booster (invite only)
Miss Miles/Mrs Richards - Zambezi/Orinoco

Judo 4 Juniors
School Hall Years 1 - 6

[Click here](#) for more information

Tuesday

Year 6 Cooking Club (max 8)
Mrs Kent & Mrs Wetherill - Food tech
First Half-term only

WEDNESDAY

Year 1 & 2 Board Games (max 12)
Mrs Leighton - Amazon class

KS2 Recorder Club (max 20)
Mrs Wilding - Music room

THURSDAY

Years 1 & 2 Picture Book Club
Mrs Wallace & Miss Miles (invite only) -
Zambezi/Amazon

KS2 Space Club (max 12)
Mrs Smith - Danube

Drop Zone Gaming

Drop Zone Gaming are hosting a Winter prize draw for our parents to have the chance to win a **full 2hr party worth £299**. The website entry page is open but please be aware the draw will only take place in late December.

www.dropzonegaming.co.uk/win



A Big **THANK YOU**



Potley Hill School

for supporting Hart Foodbank.

Your donations make a **BIG** difference
146.09kg to local people in crisis.

Hart Foodbank is part of the Trussell Trust's UK wide foodbank network.

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Potley Hill Primary School Menu April – October 2024 £3.20

Daily sandwich choice (Mon/Thurs: Cheese, Tues/Fri: Ham, Wed: Tuna) and cold tomato pasta will also be on offer each day. These choices are in addition to the main menu options below.

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/c 21 st Oct	Tomato pasta	Sweet potato and lentil curry with white and brown rice	Margherita pizza	Vegetable wellington, roast potatoes & gravy	Roasted vegetable lasagne
	Chicken fajita with brown and white rice	Pork Sausages with mashed potato & gravy	Bubble salmon with crinkle cut wedges	Sliced beef with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes & gravy	Baked fish fingers with chips
	All served with Vegetable of the day or salad	All served with Vegetable of the day or salad	All served with Vegetable of the day or salad	All served with Vegetable of the day or salad	All served with Vegetable of the day or salad
	Chocolate shortbread biscuit	Fruit & Jelly	Banana Cake	Chocolate sponge pudding	Jam and coconut sponge cake
Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Vegetarian sausage roll with mashed potato	Cheddar cheese and tomato quesadilla with diced potatoes	Margherita pizza	Quorn and leek pastry crown, roast potatoes & gravy	Plant based burger in bap with cheese and chips
	Macaroni Cheese	Chicken katsu curry with brown and white rice	Ham carbonara with penne pasta	Roast chicken with Yorkshire pudding, roast pot. & gravy	Baked fish fingers with chips
	All served with Vegetable of the day or salad	All served with Vegetable of the day or salad	All served with Vegetable of the day or salad	All served with Vegetable of the day or salad	All served with Vegetable of the day or salad
	Shortbread biscuit	Fresh fruit wedges	Apple sponge cake	Marble sponge cake	Chocolate brownie
Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Cheddar cheese, onion and potato pasty	Plant based sausage hotdog with diced potatoes	Margherita pizza with crinkle cut wedges	Quorn pieces in a Yorkshire pudding with roast potatoes & gravy	Cheddar cheese and potato frittata
	Chicken nuggets with diced potatoes	Chicken curry with brown and white rice	Beef bolognese pasta bake	Sliced gammon with Yorkshire pudding, roast pot. & gravy	Baked Fish fingers with chips
	All served with Vegetable of the day or salad	All served with Vegetable of the day or salad	All served with Vegetable of the day or salad	All served with Vegetable of the day or salad	All served with Vegetable of the day or salad
	Marble shortbread biscuit	Apple crumble	Chocolate banana cake	Lemon drizzle cake	Flapjack