



Dream Big, Aim High
& Make a Difference

Weekly Bulletin

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The theme of this past week has certainly been community, as our pupils have had such a wide number of opportunities to show different members of our wider community around our school whilst others have gone out to see other organisations.

The week started with a visit from the newly elected MP for our constituency, Alex Baker, who had only heard positive things about our school during her campaigning and saw these for herself during assembly. She spoke to all pupils about her role as an MP and what it involves, whilst we shared with her how democracy has been seen in our school over the past few months when voting for School Council Representatives, Team Captains and even the 'team names' themselves back in July! She also answered a wide range of questions from pupils including Fatima who asked her about what process she goes through when writing a speech for parliament! It was a pleasure to welcome her to our school and we look forward to her visiting again soon.

On Tuesday it was then the first of our prospective parents tours for this term and they saw pupils engaged in a wide range of learning that reflects the broad and balanced curriculum offered at Potley Hill, with all of the children impeccably following our School Values throughout!

Wednesday's visitors were a little more familiar with school as Mrs Wallace welcomed the parents and carers of Amazon Class for the first 'Class Assembly' of the year. It was incredibly well attended and a wonderful opportunity for pupils to share their recent learning with family members, so well done to Year 2. (In terms of parents coming in to school, you will all receive further information next week related to the arrangements for Parents Evening scheduled to take place later in the month so please keep a look out on your Arbor account).

Two of our classes have also been out to further develop our links with other local organisations this week as Thames Class visited St Barnabus Church on Tuesday to learn all about Harvest whilst Danube Class joined forces with Potley Hill Pre-School on Wednesday as they will be taking part in a collaborative reading project throughout this academic year. In addition to this, we had also been invited by the School Library Service to visit Farnborough Library and so earlier this afternoon some pupils from across the school were taken there by minibus to see the wide selection of books on offer together with looking at the important role a library can play in the community.

And finally, some pupils from across years 2, 5 & 6 had the opportunity to represent the school in a fun run earlier this week as sporting events across Hart & Rushmoor got back underway and we look forward to celebrating further sporting success in the coming weeks and months!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr B Ellis - Headteacher

Diary Dates

October 2024

Wednesday 9th – Prospective Parents Tour @ 2.00pm & 6.00pm

Wednesday 16th – Danube Class Assembly

Wednesday 16th – Individual School Photographs

Wednesday 16th – Y6 SATs Parents Meeting @ 2.45pm

Thursday 17th – Prospective Parents Tour @ 9.30am

Tuesday 22nd – Parents Evening 3.30pm - 6.00pm

Thursday 24th – Parents Evening 4.30pm - 7.00pm

Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November

HALF-TERM (School Closed)

Celebration

These pupils are being celebrated this week in class.

Lunchtime Supervisor Nomination: **Amelija K**

Class	Lead Learner	Star of the Week	Weekly Attendance*
Nile	Huey H	Maya	92.03%
Thames	Tilly B	Logan M	97.67%
Amazon	Theo S	Riley H	100%
Danube	Amelia R	Ellis M	97.6%
Yangtze	Elsie B	Deeks C	99%
Onyx	Blake S	Jack S	98.06%
Orinoco	Declan R	Ava L M	87.02%
Zambezi	Sienna G	Oyakhire O	95.92%

*Highest weekly class attendance in bold print

This week's Potley Points results are:

Raducanu - 247

Williamson - 230

Peacock - 176

Farah - 233

Timestable Rockstars:

Most Active & Most Improved – Orinoco Class

MP Visit



Newly elected local MP Alex Baker during her visit to Potley Hill Primary School on Monday with Mr Ellis (Headteacher) and Antje Neville-Kwantes (Chair of Governors).

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The extra-curricular activities starting next week, (apart from Picture book Club which has already started), are listed below.

We will endeavour to run extra-curricular activities whatever the weather.

However, if any activities need to be cancelled, we will contact you via Arbor.

Please collect your child from the gate at the lower end of the top playground at 4.15pm from school-run clubs (4pm from Picture Book club).

MONDAY

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

Year 6 Girls Maths (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

Attendance Update

Over the summer many of you are likely to have seen that there have been some changes made by the Department for Education related to school attendance, and in particular the system of fixed penalty notices for unauthorised absence from school. Whilst many of our attendance procedures will stay the same, e.g. arrival by 8.50am, the importance of contacting the School Office if your child is absent, etc, we have needed to update our Attendance Policy and a copy if it can be found clicking [this link](#). However, if you want to see a brief overview of how the new procedure for Fixed Penalty Notices operates then you will find [this leaflet](#) helpful. If you have any questions or queries related to attendance then please do contact the School Office for advice and support.

Potley Hill Primary School Harvest Assembly

With our Harvest Assembly taking place on Wednesday with the Wokingham Vineyard Church, we really want to live our school vision to 'make a difference' within the local community by asking you to support local foodbanks at St Barnabus Church and Crowthorne, as both these organisations regularly support us. Any donation you would be able to make is greatly appreciated but they are in desperate need of the following items:

- Long-life Milk
- Tinned Meat (e.g. stews, curries, pies, corned beef, ham)
- Tinned pulses (e.g. red kidney beans, chickpeas)
- Tinned tomatoes
- Jars of pasta sauce
- Dried pasta
- Tea bags (boxes of 80)
- Porridge oats
- Squash
- Jam
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned soup or Cup-a-soup

Thank you in advance for your support and donations.

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
W/c 7 th Oct	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
W/c 14 th Oct	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