



**Dream Big, Aim High
& Make a Difference**

Weekly Bulletin

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Dear Parents and Carers,

With the vast majority of our Year 6 pupils being at PGL Osmington Bay this week for their residential, there may have been a few less children in the building, but the learning has remained as purposeful as ever. A particular theme of this week has been our School Value of creativity with our assemblies being linked to this but it was also very clearly evident in our Reception Class where I watched, (somewhat astonished), as two children were talking about dinosaurs while painting and whether they were real, but if they were, what had destroyed them? (Possible theories suggested were volcanoes, something arriving from space or even an earthquake – the language being used was incredibly impressive for 4 year olds as well as being creative)!

It has also been great to see the library in use once again, now that the Hampshire Library Service have completed their book audit. Having access to such a varied and high quality range of books really does have a positive impact on children reading for pleasure, but it's also really important that adults listen to children read aloud at home too. Lives are incredibly busy outside school but this is just a polite reminder of the importance of listening to your child read at least four times a week and log this on the BoomReader app. (If you need help using the app then please speak to your child's class teacher).

And finally, having spent a few days with our Year 6 pupils at PGL Osmington Bay earlier in the week, I know what a fantastic experience they have had and I am sure when they return later today they will have learnt a lot about themselves, especially their levels of resilience, but they will also be thoroughly exhausted. However, this trip would not be possible without Mrs Richards, Miss Miles and Mrs Wilding being with them for 5 full days and nights, so a big thank you to them and I really hope everyone who took part gets a chance to have some much-needed sleep over the weekend.

Mr B Ellis - Headteacher

Diary Dates

October 2024

Tuesday 1st – Prospective Parents Tour @ 9.30am
Tuesday 1st - Year 1 walk to St Barnabas Church 'Harvest'
Wednesday 2nd – Amazon Class Assembly
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: Louis S

| Class | Lead Learner | Star of the Week | Weekly Attendance* |
|---------|---------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Nile | Rico G | Bella T | 95.38% |
| Thames | Dominic E | Nyla M | 98.66% |
| Amazon | Phoebe D | Ella B | 95.67% |
| Danube | Mia T | Alice T | 98% |
| Yangtze | Beth S | Kaison J | 98.33% |
| Onyx | Oliver S | Olivia M | 96.13% |
| Orinoco | Majority of pupils on PGL Residential | | 95.48% |
| Zambezi | | | 98.33% |

*Highest weekly class attendance in bold print

This week's Potley Points results are:

Raducanu - 174

Williamson – 134

Peacock - 318

Farah – 149

Timetable Rockstars:

Most Active & Improved – Danube Class

Thankyou for the PHPS Help Out

Last Saturday the second of our PHPS Help Out sessions took place and for those of you who have walked through the Reception playground this past week you will have seen what was achieved. Unfortunately, the wet weather meant that we were unable to paint the school fence so the energies of the supportive parents, staff and governors who came along were largely focused on opening up the whole of the Reception outside space by removing 'two full skips' of excess material and fencing, together with some parents continuing to 'spruce up' the internal courtyards. The redevelopment of the Reception outside space is a significant and expensive project but the volunteers have helped to create something of a 'blank canvas' before we finalise specific plans for its redevelopment over the coming months. There are plans for the drainage issue to be addressed this coming weekend and further details about future much-needed fundraising support through the PTA to support this project will be shared soon. However in the meantime, a big thanks once again to all those volunteers who braved the rain last weekend and we will look to have another PHPS Help Out Day in Spring 2025!



You may have seen in the last few days our very own Potley Hill Primary School 'Facebook Page' has launched. Learning and activities that take place within school and individual classes will continue to be shared on 'Seesaw' pages but we will endeavour to share wider school events, particularly those that involve the wider community, (for example Prospective Parents Tours, fairs, fun nights), on our Facebook page. To find us, like our posts or contribute positive comments about our school, simply log in to Facebook and type in 'Potley Hill Primary School'

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

.... start this coming week!

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 20)
Mrs Smith - Danube

Nessie - our School Dog!!!

For the past year our pupils (and parents) have become familiar with seeing the Canine Assisted Learning Team on site every Tuesday with Waffle, who has proved incredibly popular with the children. Due to the success of this project in supporting the wellbeing of our pupils, we are excited to announce that ‘behind the scenes’ my dog is in training to become our school dog. **Nessie** is a miniature F1 Goldendoodle (please see *cute* picture below) and she is in training on the Affiliated Schools Programme through Canine Assisted Learning. This is her foundation year where she becomes familiar with the school and the environment and Nessie has already visited the school site on a few occasions, when there have been no children here, in order to familiarise herself with the grounds and building. Over the coming months she will start to spend some time in school with the children, but when on site she will always have her school dog lead and jacket on and be with a trained handler, which is either myself or Mrs Wetherill. Nessie is really excited to get to know all the children and we will bring you further updates on her progress in the coming weeks and months.



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 |
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| W/c 30 th Sept, 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 bolognaise 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 |