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Weekly Bulletin

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week's final message in the bulletin was linked to Year 4 visiting Runways End this week for their first residential and what a great time they had! Whilst the weather might have been a little on the chilly side the children fully embraced a range of activities that they would never be able to take part in during a 'normal' school day including climbing, air rifle shooting and caving. With the whole class attending the trip, they fully embraced all of the activities and the excellent teamwork of the class was also commented on by the Runways End staff too. School residential would not be possible without staff who volunteer to attend so a big thankyou to Mrs Wilding and Mrs Watson who supported during the days, but also to Mr Farrer, Mrs Horton and Mrs Wilson who stayed with the children throughout and were even pleased to get a 'normal' night's sleep on the second night, (which is almost unheard of on a school residential)!

In fact, school was a much quieter place than normal on Monday morning with Year 4 at Runways End and Year 6 swimming at St Neots, but in addition to this Year 3 were also out on a trip to RHS Wisley Gardens. This trip links to the big question they are investigating this half-term in Aspen Class which is, 'What is life without light?' and they spent the whole day exploring a wide variety of wonderful flowers and plants, whilst also managing to get a considerable number of steps in too! The pupils certainly enjoyed the trip and the different destinations visited by our pupils on Monday really does show the variety of experiences we try to provide to our children. This will also be the case for many pupils outside of school too, maybe even to destinations in countries further afield! Miss Clarke is creating a geography display of the many countries visited by our pupils so if you have a photo or two to share of other countries your child has visited then please do send them in and we can add it to our display because I wonder how many countries Potley Hill pupils have visited?

Have a lovely weekend!

Mr B Ellis, Headteacher

Diary Dates

April 2024

Tuesday 30th – Class Photos

May 2024

Wednesday 8th – Oak Class Assembly

w/c 13th – Year 6 SATs Week

Friday 17th – Careers Day

w/c 20th – Walk to School Week

Thursday 23rd – PTA Disco

Monday 27th – Friday 31st HALF-TERM (School Closed)

June 2024

Wednesday 5th – Science Dome for Years 1, 4 & 5

Wednesday 5th – New Reception Parents Meeting @ 6pm

Friday 7th – Y3 Portals to the Past Mayan Workshop

Wednesday 12th – Bonsai Class Assembly

Wednesday 19th – Rowan Class Assembly

Wednesday 19th – Kids Out day

Thursday 20th – Sports Day

Friday 21st – INSET DAY (School Closed)

Celebration

These pupils are being celebrated this week in class.

Lunchtime Supervisor Nomination: Ayah Ali

Class	Lead Learner	Star of the Week	Weekly Attendance*
Oak	Olive R	Dexter L	99.67%
Maple	Brodie G	Luna C	96.70%
Juniper	Alice T	Genevieve L	99.23%
Aspen	Deeks C	Scarlet H	95.52%
Redwood	Hugo T	Eyla R & Alfie M	98.39%
Bonsai	Robyn H	George T	95%
Katsura	Zade K-L	Ava K	99.26%
Rowan	Oscar W	Nichalo A	97.31%

*Highest weekly class attendance in bold print

Potley Point Totals:

Blue – 213 Red – 269 Yellow – 237 Green – 249

Timestable Rockstars:

Attendance Information - Every day that your child is on time and in school maximises their learning potential

To see your child's registration marks over the course of the previous 2 terms and their overall percentage attendance rate for the current academic year, please visit the **Arbor Parent Portal**:

On your child's individual 'Home/Profile' page, the Attendance 'tile' shows you at a glance your child's percentage attendance rate for this academic year so far (on the left-hand side) and for the last 4 weeks (on the right-hand side). Tapping on this tile takes you to a new page with further detail.

For an alternative view, from your child's 'Home/Profile' page, scroll down and tap on the 3 bars in the green area at the bottom of the page. This will take you to your child's main dashboard. Tap on 'Attendance' and then the drop down 'By Date', which will take you to session-by-session attendance marks. Tap on the green 'Attendance Certificate' at the top of this page and you will be able to download an attendance certificate for your child.

If your child's attendance rate is:

97% to 100% The government aim is for all children to have attendance rates of 97% or above. If your child's current attendance rate falls into this category, they are meeting/exceeding this target and there are no concerns about their attendance.

90% to 96.9% This is below the government's target and for most families this is usually due to illness (Code 'I'), holiday taken during term-time (Code 'H' if authorised, Code 'G' or 'O' if unauthorised) and/or medical appointments (Code 'M'). There is a direct link between attendance rates of below 95% and under achievement in school and this is when school starts to monitor your child's attendance.

Below 90% Your child is considered a persistent absentee by the DFE and it is highly likely that you will already have received one or more communications from school about this, as it is a **serious cause for concern**.

Late marks

These may be late before the register closes (Code 'L' – arrival between 8.50 and 9.15am) or late after the register has closed (Code 'U' – arrival after 9.15am). Whilst 'L' marks do not affect your child's attendance rate, 3 or more 'L' marks may be a sign of a developing habit and school starts to monitor your child's punctuality at this point. 'U' marks are considered unauthorised and do affect your child's attendance rate and can lead to a Penalty Notice fine if the problem persists.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The extra-curricular activities that are planned for each week are 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.

Monday

Years 1 & 2 – Lego Club
Miss Barton Oak classroom (20 pupils)

Years 2 & 3 – Recorder Club
Mrs Wilding Music Room (20 pupils)

Year 6 Booster Clubs (invite only)
Miss Miles/Mrs Richards Katsura/Bonsai classrooms

Judo 4 Juniors – (School Hall) Years 1 - 6
[Click here](#) for more information

Wednesday

Years 3 – 6 Rounders Club
Mrs Bailey Playground/Field (20 pupils)

Year 4 - Multiplication Club (invite only)
Mrs Wilson and Mrs Gathercole Kidz R Us room

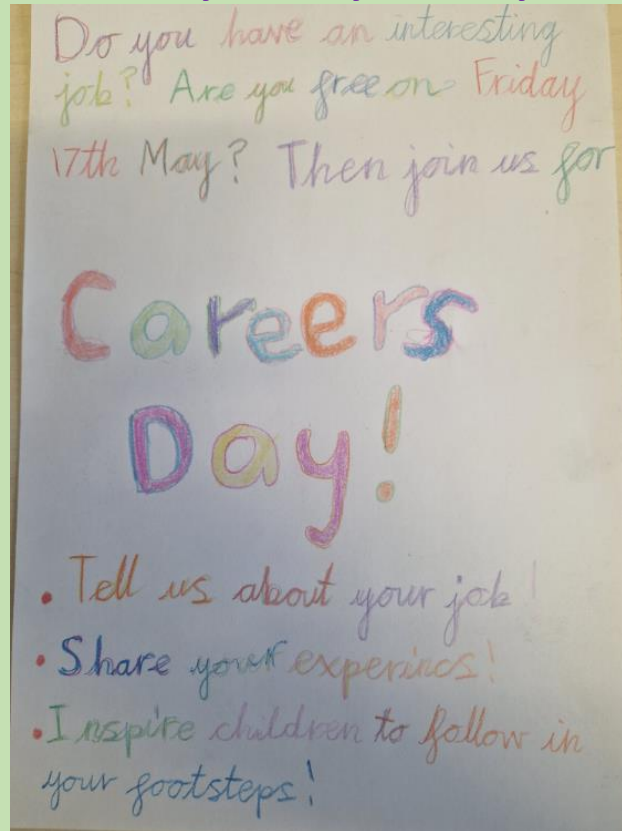
The Performers Place (Theatre School) Redwood
Class Years R - 2
<http://www.theperformersplace.co.uk/>

Thursday

Years 3 to 6 History Club
Mrs Smith Aspen classroom (12 pupils)

Years 1 & 2 Picture Book Club
Mrs Wallace (invite only)

Careers Day – Friday 17th May 2024



If you haven't yet contacted the School Office to come in to school during the afternoon of Friday 17th May for our Careers Day in order to talk to the children about your job, what skills you need to do it and maybe what you might have done as a child to prepare for it, then please do so by Thursday 2nd May. We will then contact you next week with the finer details of the event but thank you in advance for giving up your time to share your experiences with the children.

Potley Hill Primary School Menu April – October 2024 £3.00

Now that we have moved to the new Summer menu, Jacket Potatoes will no longer be served. Instead, there will be a 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 6 th May, 3 rd & 24 th June, 15 th July, 9 & 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 13 th May, 10 th June, 1 st & 22 nd July, 16 th Sept, 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 29 th April, 20 th May, 17 th June, 8 th July, 2 nd & 23 rd Sept, 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