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Weekly Bulletin

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Being able to write this bulletin is especially pleasing because it means that there is electricity at school, which is always a positive!!! The start to everyone's Thursday morning was slightly different, whether it was making a last-minute packed lunch, taking a different route to school or simply arriving at the school gates to find they were locked because school staff are creatures of habit and with no electricity we were thrown completely out of sync! However, thank you for your support with the last-minute arrangements and apologies for the inconvenience it might have caused, but actually when I went in to classes yesterday morning, whilst there might have been less light than normal, the pupils were still engaged with their learning which is a real credit to them but also to the creativity of teachers in difficult circumstances too!

Luckily the power came back on later in the morning with the help of a generator, (as they still try to fix the fault which is located on our field), because if it hadn't our pupils wouldn't have been able to take part in the Creative Cluster Event that took place at Frogmore Community College yesterday evening. Our School Choir sang 3 songs, (including 'Somewhere Only we Know' – which made Mrs Wilding cry), and were joined by Hawley Primary and Frogmore Juniors for a combined finale. It was a wonderful experience for our pupils which demonstrated their creativity and resilience, but it was also great to work in partnership with the other local schools; well done to all those who took part.

Whilst some pupils were singing at the event above, our girls and boys football teams were in action away at Hook Juniors. Two solid defensive displays led to a 0-0 draw for the girls and a 1-1 draw for the boys, with (I have been informed by Mr Farrer) a high-quality goal from Adam W. Following on from some of our Y5&6 pupils competing at a Relay Event last Thursday too, (which was described by one of the children as 'very tough'), this brings to an end our sporting fixtures this term but I look forward to reporting more success after the Easter break.

And finally, our plans for the summer term are gathering pace and it was great to welcome Mrs Leighton, who will be teaching Maple Class after Easter, in to school earlier this week. We will also be visited by Mrs Ward on Monday as she prepares to take up the role of Family Support Worker next term. However, whilst welcoming our new staff is exciting, it does mean that we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Elkins very soon. Whilst there is no 'formal' opportunity for parents to say goodbye, I know she is a valued member of the school community so if you do see her out and about on the playground and say goodbye, please be gentle because I know how much she will miss being at Potley Hill.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mr B Ellis
Head Teacher

Diary Dates

March 2024

Monday 25th – Y2 Music Assembly @ 11am

Monday 25th – Y4 Runways End Parents Meeting @ 6pm

Thursday 28th – Last day of term

April 2024

Monday 15th – Pupils return to school

Monday 15th – Year 6 Swimming lessons start

Mon 22nd – Y3 to Wisley Gardens

Mon 22nd – Weds 24th – Y4 Runways End Residential

Tuesday 30th – Class Photos

Celebration

The following pupils have been chosen to be celebrated this week by their class teacher.

Lunchtime Supervisor Nomination: Teddy R

Class	Lead Learner	Star of the Week	Weekly Attendance*
Oak	Nyla M	River W	95.32%
Maple	Robyn T	Theo S	97.14%
Juniper	Amelia R	Elise P	95.38%
Aspen	Kaison J	Layla P	91.03%
Redwood	Freddy G	Ollie C	97.42%
Bonsai	Izzy K	Georgios T	92.69%
Katsura	James B	Zennon H	95.56%
Rowan	Evelyn D	Cassius T	96.15%

*Highest weekly class attendance in bold print

Potley Point Totals:

Blue – 163

Yellow - 276

Red – 223

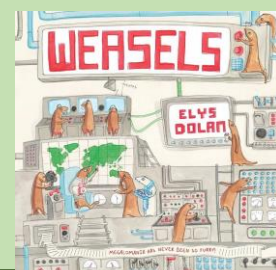
Green – 170

Timetable Rockstars:

Most Active & Improved - Redwood

Author Visit

On Tuesday we were visited by Elys Dolan who spent time talking to all the children across the school about her job as an author and illustrator, whilst also teaching them a few skills too! It was great to welcome her to school and for the children to meet a 'real life author.' It was made even more special because she is the author of the book the children explored for World Book Day this year 'Weasels' which has led to some fantastic writing. Yet again another great experience for our pupils at Potley Hill and we hope they all enjoyed this opportunity.



EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

All school-led extra-curricular clubs have now finished for the term except for Year 6 Boosters and Year 4 Multiplication.

Look out for next term's Club timetable coming out soon!

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

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

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

Tuesday

Wednesday

Y4 - Multiplication Club (invite only)
Mrs Wilson and Mrs Gathercole Kidz R Us room

Bustagroove - (Street Dance in Redwood Class)
Years R-2 bustagroove.info@gmail.com

Thursday

Friday

Joke Competition Winner

After the votes were counted, the winner of the Red Nose Day Joke Competition was...

**Hunter (Katsura Class) - Why does a duck have feathers?
To hide its butt quack!**

Hunter will be able to add to his repertoire of jokes with his prize having been Roald Dahl's 'Marvellous Joke Book but well done to all the pupils who contributed a joke to the competition.



Could you be eligible for a grant for your home?

There are a number of grants available to households in Hart that offer free or discounted home upgrades to make your home more energy efficient. and help with the cost of living crisis. There are grants available for most households that need upgrades. To find out more, [click here](#) or visit www.hart.gov.uk/home-grants

The newest grant for homes in Hart is the Home Upgrade Grant (HUG phase 2) which is for houses that are not on gas heating (i.e. electric, oil etc.) with a household income below £36,000. If you think you might be eligible, please register as soon as possible here: www.hugapply.co.uk

Potley Hill Primary School Menu October 2023 – March 2024 £3 per day

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/c 25 th March	Plant-based burger in a bap with diced potatoes	Tomato pasta	Margherita pizza with diced potatoes	Quorn chicken pieces in a Yorkshire pudding roast potatoes & gravy	Sweet potato and lentil curry with white and brown rice
	Spaghetti bolognaise	Italian style chicken goujons with diced potatoes	Chicken and oriental style vegetable rice	Roast chicken 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
	Yoghurt, fruit and mini shortbread biscuit	Chocolate brownie	Fruit and Jelly	Lemon drizzle sponge	Shortbread biscuit
Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Meat free hotdog with diced potatoes	Roasted vegetable lasagne	Margherita pizza with crinkle cut wedges	Vegetable pastry crown, roast potatoes & gravy	Cheddar cheese and potato frittata
	Cottage pie	Chicken nuggets with diced potatoes	Ham carbonara with penne pasta	Roast chicken with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes & gravy	Baked battered fish and 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
	Yoghurt, fruit and mini shortbread biscuit	Apple flapjack	Fruit and Jelly	Victoria Sponge	Jumble biscuit
Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/c	Cheddar cheese and tomato quesadilla with diced potatoes	Macaroni cheese	Margherita pizza with crinkle cut wedges	Meat free sausage puff, roast potatoes & gravy	Vegetable and bean burrito
	Pork sausage roll with diced potatoes	Chicken curry with brown and white rice	Bubble salmon with crinkle cut wedges	Roast chicken with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes & gravy	Baked fish fingers and 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
	Yoghurt, fruit and mini shortbread biscuit	Love cake	Fruit and Jelly	Chocolate orange sponge	Marble shortbread biscuit