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Weekly Bulletin

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Despite the bitterly cold weather this week, a number of our pupils have taken part in a range of activities beyond the school gates that have added to their school experience. Firstly, Penguin Class took a walk to a well-known branch of a local supermarket this morning in order to apply their recent learning about money. Whilst it was helpful for them to use money in a practical and real-life context, it also provided them the opportunity to use their manners and be respectful to members of the local community as they made their purchases.

Also, the girls football team got their season underway yesterday with a creditable performance in a football tournament held at Samuel Cody Sports College. With two wins and two losses at the event, (with all games being close encounters), it sets them up for a successful league campaign which gets underway in a few weeks.

But the furthest distance travelled was by the School Choir who went up to the O2 Arena in London on Wednesday to take part in the Young Voices Concert. It was a fabulous experience for the pupils who took part, (and for those in the audience too), as they joined a massed choir of over 8000 children to sing a variety of songs they had practised over the last few months, including a performance of 'Proud' with Heather Small, (from M-People). This is certainly an experience we want to add to the calendar of events at Potley Hill and we look forward to taking even more children to Young Voices in 2024.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Mr B Ellis - Head Teacher

Diary Dates

February

Wednesday 1st – Flamingo Class Assembly
Wednesday 1st – Library Renovation
Thursday 2nd – Y2 @ Marwell Zoo
Tuesday 7th – Parents Evening 3.30 – 6.00
Thursday 9th – Parents Evening 4.30 – 7.00
Monday 13th – Friday 17th Half-term

Celebration

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

Class	Lead Learner	Star of the Week	Weekly Attendance*
Butterfly	Theo S	Katya M	99%
Flamingo	Alice T	Grace R	90.37%
Penguin	Max W	Kaelyn T	98%
Turtle	Lewis G	Adam J	99.35%
Dolphin	Amber C	Jonah P	96.9%
Panther	Summer Mc	Nichalo A	99.26%
Leopard	Ava K	Ruby H	98.46%
Lion	Robin W	Summer M	95.29%

*Highest weekly class attendance in bold print

Potley Point Totals

Blue - 134 Yellow - 159
Red - 153 Green - 111

Timetable Rockstars

Most Active Class – Turtles
Most Improved Class - Lion

Parent Governor Election

Just a reminder about the Parent Governor election and the need to cast your vote via the ParentMail form by 4pm on Tuesday 24th January with the candidates being;

- James Bowen
- Callum McKay
- Mark Lovejoy
- Steph Reid

Potential Teacher Industrial Action

Over the past week many of you will be aware of the announcement that following a vote by its members, the largest teaching union, the NEU, has voted to strike on four separate occasions over the next few months, with the first scheduled date being Wednesday 1st February 2023. Some of the reasons why NEU members have decided to take this step, together with some further information about the planned strike action can be found [here](#). This strike action is likely to have an impact on our provision for pupils at Potley Hill but parents/carers will be notified as soon as possible if the whole school, (or specific classes/year groups), need to be closed on health and safety grounds due to a lack of teachers on site but we do intend to take all necessary measures to open the school to all pupils on that day.

Twitter and Online Safety

[@potleyprimary](#) is our school twitter page which documents some of the key learning and events that take place across the school and we encourage parents to 'follow us' in order to keep up-to-date with these. However, whilst twitter is an app, we encourage parents to use, it is certainly not something that children should be using due to the risks involved. To read more about what these risks might be and how to keep children safe if they ever use it then please take a look [here](#).

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

These are the extra-curricular activities that are planned for each week.

We will endeavour to run extra-curricular activities whatever the weather. However, if any activities need to be cancelled, we will contact you by ParentMail.

After all school-led activities, please collect your child from the gate near the gazebo.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (External Providers in red)

Monday	Wednesday	Thursday
Years 1 & 2 - Board Games Miss Barton Butterfly Classroom (20 pupils) Years 1-6 – Lego Club Mrs Elkins & Mrs Watson Nurture Room (20 pupils) Judo 4 Juniors – (Judo in School Hall) Years 1-6 Click here for more information	Years 1 & 2 – Fine Art Mrs Stark - Flamingo Classroom (10 pupils) Years 3 – 6 Art Attack Mrs T Wilson – Turtle classroom (20 pupils) Bustagroove (Street Dance in School Hall) Years R-2 bustagroove.info@gmail.com	Year 4 (until 4.00pm) – TT Rockstars (15 pupils) Mrs. Bailey & Mrs Wheeler Year 5 & 6 – Netball Team Miss Anstey – Playground (15 pupils) Year 5 & 6 Football Training (teams only) Mr Farrer – Frogmore CC Astro (24 pupils) Scrumys - (Tag Rugby on School Field) - Years R-4 Click here for more information Bustagroove - (Theatre School in School Hall) - Years R-3 bustagroove.info@gmail.com

‘Reading should not be presented to children as a chore or duty.
It should be offered to them as a precious gift.’

Central to everything we do at school and in the wider world relates in some way to reading. It has been noted recently that there has been an overall reduction in the amount some children are reading, particularly in relation to the expected four times a week or more at home. We ask for the support of parents/carers on a wide range of things but listening to children read will always be top of the list. Of all homework, reading is the most crucial as it is a key life skill. Reading, more than any other subject, is fundamental to educational success, developing vocabulary, empathy, confidence, concentration and comprehension, as well as giving access to the whole curriculum. Children can only learn to read with the support and encouragement from both school and home so we ask for your support with this. However, if there is any reason why reading homework is not being completed, please do speak to your child’s class teacher, who will be able to recommend strategies and suggest books. Thank you in advance for supporting your child with reading

If you read for ten minutes a day in school, it is shown to increase vocabulary from 8000 words per year to 622,000 words. This, matched with ten minutes at home, increases to 1,269,917 words per year.

SCHOOL MEALS - £2.85

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/c 31 st Oct, 21 st Nov, 12 th Dec, 16 th Jan, 6 th Feb, 1 st & 27 th March	Nacho bites and diced potato and sweetcorn	Roasted vegetable pasta and peas	Margherita pizza, crinkle cut wedges, sweetcorn and green beans	Quorn chicken and gravy in a Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes and vegetables	Macaroni cheese and peas
	Pork sausages and mashed potato, gravy and carrots	Chicken katsu curry with rice and peas	Bubble salmon, crinkle cut wedges, sweetcorn and green beans	Roast chicken and gravy, Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes and vegetables	Baked fish fingers, tomato ketchup, chips and baked beans
	Ice cream with fruit selection	Lemon drizzle cake	Shortbread	Brownie	Mixed desserts
Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/c 7 th & 28 th Nov, 2 nd & 23 rd Jan, 20 th Feb, 13 th March	Vegetarian bolognaise, carrots and green beans	Mexican bean burrito and sweetcorn	Margherita pizza, diced potato and peas	Quorn chicken and mushroom pasty, roast potatoes, gravy and vegetables	Baked bean and cheese quesadilla with chips and peas
	Sausage roll, diced potato, carrots and green beans	Chicken nuggets, crinkle cut wedges and baked beans	Italian pork meatball, marinara pasta and peas	Roast beef, Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, gravy and vegetables	Baked battered fish, chips and peas
	Ice cream with fruit selection	Victoria sponge	Shortbread	Apple sponge and custard	Mixed desserts
Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/c 14 th Nov, 5 th Dec, 9 th & 30 th Jan, 27 th Feb, 20 th March	Cheese and onion slice with crinkle cut wedges and peas	Tomato pasta with green beans	Margherita pizza, crinkle cut wedges and green beans	Vegetable goujons	Sweet potato and lentil curry, white and brown rice and peas
	Beef burger in a bun, crinkle cut wedges and peas	BBQ chicken meatballs with diced potatoes, broccoli and sweetcorn	Salmon fishcake and sweet potato wedges and green beans	Roast pork, Yorkshire pudding, mash potato, gravy and vegetables	Baked fish fingers, tomato ketchup, chips and baked beans
	Ice cream with fruit selection	Iced vanilla sponge	Shortbread	Fruit crumble and custard	Mixed desserts