



Dream Big, Aim High
& Make a Difference

Weekly Bulletin

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Many year groups this week have taken part in a range of different experiences to enhance their learning beyond the classroom, especially as hook events for the project-based learning this half term. The questions each class are investigating have been shared with you on Seesaw and are detailed below:

- YR – Where in the world is it snowy?**
- Y1 – Would you rather have the weather in England all the time or the weather in Australia?**
- Y2 – What is the most important thing we need to survive?**
- Y3 – Could you have lived through pre-historic Britain?**
- Y4 & 6 – Did the Ancient Romans rock?**
- Y5 – Is it right to explore a place where no human has ever been?**

Year 2 visited Marwell Zoo on Wednesday in order to learn more about habitats and animals, whilst Year 5 were visited by the artist [Darrell Wakelam](#) and created a high quality 'big piece of art' linked to their space themed project, (the Onyx Class creation is to the right). Yesterday it was then the turn of Year 3 as they visited Butser Ancient Farm to learn more about pre-historic Britain, (with one of the groups having an additional adventure of dealing with a flat tyre on their minibus)! Your support with making these experiences happen, whether it is making the financial contribution to cover costs, giving up your time to volunteer to help on the trip or ensuring your child has the correct 'things' to make the most of it, continues to be very much appreciated.

Reception and Key Stage 1 will also be having their first visit from a 'mystery reader' this afternoon as this new initiative aims to get people from the wider community to share their favourite books with pupils and highlight the importance of reading. Over the next few months, a wide range of people have been lined up to share books in school, so please check in with your child to see who might have been in school to read to them. Let's have *faith* they remember who they are, including today's visitor!

Ruby (Y6) and Olivia (Y5) embraced a slightly different challenge this week too, as they represented our district in the Hampshire Table Tennis Finals at the Solent University in Southampton. The girls were selected for this event due to their success in a local school's competition and whilst they both described the competition as 'fierce' they should feel proud of being selected for this event and making the most of the opportunity; well done girls.

Also, I would like to welcome Emily Spink to the school community for the spring term as she joins us as part of her teacher training. Whilst Miss Spink will primarily work in Amazon Class, she will also gain experience throughout the school so I am sure you will join me in welcoming her to our school.

And a final quick note, Mrs Morris has changed the day on which she will be doing 'coffee & catch-up' on the playground. It will now take place on a Wednesday so why not 'catch-up' with her and help yourself to a hot drink too!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr B Ellis
(Headteacher)

Diary Dates

January 2025

- Thursday 23rd – PTA 'The Little Recyclers' (clothes donations)
- Tuesday 28th January – PTA AGM @ 6pm
- Wednesday 29th - Zambezi Class Assembly
- Friday 31st – PHS Maths Day

February 2025

- w/c 3rd February – Children's Mental Health Week
- Wednesday 5th – Onyx Class Assembly

Celebration

These pupils are being celebrated this week in class.
Lunchtime Supervisor Nomination: Erin A

Class	Lead Learner	Star of the Week	Weekly Attendance*
Nile	Elodie A	Anopa B	92.31%
Thames	River W	Maddie B	95.67%
Amazon	Davin M	Ayah A	99%
Danube	Elisa M	Theo V	100%
Yangtze	Mia R	Isaac R	92.9%
Onyx	Miyah V	Sienna T	99.35%
Orinoco	Declan R	Alfie W	93.33%
Zambezi	Hunter D	Kristen T	96.32%

*Highest weekly class attendance in bold print

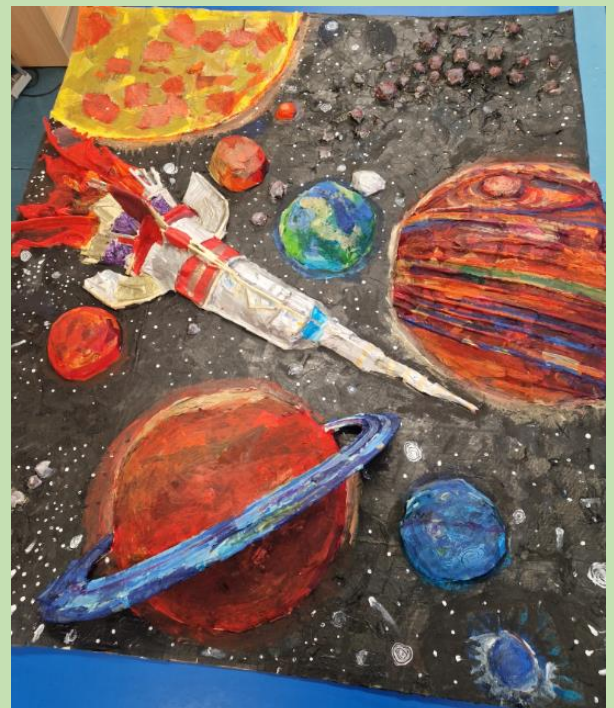
This week's Potley Points results are:

Raducanu – 268 **Williamson – 214**
Peacock – 226 **Farah – 208**

Timetable Rockstars:

Most Active – Yangtze Class
Most Improved - YangtzeClass

Y5 Onyx Artwork with Darrell Wakelam



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

Years 3 to 6 Mindfulness (max 15)
 Miss Gregory - Yangtze

Year 5 & 6 Football (invite only)
 Mr Ellis - FCC Astro Pitches

Year 6 Girls Booster (invite only)
 Miss Miles/Mrs Richards - Zambezi/Orinoco

TUESDAY
Year 4 Cooking Club (max 8)
 Mrs Kent & Mrs Wetherill - Food tech room
Spring half-term 1 only

WEDNESDAY
 Year 1 & 2 Mindfulness (max 12)
 Mrs Watson - room TBC

Years 3 to 6 Recorder Club (max 20)
 Mrs Wilding - Music room

Year 5 & 6 Netball (max 12)
 Mrs Bailey – Netball courts (meet in Onyx)

THURSDAY
 Year 1 & 2 Colouring Club (max 20)
 Mrs Guillaume – Nile

Years 1 to 3 Picture Book Club (invite only)
 Mrs Wallace & Miss Miles - Library

Years 3 to 6 Geography Club (max 20)
 Mrs Smith – Danube

FRIDAY
 (external provider)
 Judo 4 Juniors
 School Hall Years 1 to 6
[Click here](#) for more information

The Little Recyclers and our Annual General Meeting

Just a reminder about our fundraising initiative detailed below so please ensure any clothing is bagged up and dropped on the playground near the bottom gate at drop-off on Thursday 23rd January, (not before). Your support with this initiative will raise valuable funds.



Also, our General Meeting is taking place at school on Tuesday 28th January at 6pm so if you would like to play a more active role in the school community why not come along to find out more about what we do.

Potley Hill Primary School menu October 2024 to April 2025 - £3.20 per meal

Daily Jacket Potato with choice of cheese/baked beans/tuna mayo filling and hot tomato pasta will also be on offer each day. These choices are in addition to the main menu options below.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/c 20 th Jan, 10 th Feb, 10 th Mar	Veggie Bolognese pasta	Vegetarian sausage roll with crinkle cut wedges	Homemade Margherita pizza	Plant based sausage and Yorkshire pudding roast potatoes & gravy	Somerset cheddar cheese and onion quiche
	Chicken katsu curry with brown & white rice	Ham carbonara with pasta	Sticky honey glazed chicken with brown & white rice	Sliced beef with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes & gravy	Fish fingers with chips and beans
	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	Fruit, mousse or jelly	Rice crispy cake	Fruit, mousse or jelly	Ginger sponge
Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/c 27 th Jan 24 th Feb, 17 th Mar	Plant based hotdog with half portion of diced potatoes	Roasted vegetable lasagne	Homemade Margherita pizza	Quorn pieces in a Yorkshire pudding roast potatoes & gravy	Sweet potato and lentil curry with brown and white rice
	Chicken curry with brown and white rice	Pork sausages with mashed potatoes & gravy	Bubble salmon and crinkle cut wedges	Sliced chicken with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes & gravy	Fish fingers with chips and beans
	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 Pudding	Fruit, mousse or jelly	Honey biscuit	Fruit, mousse or jelly	Lemon drizzle sponge
Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/c 3 rd Feb, 3 rd & 24 th Mar	Macaroni cheese	Veggie cottage pie	Homemade Margherita pizza	Quorn and pastry crown	Cheese and potato frittata
	Beef chilli con carne with brown and white rice and tortilla chip	Chicken nuggets with diced potatoes	Vegetable and bean burrito	Sliced pork with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes & gravy	Fish fingers with chips and baked beans
	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 brownie	Fruit, mousse or jelly	Jammy shortbread biscuit	Fruit, mousse or jelly	Toffee apple sponge