



Dream Big, Aim High
& Make a Difference

Weekly Bulletin

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Dear Parents and Carers,

'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself' has been the theme of this year's Children's Mental Health Week and has been explored in a range of different ways at our school, particularly through the idea of everyone having their own 'islands of personality.' The concept, which originates in the film Inside Out 2, is based on the idea that we are all made up of a variety of 'islands of personality' and these are created within us from a mixture of our past memories, emotions, life experiences and passions. All children across the school this week have spent time exploring and creating what their 'islands of personality' might be, and some wonderful examples were shared in assembly earlier today. It has been activity thoroughly embraced and enjoyed by the children so why not ask the children about what they included in their 'islands of personality' over the weekend? Maybe even share with them what you might include in yours? But the idea is that everyone is different and everyone is unique, and once we know a little more about ourselves only then will we be able to grow. This is also echoed by the PTA's 'Be Yourself Fundraising Day' next Thursday, (more on that below).

Also, this week, it was the turn of Onyx Class to have their Class Assembly as they shared with parents and carers (and pupils) their learning linked to the question, 'Is it right to explore a place no human has even been?' This has proved to be such an engaging question for the children to explore, both in terms of learning about space but also the moral aspect of this question too. Lots of facts were shared in the assembly together with a singing few songs, showing some giant artwork they created with Darrell Wakelam and doing some performance poetry, it really was a mid-week treat, and everyone involved should feel proud of their contribution.

We look forward to welcoming many of you into school for Parents Evening next week, (and if you haven't yet made an appointment then please do not hesitate to contact the School Office), but in the meantime have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Mr B Ellis

Diary Dates

February 2025

Tuesday 11th – Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 11th – Parents Evening 3.30 – 6.00pm
Wednesday 12th – Orinoco Class Assembly
Thursday 13th – PTA Fundraiser 'Be Yourself Day'
Thursday 13th – Parents Evening 4.00 – 7.00pm
Friday 14th - INSET DAY (School Closed)
Monday 17th – Friday 21st HALF-TERM (School Closed)
Monday 24th – Pupils return to school
Thursday 27th & Friday 28th - Year 6 SCRIP Train Journeys
Thursday 27th – Y1 Maths Calculation Drop In @ 2.45pm

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Wednesday 5th - Y2 Maths Calculation Drop In @ 2.45pm
Thursday 6th – World Book Day
Wednesday 12th – PTA Money trail Fundraiser
Thursday 13th – Y3 Maths Calculation Drop In @ 2.45pm
Tuesday 18th – School Council Cake Sale
Thursday 20th – Y4 Maths Calculation Drop In @ 2.45pm
Monday 24th – Y4 Runways End Parent Meeting @ 6pm
Thursday 27th - Y6 Maths Calculation Drop In @ 2.45pm
Friday 28th – PTA School 'Easter' Discos

Celebration

These pupils are being celebrated this week in class.

Lunchtime Supervisor Nomination: Ophelia T

Class	Lead Learner	Star of the Week	Weekly Attendance*
Nile	Alice M	Rico G	99.29%
Thames	Evelyn S	Zachary A	94.67%
Amazon	Logan H	Maddi B	98%
Danube	Anaya C	Natalia S	97.08%
Yangtze	Rex T	Tahlia W	98.06%
Onyx	Teddy N	Blake S	97.5%
Orinoco	Ava M	Declan R	91.43%
Zambezi	Ava K	Zade KL	97.89%

*Highest weekly class attendance in bold print

This week's Potley Points results are:

Raducanu – 235 **Williamson – 144**
Peacock - 250 **Farah – 160**

Timestable Rockstars:

Most Active – Zambezi Class

Most Improved – Orinoco Class

Potley Hill Football Update

Since the start of 2025 there haven't been too many sporting events to report about, but this cannot be said for our football teams as the fixtures have come thick and fast. A 'double double header' took place over last weekend with both the girls and boys teams playing their counterparts from Dogmersfield Primary School at home on Friday before going away to Hook Juniors on Monday. In their first match of the season the girls narrowly lost to Dogmersfield 1-0, but this stood them in good stead for the match on Monday where Olivia scored twice to get the team's first goals of the season and put them in the lead. However, this was not quite enough as Hook Juniors came from behind to win 3-2 in an incredibly close game. On the adjacent pitch, the exact opposite was happening as the boys team won 3-2 following a last minute goal from Luka to secure the victory in a fantastic game between two evenly matched sides. This followed on from a 7-0 victory for Potley Hill last Friday in an enjoyable game where the boys played some great football and won in a respectful way. All pupils who represented the school in these matches should be proud of their contributions, especially away at Hook Juniors where both the joy and pain of sport was etched on their faces as they walked off the muddy pitches at the end; well done all!

Emails have already been sent regarding which of these clubs will be running next week with Parents Evenings taking place.

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

PTA Fundraiser - Be Yourself Day on Thursday 13th February

With Children's Mental Health Week having taken place this week, we thought it would tie nicely to our fundraising idea of being yourself. On the last day of the half-term, next Thursday 13th February the children are encouraged to come to school in whatever clothes make them feel like them. The PTA are asking for a £2 cash donation to be brought to school with the children on the day to help us hit our goal for the year. The PTA thanks you for your ongoing support.



What's Up with WhatsApp?

Safer Internet Day takes place next Tuesday 11th February and this year's theme 'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online' will be explored with the children throughout the day. In keeping with the theme of a 'safer internet,' with an increasing number of children having mobile phones, you might want to read the articles below which contain relevant guidance about 'WhatsApp' and its use by children.

['Is WhatsApp safe for my child?'](#)

['Everything you need to know about WhatsApp'](#)

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.

****Please note the change of menu for this Thursday 13th February Week 1****

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
W/c 10 th Feb, 10 th Mar	Veggie Bolognese pasta	Vegetarian sausage roll with crinkle cut wedges	Homemade Margherita pizza	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	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
	Shortbread	Fruit, mousse or jelly	Rice crispy cake	Love cake
Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
W/c 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
	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
	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
Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
W/c 3 rd Feb, 3 rd & 24 th Mar	Macaroni cheese	Veggie cottage pie	Homemade Margherita pizza	Quorn and pastry crown
	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
	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