

Friday 24th March 2023 - SPRING 2 NEWSLETTER

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Safeguarding Statement: This school takes notice of and adheres to all the national and local policies and guidance in regard to Safeguarding Children and Young People.

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Safeguarding Deputies: Mrs. S Hulme, Mrs F Black & Mr S Pratsis & Mrs E Heath, Safeguarding Governor: Mr. T Richmond

A message from Mrs Hulme



Dear Parents and Carers,

Only one more week of term to go! We lose an hour over the weekend as the clocks go forward but with the brighter days, hopefully we will manage the loss of sleep within the exciting prospect of the Easter break to follow.

Thank you to the infant families who have contributed towards filling our wheelbarrows with new flowers, they really brighten up the front of the school.

However, it is a bit of a sad day at the nursery and infant school today as we say farewell to our school babies-



the chicks! We were delighted to see the eggs hatch (100% success rate this year), watching them grow so quickly to form little balls of fluff into the next stage where they are starting to grow their teenage feathers.

With the last week of term approaching, we will be preparing for the events of Holy Week in school and the coming of Easter.

We are delighted to see the return of Mr Patrick, who taught at the junior school a few years ago. Mr Patrick will be the music teacher across both schools; we are looking forward to hearing the children singing again together more often and to look for more opportunities to use instruments to enhance the lessons. Lots to look forward to.

Spirituality News

Lent continues, and the Chaplaincy Team at the Junior School have invited pupils to the chapel at lunchtimes to write prayers this week. We have written teaspoon prayers: in recipes teaspoon is often written as TSP, so we write using Thank you, Sorry, Please. We have added these to our display in school.

We continue finding out about Catholic Social Teaching, and our focus this month is on Solidarity. This tells us that we must show care to everyone and not walk on by, 'blind' to the needs of others. We are connected to people all over the world. **"All of you are one in Jesus Christ."** Galatians 3:28

Table Talks - Can a dog be kind?



News for the week

Infant - Stars of the Week

R Hedgehog	Nolan
R Fox	India
R Squirrel	Sean
1 Robin	Roisin
1 Sparrow	Teo
1 Wren	Daniel
2 Heron	Isabella
2 Jay	Charlotte
2 Woodpecker	Kayla

Junior - House Points

4th place is Fisher

3rd place is Becket

2nd place is More

1st place is Clitheroe



Juniors - Star Writer

3 Willow	Gabby
3 Mulberry	Poppy
3 Hawthorn	Tyrell
4 Poplar	Cian
4 Ash	Harris
4 Rowan	Frank
5 Elm	Mandipa
5 Sycamore	Izzy
5 Birch	Edna
6 Copper Beech	Aoife
6 Oak	Michelle
6 Chestnut	Timmy



Football

On Monday afternoon, the boys A football team took part in a match against Stanley Park. The boys played brilliantly and managed to secure a 2-0 victory. The boys have really developed as a team and have worked incredibly hard throughout the season, which has been fantastic to see! A big thank you to all the family members who came to support and a huge well done to the team.



Cross country

On Wednesday afternoon, 20 athletes from Year 3 took part in a cross-country event at Beddington Park. Over 4 races, the team worked so hard to score very highly in the field of runners and take away a number of medals! A huge well done to Poppy (who had a very close sprint finish) and Aniyah who won their event. The children were incredibly supportive and encouraging of one another, running alongside each other and cheering everyone on. Thank you to all the family members who came to the event, we really appreciate your support in ensuring we can attend these events.



Netball

Our Year 6 netball A and B team played against St Cecilia's on Wednesday after school. Both teams managed to secure a win, with the A team winning 5-1 and the B team winning 6-1. The teams worked brilliantly to rotate some of their positions trying to play in new areas of the court. Thank you to all the family members who came along to support and a big well done to both teams!



Top of the Form Quiz

On Tuesday afternoon, our Top of the Form quiz team took part in the second round of the Sutton Schools competition. They were away to Brookfield Academy and did extremely well to win 55-50 and secure a place in the quarter-finals. Our squad is made up of Michael, Niamh, Jia, Alice and Jethro, all in Year 6, and their general knowledge is impressive to see - they represent the school very well! Thanks to all the parents who took them to the event and cheered them on.



Wednesday Word

Please click on the link below to access the weekly Wednesday Word - <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/compassion?pid=MTA101634&v=88.1>



As a school, we aim for 97.4% attendance, which would bring us in line with expectations. Unfortunately, many children had not achieved this percentage last term. We really need the help of our parents to raise our attendance this term by ensuring children are attending school each day.

Registration Group	Attendance %	Punctuality (lates) %
Froglet AM Nursery	95.4	0.27
Froglet PM Nursery	81.3	0.27
R Fox	93.9	0.50
R Hedgehog	93.2	0.20
R Squirrel	96.5	1.03
1 Robin	93.7	0.63
1 Sparrow	94.2	0.26
1 Wren	93.3	0.45
2 Jay	96.2	0.31
2 Woodpecker	96.0	0.61
2 Heron	93.4	0.17
3 Mulberry	96.7	0.20
3 Willow	96.1	0.11
3 Hawthorn	96.9	0.19
4 Poplar	96.9	0.56
4 Ash	94.4	0.33
4 Rowan	95.6	1.64
5 Elm	97.0	0.28
5 Birch	95.5	0.41
5 Sycamore	96.3	0.10
6 Chestnut	96.1	0.40
6 Oak	96.2	0.99
6 Copper Beech	96.3	0.09



Dear Parents/Carer's,

World Autism Acceptance Week is happening from 27th March to the 2nd April 2023.

To celebrate this, Cognus will be holding a series of workshops, presentations, and activities for education professionals, parents, and young people. Attached is a schedule of events. Booking links for all events are on the attached flyer. You can also find more information listed here <https://www.cognus.org.uk/services-for-professionals/autism-and-social-communication/autism-week/>

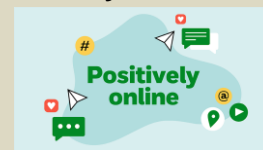
We hope to see you all there!

Best wishes,

Cognus Clinical Psychology Team

Safeguarding News

Positively online: healthy habits for online wellbeing



We believe that going online should be a positive experience for all children.

That's why we've launched our positive online habits – six top tips to help your child feel good about how they use the internet.

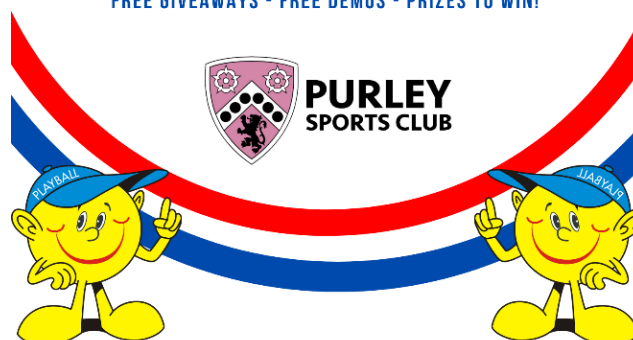
They can help you start a conversation with your family about online wellbeing. So you can all feel informed, confident and happy during your time online. [Read more](#)



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