



# P.P.S. NEWSLETTER

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26 January 2023  
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Dear Parents/Carers,

### Headteacher for the Day

On Monday 9th January Miss Williams became our Headteacher for the day after her letter was chosen by our governors. Miss Williams had a packed day, which included welcoming children to school, a staff meeting, meeting with our Premises Manager and Office Manager, led whole school Collective Worship, break duties, lunch in staff room, taught Elm Class and of course eating cake.



### TAG Rugby at the Weald

Our hardy tag rugby team braved the cold and ventured to the Weald Community School in Billingshurst to compete in a tag rugby tournament on Wednesday afternoon. Our squad was a mix of children who have played club rugby and others who were fairly new to the sport.

The fixtures with the six other teams were announced and it turned out we had some extra time to 'warm-up' as we were not playing in the first set of games.

Barns Green were our first opponents (who had already played their first match) and it took us a few minutes before the children realised running backwards to avoid getting tagged was not the best tactic! Lesson learnt, we lost 10-5 but with a much better sense of how to win the next fixtures. Sure enough, we then went on to beat Billingshurst B (20 - 0), Plaistow (15-0), Shipley (20 - 15) and draw with Billingshurst A (5-5). Our team were delighted with a superb set of results and more importantly, the sense that we were performing really well as a team. Almost every member of our squad scored a try! When the results were announced, we were told that we were joint 1<sup>st</sup> place with Barns Green. Unfortunately, the presence of all those primary school teachers meant that the organisers' scores were scrupulously checked and it transpired that we had actually come second overall. A fantastic, but slightly bittersweet result for our team!





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## Athletes

On Friday 20th January, we took eight athletes to participate in the annual MRC Quad Athletics event. Each child would attempt the standing long jump, 600m run, vortex throw and a 75m sprint.

Our first event was the standing long jump and we had some very good attempts. Our jumps ranged from 1m 20cm to 1m 85cm.

The 600m 'jog' was next. Each school ran separately, which meant our team were chasing Shay all of the way round. Again, some good times and it was great to see that the children try so hard to get their fastest time. I especially liked their sprint finishes. It was also lovely to have a couple of minutes of quiet after their run!

Next was the vortex throw. Once again we had a range of distances, with our best approximately 27m.

The final event was the 75m sprint, and it was great to see our children try so hard to get their best times. Lots of smiles as they finished.

With no results until the MRC Sports Leaders have collated all of the data, the event was a sporting success. Another opportunity for our children to compete against other schools and experience different sports. However, I think we will replicate this as one of our intra sports events later on in the year to let all of our children challenge each other.

A big thank you to the MRC Sports Leaders, who were responsible for measuring the distances and timing the events. Well done!



## Rubbish Collecting

We would like to highlight something that one of our children has been doing most days, after school, for several weeks now. Alfie, in Willow Class, has taken it upon himself to collect rubbish as he walks home from school. This is a brilliant initiative and so community spirited. We have discussed this in

school, so we hope fewer people will throw rubbish on the floor and dispose of their rubbish in a bin. Well done Alfie!

## Young Voices

13 children, two teachers, one incredible experience...Young Voices 2023! On Monday 23rd January, we, Petworth CofE Primary School, visited the O2 Arena in London to sing along with a choir from all over the country with Heather Small leading the singing. This was definitely something all of our children could be proud to be involved in.

The excitement started as soon as we arrived at Pulborough train station. There were some nerves, some worries, some very excited children and Miss P-H. Our journey was pretty uneventful until we embarked on the train on the London Underground. For many of the children it was their first time and they were shocked how noisy it was.

After five stops, we reached North Greenwich and the O2 Arena. After a quick look around and after eating our lunch, we found our way to our seats. To our amazement we were in a suite, the Audi suite.

Our children were very excited about the prospect of singing and waited pretty impatiently for the rehearsal to start. While they were *searching for a hero*, the children finally started going through the repertoire of songs. There was a great atmosphere for the rehearsal, which really got the children going.

After over two hours of rehearsing and the children were up and down, singing, dancing and then Heather Small was introduced to the crowd and children went wild. What a voice!

Once rehearsal completed, the children could relax in our suite, have a snack and get prepared for the concert.

As 7pm drew closer, the arena started to fill up and the children were trying to spot their relatives. Finally, the arena was full and the children were *moving on up* the aisles, ready to perform. The show was fantastic and it was the first time the children had sung with the light displays, an audience and the intensity of a performance. Our children really enjoyed the experience and were still buzzing when we arrived back at Pulborough train station at 11.40pm.

Young Voices is more than just singing. It is having the opportunity to see world class musicians, singers, dancers, beat boxers as well as being part of the show. Hopefully the children will recognise that what they have done today, should make them feel proud!



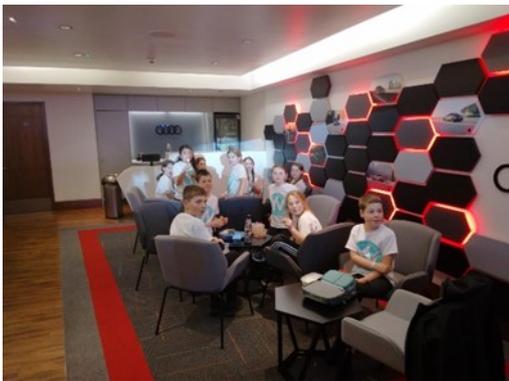
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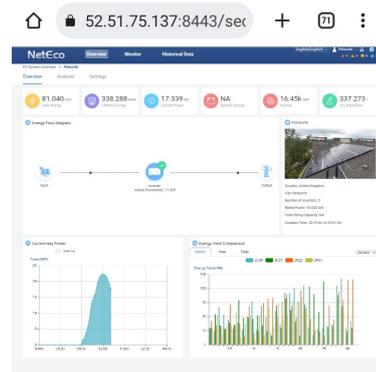


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ideas, please ask your child(ren) to tell their teacher.



## Class Reading Books

### Oak Class

Oak Class are currently reading ‘The Whale’ by Ethan and Vita Murrow .

### Ash Class

Ash Class are currently reading ‘The Iron Man’ by Ted Hughes/ illustrated by Chris Mould.

### Rowan Class

Rowan Class are currently reading different picture books with a focus on homes and characters.

### Beech Class

Beech Class are currently reading ‘The Christmasaurus’ By Tom Fletcher.

### Maple Class

Maple Class are currently reading ‘The Adventurers and The Great Continental Chase’ by Jemma Hatt.

### Elm Class

Elm Class are currently reading ‘Kensuke's Kingdom’, a book by Michael Morpurgo.

### Willow Class

Willow Class are currently reading ‘Where the World Ends’ by Geraldine McCaughrean.



## Solar Panel Update

In June 2019 we installed solar panels on our roof as another step of trying to be as carbon neutral as possible. Since then we have stopped over 330t of carbon dioxide entering the atmosphere.

You will see on the screenshot that income is over £16000. We do not receive that income, but we do get reduced rate for our electricity costs.

We are always looking for ways to reduce our impact on the environment and teaching children about this. If you have any

## SPAG Fact

Grammatical Feature: Capital Letters

Definition: Uppercase letters

Example: Capital letters are used:

**TO BEGIN A SENTENCE**

**TO BEGIN PROPER NOUNS**

**TO BEGIN WORDS IN TITLES**

**TO BEGIN WORDS OF EXCLAMATION**

**TO BEGIN WORDS HE, HIM, HIS WHEN REFERRING**

**TO GOD**

**TO WRITE THE PRONOUN ‘I’**



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## Class Dates for your Diary 2022/2023

Tues	31	Jan	Elm Class Geography Slindon
Thurs	2	Feb	Parliament Trip Willow Class
Fri	3	Feb	MRC Cross Country
Weds	8	Feb	Basketball at The Weald Billingshurst
Thurs	9	Feb	Beech Class Forest School
<b>Fri</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Break up for Half Term</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Inset Day School Closed</b>
<b>Tues</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Back to School</b>
Tues	21	Feb	Elm Class Newland House Gallery Visit
Fri	24	Feb	PPSA School Disco (details to follow)
Tues	28	Feb	Goodwood Farm Ash Class (details to follow)
Fri	3	Mar	MRC Tag Rugby
Fri	24	Mar	MRC Netball
<b>Fri</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>End of Spring Term</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>Back to School Start of Summer Term</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Bank Holiday School Closed</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Bank Holiday School Closed</b>
<b>Tues</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>SATS Week</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Break up for Half Term</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>Inset Day School Closed</b>
<b>Tues</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>Back to School</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>End of Summer Term</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Sep</b>	<b>Start of Autumn Term</b>

Please click on the link below for further dates in the school calendar.

[www.petworth.w-sussex.sch.uk/web/calendar/9194](http://www.petworth.w-sussex.sch.uk/web/calendar/9194)

## Inset Days 2022/2023

Mon	20 Feb	Inset Day
Mon	5 June	Inset Day



## Community Day

Saturday 22 April 2023



Inviting businesses, agencies and groups to join our event to demonstrate what our local community offers

If you are: locally produced - locally grown  
eco-friendly - sustainable - renewable  
recycled or recyclable

Why not come and join us?  
We want you!!

ALL STAND & EXHIBITION SPACE

10am - 2pm

FREE OF CHARGE

For more information email: [madeline.hathaway@mrc-academy.org](mailto:madeline.hathaway@mrc-academy.org) or contact the College Office on: 01730 812451

BE A PART OF THIS WELL-ESTABLISHED AND MUCH ANTICIPATED EVENT

Crafts at



wind in the willows

Family Craft  
workshops

Monday 13th February



10.30-12.00

1.00-2.30

£5 per child



Booking Essential

Held at Coultershaw Heritage Site

Email [Events@coultershaw.co.uk](mailto:Events@coultershaw.co.uk)