



# Newsletter

March 2019



## The Ducklings are on the Way...

Dear Parent/ Carers,

Welcome back, I hope you had a great half term with your children and got to enjoy some of this amazing weather! We have only been back a week and already it has been go, go, go! Year 4 had a Science Workshop on Wednesday, Reception went shopping to Tesco's for pancake ingredients, the Netball Team took part in the Harrow Tournament and Year 5 went to watch Nower Hill's Spring Production. It is great that the children get to experience so many 'wow' moments outside of those offered in the day to day curriculum.

We are set for a busy half term ahead! It is also the month when you get to hear about your child/ children's progress so far this year, as we invite you to join us for Parents/ Carers Evening. These will take place on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March. Sign up will open on Parentmail on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March and will be open until 3 days before the session starts. I look forward to seeing you then.

Miss Sarah Marriott

## Marvellous Maths Hats

Thank you for all your efforts with recent Maths Hats Homework. The hats were brilliant and the children were very proud of their creations. We had a school parade on Tuesday and the children enjoyed sharing the hats between year groups.



## Consent for Trips

At Pinner Wood we aim to offer an exciting range of trips and experiences. However, often for a child to take part we need your consent. **You need to sign the form issued on ParentPay.** Without this your child cannot take part. Our office team are spending a lot of time chasing parents who have forgotten to give consent.

From this month, if the form is not signed we will give one reminder by Parentmail or phone. If we still do not obtain your consent your child will not be able to take part (we will not chase you). This is heart-breaking for us and them– so please make sure forms are filled in. If you need support with this, please contact the office team.



## The Ducklings

For the first time, Pinner Wood will welcome ducklings. The eggs will arrive on the 18<sup>th</sup> March and the children will be able to watch them hatch. We will keep them in school for two weeks before returning them back to the farm, which will be their home.

This is a very exciting project and I know the children will really enjoy it.

Thank you to Mrs Gilbert for organising and acting as our 'Duck Mother' whilst they are here.





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## Farewell to Mr Hynes

It is with great sadness that we will bid farewell to Mr Pete Hynes at Easter. Mr Hynes has been offered a permanent Assistant Head Role in Northampton. He has been at Pinner Wood for the past eight years and has gone from student teacher to Acting Assistant Head – a huge achievement in such a short time!

Pete officially left two years ago, when he relocated with his family to Bedford. But soon after he resigned, ‘the hole’ appeared and Pete felt he could not leave PW at that difficult time. He stayed on to support the school and then to cover Miss Loake’s maternity leave. He has been making a three hour (on a good run) daily commute and I am so thankful for everything he has done for the school. We are very sad to see him (finally) leave and he will be missed. However, we know he will make a great Assistant Head at Spring Lane.

There is a collection in the office if you wish to contribute. Miss Loake will be back in post after Easter and we are looking forward to having her back.



**Year 2 – Mexico Day**

### School Dinner Survey.

As you are aware, we have invested a lot of time this year into ensuring that there is a high quality lunch service at Pinner Wood. The feedback from the dining room is very positive and I am seeing lots of smiling, happy faces. However, we want to capture your thoughts. We would like to hear what is working and any suggestions you might have. Please take time to fill in our survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NTM9672>

Some of the questions will need your child’s input so if possible please do it together. The survey will close on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March and will be shared with the catering team.

### March Dates

- 5<sup>th</sup> Harrow Swimming Competition**
- 6<sup>th</sup> Schools Choir Showcase
- 7<sup>th</sup> WORLD BOOK DAY**
- 11<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Maths Challenge
- 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Bikeability**
- 15<sup>th</sup> Year 4 Bikeability**
- 26<sup>th</sup> String Festival
- 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> Parent Consultations**

### News

Well Done to our Netball Team who finished 5<sup>th</sup> (out of 25 schools) in the recent Harrow Netball Tournament.

### News

Our next family workshops will take place on

**Coffee Morning** – Thursday  
2<sup>nd</sup> May 9am\*

**Staying Safe Online-parents/carers workshop**  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm  
*\*Change from 27<sup>th</sup> March*

