



Newsletter

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Launching the Pinner Wood Mile...

Dear Parent/Carers,

Thank you for your understanding that we had to close the school on Friday, due to the adverse weather. However, the cold weather has not stopped us enjoying a month of sport! We launched the Pinner Wood Mile and the children have been running regularly each week. They are seeing the benefits too and many are finding that they can already achieve a few more laps each time. We will be marathon ready by the summer! PW had a fantastic 'Good to Be Me' PSHE Day this week and the children loved moving around the classes. It was lovely to hear them celebrating their unique qualities but I was most impressed by the kind things that they had to say about each other – it was such a positive day. Many parents have asked me about term dates (after September 2019). There was a delay from Harrow Council in sending these but they are now up on our website. Please only book holidays in the school holidays - we cannot authorise term-time requests. All the exciting things that we have been up to have been posted on twitter, so if you haven't already, please take a look... @PinnerWoodSch or on our website www.pinnerwood.harrow.sch.uk

Miss Sarah Marriott



Coffee Morning/ Online Safety Day

Thank you to those that attended the Online Safety Coffee Morning this week – we hope you found it useful.

We understand that the timing is not suitable for all, so the information has been shared on our website.

Next week is **Safer Internet Day** and Mr Williams has co-ordinated a programme of assemblies and lessons for the whole school on this subject. We will be discussing online safety a lot in school. Please find time to reinforce the messages about keeping safe at home too.

After School Club

The expansion has been well received and the children are having a great time. They have been impressed by the variety of activities on offer including: cooking, crafts, sports and music.

Thank you to all of the staff involved in this transformation.

There are a few spaces available on various days; Mrs Terry will contact parents on the waiting list to offer places where applicable.





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Prefects

Welcome to our fabulous new team of Prefects (Year 6) and Junior Prefects (Year 2). You are doing a great job of helping us run the school!

Attendance

You will be aware that we take attendance very seriously at Pinner Wood and 97% is always our aim. We have just updated the prizes for our attendance raffle (Year 1-6) and the children are very excited.

We have also reviewed the criteria for our 100% attendance badges, awarded in July. This year we will consider any child who is achieving 97% and above attendance throughout the year. This will allow us to make allowances for absence that could not be missed e.g. hospital appointments, music exams etc.

We will still not allow holidays or non-urgent appointments that can be made in holiday time e.g. dentist appointments. I hope this helps us make 100% achievable for more pupils.

Late Collection

We are having a few issues with children that are collected late. Please remember we do not have facilities to cater for late children and you must make arrangements to collect on time. This can be very distressing for children if no one arrives at the agreed time.

In unforeseen circumstances, children are taken to the late room. When parents/ carers collect, they will be asked to give a reason for late collection for our own records. Please do not take offence at this. We will not tolerate abusive behaviour towards staff.

February Dates

- 7th Feb Year 3 and 4 Gymnastics Tournament
- 15th Feb- Golden Breakfast
- 15th Feb – Mexico Day Year 2
- **25th Feb Closing date for Nursery applications**
Advanced Warning:
- Thursday 7th March – World Book Day (children can dress up)
- Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th March – Parent Consultation Evenings.

News

We are currently recruiting for 'As and When' Midday Supervisors. This is a bank of people we can call upon if we need lunch cover. If interested please contact the school office.
*Please note employment is subject to DSB checks and induction.

Welcome

Congratulations to Mrs Mohr and her husband who are expecting their first baby in June. Mrs Mohr hopes to go on Maternity Leave in May and we will keep you updated on her cover arrangements.

