



Newsletter

Monday 15th June 2020

We are 'Bubbling'!



Dear Families,

I hope that you have had a good week. You might be getting used to the routines by now or if you're like my family- we are still finding the juggling act of working, family life, childcare and missing our relatives an on-going challenge! We hope that some of our PW strategies and support are helping. Here is what has been happening:

The School

Year 6 returned last week and were amazing! They were so mature; and what impressed me the most was how they all got on and supported each other, even if they were not with all their close friends. We saw our values of kindness, responsibility and resilience all in action! 33% of Year 1 will join this week and 50% of Reception. The Year 1's that joined today were brilliant – they were a bit anxious at first but by playtime were playing happily and telling me they were enjoying being back! I have put some photos on Twitter. We understand some families are still very cautious about the situation and also older siblings are not back, so they have decided to keep children at home. However, we have space if you change your mind.

We are making plans to welcome Nursery and Year 5 next week. Surveys and details will be sent out this week. We still have no official guidance but we want to welcome year five so are going ahead with our plans.

The Small School

Our wrongly named 'small school' has now turned into a rather 'large' school. We have a maximum of 40 places over three bubbles. We are nearly at full capacity. We do not have any other staff available to extend this provision. Therefore, it is crucial that you tell us if you no longer need a space in this provision. Some families have booked spaces but then do not turn up!

Virtual School

We have now launched our revised offer. Thank you to the whole PW team expertly led by Mrs Bretayne and Miss Copas who worked hard on this. Thank you for all the positive feedback for the teaching videos that have been shared - it means a lot. Teaching virtually is a new skill to all of us and each week we learn more! Attached to this letter is our revised plan. However, please note that as of next week, all of our staff (who can) will be teaching in school so their time will be more limited. However, we are still planning to deliver our online learning offer for pupils.

Phone calls

Hopefully, you will have now received a supportive call from our team. (We only called year 6 families not in school.) Some families did not answer when we called. If we have not spoken to someone and you would like to speak to us, please do get in touch.

Many Thanks

Miss Marriott





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Last Week's Photography Challenge

What a fabulous challenge- what great photographs we have!

Thank you for sharing your 'life in lockdown' and 'letter' challenges! I am now seeing letters everywhere I go! Thank you Mrs Bretayne for your inspiration. Please keep sharing - here are a few of your contributions so far...



This Week's Challenge... Miss Margrave's Poetry Challenge



This week I have a poetry challenge for you! I have chosen two poems for each key stage linked to Summer.

Your challenge is to choose either poem 1 or 2 (or both) and learn the poem off by heart.

We would love to see videos of you performing your poem with a clear, loud voice and wonderful expression. You could use actions or objects to help perform your poem.

As an extra challenge, you could draw a picture to represent the message in your poem.

I can't wait to see all your hard work!

Miss Margrave



Assemblies and challenges

These are posted on our PWS Facebook page.

I will now post the assembly and challenges on DB Primary too. There is a 'Pinner Wood School' tab and you will find it in here.

This will be posted on a Monday.





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Staying Safe Online

We are all working more virtually than ever before! The internet has huge benefits – where would we be without online learning platforms, virtual chatting and online shopping, to name a few!

However, we have also seen worrying news reports that more children are being targeted online during this time. We do not want to panic you and we hope PW children are well equipped with safety skills, but we feel it is always important to remind them of important internet protocols. We have put together some useful resources to support you.

Our top tips:

1. Have open dialogue with your child about what they are doing online.
2. Remind them to report anything that they are unsure of.
3. Never give out personal detail online.
4. Monitor what your child is accessing.



Here are some useful links:

- [Safer internet - keeping children happy and safe](#)
- <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/training>
- [Be Internet Legends](#)

School Lunches

We have temporarily changed our system. If your child is coming to PW and would like a school lunch, please sign up and make your selection by **11am on the day before**. This is because we only have one chef on site and we want to give her time to prepare. Lunches are 'packed lunch style' for the current time.



Support

We are still here for you.

Someone from Pinner Wood will call you over the next two weeks. This is a support call with a purpose to 'check in.' With your permission, they can speak to your child.
Year 6 - we will only call those that do not come into school – again in a supportive way.

Be Internet Legends.

Being an Internet Legend means being sharp, alert, secure, kind, and brave. To demonstrate these qualities, I plan to stick to the following guidelines:

- Think Before You Share**
I will thoughtfully consider what I share and with whom, and keep extra-sensitive information to myself (such as my home address, current location, or other people's business).
- Check it's For Real**
I will watch out for phishing and scams, and report questionable activity every time.
- Protect Your Stuff**
I will take responsibility for protecting important information by crafting strong and unique passwords with characters, numbers, and symbols.
- Respect Each Other**
I will spread positivity and use the skills I have learned to block and report negative behaviours.
- When in Doubt, Discuss**
I will use my voice when I notice inappropriate behavior and seek out a trusted adult to discuss situations that make me uncomfortable. Because that's what it takes to be a safe and fearless explorer of the online world.

Signed: _____

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Pinner Wood Facebook Group - PWS

As you are aware, last term we started a Pinner Wood Facebook Page. This will continue for this half term. We would not normally use Facebook to promote learning at Pinner Wood but it is the easiest site for us to share what we have been doing with our families.

Our Facebook Rules:

- Facebook is for 13 years and over – this is for parents but we hope you share the content with your children. We will not accept requests from pupils.
- It is a private, closed group – please request if you would like to join by following the link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/596043770991648/>
- We cannot guarantee that everyone is a parent of PWS, but are asking you not to share this link outside of our community so we can keep it to Pinner Wood People.
- We can use this group to share ideas. We will set up some weekly questions/challenges on a Monday and if you want to, please respond.
- We will use some of the photos posted for newsletters/assemblies – please let me know if you do not wish your photos to be used for this purpose.
- On Friday –we share a weekly ‘celebration’ on-line with you all.
- Please DO NOT use the groups to comment about the work set and/or school business- such queries should be directed through DB Primary or office@pinnerwood.harrow.sch.uk and not shared as a group.
- This group is just temporary and will be closed once ‘normal business’ resumes.
- We hope it is a useful and positive way to keep our community together.



Thank you – PW Governors

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank our team of hard-working and dedicated Governors, led by Mrs Carolyn Hector. It has definitely been a fast -paced and challenging few months with a lot of crucial decisions to make. We have met regularly and worked collectively. They don't give us an easy ride – often bringing thoughtful questions and challenging points to our discussions, so that we can all act in the best interests of the families of Pinner Wood. All are volunteers and are often juggling their own jobs, families and other commitments with time for PW. I am sure there are more challenges ahead, but thank you for all of your support so far.

