



Newsletter

Monday 8th June 2020



The New Pinner Wood



Dear Parents/Carers,

Everyone matters at PW

This week, I want to start by reflecting on the wider news. The recent events and protests around the country at the weekend have left us feeling saddened and shocked, but hopefully not alone. I just want to remind you that at PW we all stand together. We are proud that our 'PW family' is so diverse and reflect this to our pupils. We welcome everyone and everyone is important.

Please remember that we are here for you if you do want to talk to us, especially with the possible return to school (for some.) I understand that members of our BAME community may have heightened concerns about the impact of COVID-19 and a return to school. We have spent time discussing this with our staff and if you are concerned please talk to us. Sadly, we can't offer all the answers but can talk through the measures in place. These are also outlined on our website too.

Pinner Wood

It has been busy at Pinner Wood this week! Here is what has been happening 'behind our scenes' and what you can expect over the coming weeks:-

The School

The inside and outside spaces have been totally transformed into a 'socially distanced' school. I cannot begin to explain the level of detail and planning that has gone into this by the team. We have 'bubbles' and staffrooms everywhere to avoid mixing. It has been a huge logistical operation and our site team have, as always, risen to this challenge – there has been a lot of furniture to move and lines to paint! This new way seems particularly strange at PW as we are such a social and 'together' school, but we will adapt to this new challenge and make it good for our returning children.

The Small School

Last week, the children in the small school (Key Worker and those seen as more vulnerable) transitioned into 'bubbles.' We now have three bubbles (EYFS, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2) and up to 12 staff assigned to these each week. It was good to see what works/needs adjusting with this group before we open wider. Thank you to the children in this school who have been amazing and coped so well with a lot of change.

Risk Assessments

We have completed our very detailed assessments process and have what we need in place. Details of these measures and new policies can be found on our website under

<https://pinnerwood.harrow.sch.uk/covid19returntoschool/>

Of course, these will only work if we all work together to follow them. All returning families and our staff have signed agreements to acknowledge the changes.





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Year 6

Today, we welcomed Year 6 'Bubble A' - 66% of year 6 are going to attend this week. It was so lovely to see them and they seemed to enjoy being back. Thank you for everything you have done to prepare your children for what to expect. Of course we are mindful and saddened that this year group are not having the year 6 experience that they so deserve – no journeys, big plays or parties! However, we are all committed to making it as enjoyable as possible in these times and have promised a big celebration, when we can!

Website

A section has been added for those returning to school. Here you will find our policies/procedures but also a wealth of resources to support your child to return. Thanks to Mr Williams and Mrs Bretayne for coordinating this. <https://pinnerwood.harrow.sch.uk/covid19returntoschool/>

Reception, Year 1 and Nursery

Look out for the surveys that will be sent later this week with details of your possible return to Pinner Wood.

These are the dates that we are working on:

Monday 15th June/Tuesday 16th June – Year 1 Group A Return

Wednesday 17th June/Thursday 18th June – Year 1 Group B Return

Tuesday 16th June – Reception Group A return (One day only this week before two days in week of 22nd)

Thursday 18th June – Reception Group B return (One day only this week before two days in week of 22nd)

Monday 22nd June – Possible Nursery return – subject to need – we will be in touch.

Timings will be outlined on the letters. We have given a lot of time to start and end at the beginning but will review after the first week and may change from 22nd June, if it is working.

Year 2,3,4,5

We don't want you to be forgotten in all of this and are trying to plan ways to bring the 'magic of PW' learning to you. Of course this is more challenging this term, as most staff are working in school. However, we met last week and have decided on our renewed approach. You will be getting the same lessons as have been set recently, but we will enhance these with videos and introductions to support your learning and explain trickier concepts. We hope you like it!

We are mindful that all our families' situations/needs differ- some say they find all of this overwhelming and others report that they can't get enough! We have tried to find a balance, without putting excess demands on families. I know we have families who would love 'live video' lessons but we know they would not suit our whole community and there are safeguarding issues – so will not be offering them.

Thank you, as always, for your support,

Miss Marriott





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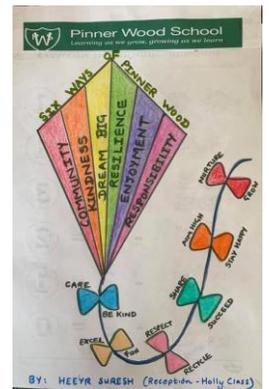


PW Values

Thank you to everyone that took part in this challenge. I am blown away by your creativity - I have to give you lots of 'virtual house points'. Here is some of your fabulous work. We will now look closely and decide on what best suits life at PW.

Inspiration from Pinner Wood School Values by Una Schneider

Imagination and creativity,
Never giving up and always **doing my best**,
Success is something I try to achieve,
Patience and resilience to reach my goal,
I have a **community** that believes in me,
Responsibility and growing up,
Ambition to dream big,
The enjoyment with my friends and the **kindness** they give me,
I strive towards **excellence** and high achievement,
Opportunity I have with the amazing, teachers,
Navigating my day the **Pinner Wood** way.



Last Week's Challenge - Art Challenge- Natural Sculpture

We have been so impressed by all the wonderful 'natural art' you have shown us on our Facebook page, so this week. We definitely have a creative bunch! Please keep sharing.



Assemblies and challenges

These are posted on our PWS Facebook page. From this week, I will 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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This Week's Challenge ...Photography

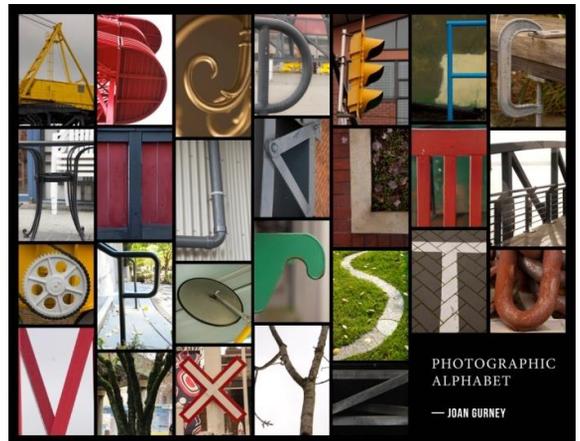
This strange time has already seen our PW family share many wonderful photographs. In today's world, most of us have access to a camera on our phones. We have two challenges for you this week:

Challenge 1: take a photograph that encapsulates this strange time for you or/and your family

Please send us (via FB or DB), a photo/photos that represent a small part of your experience of this lockdown. We want to make them into a collection of our creative response to this unique crisis, something we will be able to look back on in years to come. It could be literally anything!

Challenge 2: I want to make a photography alphabet to display at school.

I would like you to look for letters of the alphabet all around you (outside if possible). This could be actual letters- or shapes of things that LOOK like letters. Take a photograph of a chosen letter and post on our FB page or on DB Primary. Have a wonderful time!



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.





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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.



Sending your child back?

Please look out for **the survey and family agreement** that will be sent over the next few weeks to Reception, Year 1 and Nursery

We will be asking all families to fill in the agreement that outlines the measures we have set to ensure social distancing and safety around our site. We all need to work together to keep our community as safe as possible. When children return they will be wearing uniform but we have relaxed our footwear rules for this period – more details will follow.

