



Newsletter

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Friday Update 5th February

Dear Families,

I hope you are well and are surviving these times, even if you are not thriving just yet! I am sensing this week from families, children and staff, that it could be starting to feel hard. The lockdown has gone on for a while, the weather is gloomy and maybe you just long for some kind of normality back. If you or your child are feeling like this, remember you are not alone – please be kind to yourselves as we draw towards the end of a very busy term. We are not expecting anyone to be perfect and get everything done. If you need to take a break and do something else or maybe take some exercise, that is fine. Remember all we are asking for is to 'try your best' and we recognise that will look different for each learner.

To help, the team have planned lots of exciting events, including a much deserved 'Wellbeing Day' next Friday. The staff have put together some activities that the children may enjoy doing. The morning zooms will be full of fun games celebrating our birthday bunch and in the afternoon we will have our first PW virtual disco (for those who would like to join) - grown-ups welcome too!

Today's survey will be for families. We would like to know how you have found lockdown and our PW remote learning offer. We are not looking to change our approach but constructive ideas are always welcome. Most importantly we want to use it as an opportunity to reflect on how far we have come together and celebrate the many successes we have had in such challenging times. Please take time to fill it in.

We launched 'Practical Maths Friday' to the whole school.

We introduced our new Year 6 Prefects.

*Cedar bubble won our movement challenge they chose BTS - Dynamite
Year 3 Small School got us dancing to 'I'm still standing'*

Work has started in school to change all the lights to LED lights. Well done Carl for securing this grant to make our school more energy efficient and environmentally friendly.

We held a staff training session planning for next week's RE Day.

We were all on the behavior shield and will have a disco to celebrate next week.

The senior team reviewed all the lessons and learning on Seesaw and were very impressed by what we saw!

We read 998 books. Taking us to 1759 in total

The online teachers have paired up and visited each other's zooms to share ideas and offer support.

Next week we will:

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- Hold RE Day
- Hold Well Being Friday
- Launch our half term stones project

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Year 6 Prefects

Welcome to our new prefects:

Prefects are always chosen for their great attitude and embodiment of our PW values. Of course, at Pinner Wood this is always a tough decision as so many children could be prefects! A huge congratulations to this group – we are very proud of you. We will meet on Monday to discuss what a virtual prefect might do.



Mercia	Doriath	Monteverde
Alexia	Una	Nathan
Natasha	Isra	Hafsa
Krish	Emilia	Keira
Arina	Alistair	Tamin
Lukasz	Alexander	Daria

Future Dates

Wednesday 13th February – EYFS/Key stage 1 – Parents/Carers information event – reading/writing

Monday 18th February – Half Term – School Closed

Monday 22nd – Friday 27th Feb – STEM Week

W/C Monday 1st March - Virtual Parents Meetings (dates and times to follow next week).

'Practical Maths' Friday

Mrs Patel (with the support of the team) has launched 'Practical Maths Friday'

This is an initiative to get the children who are working at home, away from the screen and using everyday maths. The children will be set three challenges to be completed at home. They can interpret them in their own way and present their findings in a range of ways. The results so far have been amazing! The children learning in school will also take part in this style of maths.



Heeyr made a DIY scale with a hanger, string and plastic cups



Welcome Back

Welcome back to Mrs Fran Heritage from maternity leave. Mrs Heritage will be covering leadership time at Pinner Wood for Mrs Palmer (Tuesday) and Miss Baker (Wednesday)

The children in these groups will really enjoy being taught by Mrs Heritage.

Family Meetings

We have put aside the above week for our family meetings. These virtual meetings will be a good opportunity to discuss your child's progress.

Details will follow next week and booking will open on Tuesday 23rd February





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Assembly

Please find a link to today's assembly [by clicking here](#).

Family Survey

Our weekly survey can be found [here](#). This week it is to be filled in by families. It will close on Tuesday 9th February at 4pm to give you time to complete it. We have asked you to leave your name so we can get back to you if necessary. We have been overwhelmed by your positive feedback this term. If your experience has been good, we would really appreciate if some of this could be captured here.

Update from Small School

We are planning for the current arrangements to continue after half term. If your child is currently attending our small school provision we will assume that they are returning after half term. If they no longer need to space, please let us know so that we can allocate to someone else.

Wellbeing Friday



On Friday 12th February we will hold a Wellbeing Day. This will focus on doing things the children enjoy. When we have held such days in school they have been very well received. We will be off timetable.

The plan for the day will be as follows:

- **Morning Zooms** (at the usual times) - the theme will be 'fun' and the children will be playing games and celebrating our birthday bunch.
- **Birthday Bunch** – children and adults with birthdays from 1st January until 21st February – if they can/want to – please feel free to attend with birthday badges/decorations.
- **Menu of optional activities** – the staff are currently putting together videos/activities that the children can complete during the day. These are 'feel good' activities – they can choose what they wish to do – or if you have other ideas please feel free to share via Seesaw.
- **PM Disco** – we will attempt our first virtual disco with our favourite Pinner Wood DJ - Adam! All welcome - we might all need a dance at the end of a very hectic term!

**** Please note our celebration assembly next week will take place on Thursday 10th February at 2.30 pm for all children.*

***** Year 5 & 6 Assembly with Mrs Bretayne will take place on Wednesday at 1.30pm*

****** Practical Maths will take place on Wednesday next week instead of Friday*





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RE Day at Pinner Wood- Thursday 11th February.



Every half term at Pinner Wood we hold an RE Day. On Thursday 11th February we will hold this virtually and in Small School.

This is a great day that the children like taking part in. Usually there is lots of lively discussion and thinking generated.

It is a chance to:

- Learn about the religions of others
 - Learn through religions
- Explore key questions related to a specific theme (the question will be on your child's newsletter)

Please note; we never tell children to think or feel in a certain way- we understand the importance of families' beliefs and this is recognised throughout the day.

STEM WEEK



We will hold a STEM Week (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) when we return from half term.

Organised by Miss Khan and Mrs Patel, this is a great opportunity for children to develop their skills in the above areas and carry out practical activities. More details will follow.

Please note; Maths and English will continue this week.

Half Term – Rock and Roll Project

Inspired by Emma Quirke and Flora Richards, we have a PW art and sculpture project for everyone to get involved in. We would like to make some 'pebble art' in our new garden area and need everyone to contribute. Please collect a pebble from school (outside Reception), take it home and paint it; acrylic paint works best (I used acrylic paint pens) but any exterior paint will work. You can leave it one colour or decorate it. Don't worry about doing the bottom of the pebble as this will be hidden in concrete. Bring your decorated pebble back to school after half term and we will combine them to make something beautiful for us all to enjoy when we are all back together again.

Pebbles can be collected from Monday 8th February – Friday 12th February, from 9 – 4 pm.

Children in school will bring one home.

Get Moving Challenge!

Next week will be Miss Marriott's 'Dance along' Challenge! Every day I challenge you to play your favourite song and dance along to collect points for your bubble!





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PW Zoom Code of Conduct

****IMPORTANT INFORMATION****

This week it has come to our attention that a few children are trying to join different zooms by using different names. We have also had a case where a child changed their picture to an image not suitable for school use.

We use waiting rooms so will only admit children who we are expecting to join. Most zooms have two adults so inappropriate behaviour can be picked up. However, we understand that using an online method can leave us open to such issues. To help us:

- Please check in with what your child is doing whilst online
- Please talk to your child about appropriate behaviour
- From next week zoom passwords will change weekly – these will be sent out on a Friday
- Any child showing inappropriate behavior will be removed from a zoom session and families called

Mr Williams (IT Leader) has written this letter to support families:



Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for all of the support you have given over this half term. The children have worked well and have shown true PW spirit in these testing times.

As we use Zoom more and more, we would like to highlight the main rules of how the children should use Zoom in any of their meetings.

- Join 5 minutes early
- Be in a safe space with a neutral background and an adult within earshot
- Dress appropriately for a learning environment (no pyjamas please)
- Turn on your video and mute your microphone (**if you have difficulty with your camera please contact your bubble teacher ASAP**)
- Make the name on the device your own name (**you will not be let into the meeting if you use a different name**)

For safeguarding reasons, in every meeting please ensure there are adults enforcing these rules so they are met. We will remove anyone from the Zooms if they are not following them.

Please ensure that you have this discussion with your child/ren and remind them of these rules we have in place – they are for everybody's safety.

Many thanks
Mr Williams

