



Plumpton Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the penultimate school newsletter of the academic year. Already this term we have participated in a range of exciting events and trips. Read on to find out more...

Welcome to Nero, our PAT dog

This term has seen us welcome in the newest member of our school – **Nero the PAT dog**. Nero, a black, flat-coated retriever, will read with us every Tuesday until the end of the summer term. At the moment he is reading with a dozen children from Robins, Woodpeckers, Kingfishers and Owls classes. In September we'll make sure everyone gets a chance to read with him.



Local artist joins the team – Mrs Griffiths

Woodpeckers and Owls classes have loved working with local artist, **Katie Griffiths**, this term. Woodpeckers have created some beautiful artwork based on their topic of habitats whereas Owls have been inspired by their topic of rivers to experiment with a range of artistic media (collage, paint etc.).



School Council update

In this week's School Council meeting, we have had an update on the anti-idling campaign. The students had set a task for the parish council. They have judged whose poster will be put up by the village railway crossing. The overall winner of the competition was none other than, Matthew Davies whose poster had a fierce message: **NO CHOKO THIS IS SERIOUS.**



Also in our meeting, we discussed the buddy bench, you may have heard that we are now getting a sign to show where you can visit if you are feeling lonely at play time. We hope that this project will encourage you to make friends no matter how long you've known them. **Tilly & Tam (Yr6).**



PGL residential

Our Year 6 pupils have been busy enjoying the perks of moving on this term! Last week Mr Hughes and Miss Manley took our intrepid Year 6s to a residential trip at PGL Windhill Hill in Herstmonceux. Our Year 6s were wonderful ambassadors for our schools and were credited for their courteousness and collaboration. We were particularly proud of their resilience, too – many overcame worries and fears when abseiling and rock-climbing!

Year 6 particularly loved the rifle-shooting, raft-building and abseiling – here are some pictures:



Attendance

We continue to strive for 97% attendance across the school; please make every effort to get your child in school every day on time. If your child is unable to attend school (due to illness) please contact the school office by 9.00am on [01273 890338](tel:01273890338).

Here are the attendance results up to today:

- **Robin Class** – 93.8%
- **Woodpecker Class** – 96.2%
- **Kingfisher Class** – 96%
- **Owls Class** – 96.5%

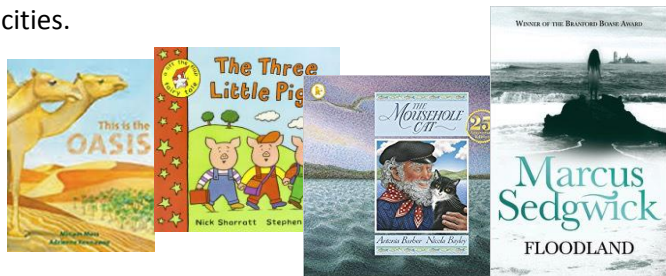


Congratulations go to Owl Class!

Our topics this term

Our Robins have been learning about **Traditional Fairytales** this term and performed a wonderful class assembly in front of their parents this week: they were very convincing pigs and wolves (some rather quite scary!). Our Woodpeckers have been studying **Habitats** this term and are reading two books which encourage readers to delve in different 'Homes and Habitats' from the around world: **This is The Oasis** and **The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch**.

Kingfishers' topic this term is **Water** and they're reading **The Mousehole Cat** which provides rich opportunities for readers to infer meaning from the beautiful illustrations in the text. Owls are also learning about Water and are reading a dystopian thriller called **Floodland** which is all about the effect of rising sea levels on our towns and cities.



Coming up – still lots to come!

Next Friday 28th we're looking forward to exhibiting Plumpton's sporting prowess at our **Sports Day**. We invite parents to join us throughout the day and even to join us for a picnic lunch at 12pm.

Owls are heading to Lewes for their **Moving On Parade** on Friday 5th July; they'll be parading their How to Train Your Dragon-inspired float.

On Friday 12th July, KS2 are proud to perform their take on **Traitors' Quay**, a play based on evacuees who flee to Devon during the Blitz.

Our Class Assemblies

We've really enjoyed showcasing our learning to you this term in our class assemblies. Thank you for taking the time out of your busy days to come and see us:



Class Blogs

Our class blogs are updated regularly and offer a wealth of information. Please use the links below:

Robin Class:

plumptonrobins.wordpress.com

Woodpecker Class: plumptonwoodpeckers.wordpress.com

Kingfisher Class:

plumptonkingfishers.wordpress.com

Owl Class:

plumptonowls.wordpress.com

Dates For Your Diary

June 2019	
Throughout T6	Yr4 Multiplication Check
Friday 21 st	Author visit AM (KS2)
W/c Monday 24 th	Yr5 Bikeability ½
Monday 24 th	Patina Artist Day (Owls)
Wednesday 26 th	Patina Artist Day (Owls)
Friday 28 th	Sports Day
July 2019	
Monday 1 st	School Council Parliament visit
Tuesday 2 nd	Yr5 LOGs Big Dance
Friday 5 th	PATINA parade Owls
Friday 12 th	EofY production (KS2)
Monday 15 th	Yr5 Bikeability ½
Friday 19 th	Last day of term
September 2019	
Thursday 5 th	First day back Term 1

Best wishes,

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