



PRINCE OF WALES PRIMARY SCHOOL



Newsletter 05th January 2018

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Dear Parents, Governors and Friends

We wish our school community a happy new year and hope that you all started 2018 positively recharged after the festive break.

Well done to the 143 pupils who achieved 100% attendance for the Autumn term. Mrs Jones will be rewarding you with an extra treat in the next week. Let's aim for more pupils at the end of this shorter Spring term!

This term we will also look closely at pupils achieving 100% scores in Accelerated Reading. We are delighted to be able to report our first *Word Millionaire* - a pupil who has been a prolific reader since September and who will be awarded a £10 book voucher. Find out who this is further on in our newsletter.

This month will see numerous learning opportunities through an author visit, our ongoing work with the Wetlands Trust (we are still looking for parent volunteers), and the next Headteacher Award: pupils' good behaviour last term will be rewarded with a Peter Pan Pantomime.

The cancelled December Parents' Drop-in has now been rescheduled to a Parents' Evening on Monday 5th February. Finally, you may be aware of the recent report 'Life in Likes' by the Children's Commissioner that highlights concerns about pupils' use of social media. I have provided a brief overview as well as a link to the full report on page 2.

Mr Jan M Bless - Headteacher

Coffee morning Wednesday 17th January 2018 9 to 10 in the Community Room

We will be holding a coffee morning on 17th January; part of the coffee morning is to give parents and carers an opportunity to feedback to the school about the School's Special Education Needs Information Report. Please come along and join us. Ms Paddon.

Our Value for this month is Humanity and Individual Liberty. These pupils modelled the value this week:

Sila 1K, Erblin 1Ti, Beau 1T, Tommy 2T, Rushain 2Th, Brian 2A, Skye 3S, Rhys 3Fe, Jaleel 3F, Glody 4M, Ege 4F, Connor 4R, Q'mani 5T, Miley 5W, Illayda 5G, Helin 6H, Dhenuka 6B, Macy 6T



Breakfast club hours/price Increase

Breakfast Club is now from 7.30am – 8.30am.

£3.00 per day - £15 per week paid via Parent Pay.

This price is for any arrival during the time period.

Breakfast will be served between **7:30am** and **8:00am**.

Congratulations to Mrs Clements, Mrs Milsom and Mr Shah for passing their HLTA course assessments.



Attendance this week

1K 86.67%	2A 93.68%	3F 90.00%	4F 98.81%	5G 91.07%	6B 91.95%
1T 92.42%	2T 91.38%	3Fe 85.63%	4M 94.25%	5T 94.05%	6H 95.40%
1Ti 83.33%	2Th 92.86%	3S 94.25%	4R 81.61%	5W 91.67%	6T 92.78%

Well done to **3S & 4F** for best attendance this week.

Overall attendance since September: **95.45%**

From the Friends of Prince of Wales

Notice: Due to the school being closed on Monday the 11th December, the Happy School Bag clothes collection was cancelled. Friends of Prince of Wales have rescheduled the bag collection of unwanted clothes for **Tuesday 9th January at 11.30am.**

Please bring your unwanted clothing on this day before 11.30am.

The FoP will not collect items after this date and time. Thank you



Dates for your diary

Monday 15th January
Wednesday 17th January 2018
22nd January – 2nd February
Monday 22nd January
Monday 5th February
Monday 12th - 16th February
Monday 26th February 2018
Tuesday 27th February
Tuesday 27th February 2018
Wednesday 28th February 2018
Wednesday 28th March
Friday 30th March – Monday 16th April
Monday 16th April 2018
Monday 7th May
Wednesday 16th May
Friday 25th May 2018
Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June
Friday 20th July 2018

Author Alex Woolf visit
SEND coffee morning 9am
Next phase Wetlands development on PoW Field
HT award: Peter Pan Pantomime
Parents' Evening
Half term
3F to visit the British Museum
Year 4 to the Barbican
3S to visit the British Museum
3Fe to visit the British Museum
Individual photos
Easter Holidays – school closed
Inset day – school closed
Bank holiday – school closed
Year 4 to the Verulamium
Inset day – school closed
Half term – school closed
Finish at 1.30pm for the summer holidays

School Garden Volunteers needed:

We need a few handy and able adults to work alongside our gardeners, premises staff and Wetlands Trust to create and complete a 'skinny wetland' on **22nd and 23rd January from 9am to 3pm.** This task will involve lifting and digging. Refreshments and school lunch included. Please let our school office know if you are interested.

Thank you.

Life in 'likes' - Children's Commissioner report into social media use among 8-12 year olds

Children are being exposed to "significant emotional risk" on social media, particularly as they transition into secondary school, warns the Children's Commissioner.

Failure to act, risks leaving generation of youngsters growing up chasing 'likes' and increasingly anxious due to constant demands of social media, their online image and "keeping up appearances", the report states.

While eight- to 10-year-olds use social media in a "playful, creative" way – often to play games – this changes significantly as children's social circles expand in Year 6 (or the first year of secondary school), it says.

The study suggests some children are becoming almost addicted to "likes" on social media such as Facebook and Instagram as a form of social validation, with many increasingly anxious about how they appear online.

This can be made worse when they start to follow celebrities and others outside close family and friends, whose social media accounts can undermine children's views of themselves. This group grows significantly upon starting secondary school, the report concludes.

The study also highlights that children worry about so-called "sharenting" – where parents post pictures of them on social media without their permission, saying they feel parents would not listen if they ask for them to take photos down.

Anne Longfield, the Children's Commissioner for England, said: "While social media clearly provides some great benefits to children, it is also exposing them to significant risks emotionally, particularly as they approach Year 7.

"I am worried that many children are starting secondary school ill-equipped to cope with the sudden demands of social media as their world expands. It is also clear that social media companies are still not doing enough to stop under-13s using their platforms in the first place."

Ms Longfield said she wished to see children living "healthy digital lives", urging that in order to achieve this parents must engage more with what their children are doing online.

"Just because a child has learnt the safety messages at primary school does not mean they are prepared for all the challenges that social media will present."

Read the full report here:

<https://schoolsweek.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Childrens-Commissioner-report-Life-in-likes-Jan-4-2018-.pdf>



Alex Woolf

<https://alexwoolf.co.uk/>



I'm Alex Woolf and I write fiction and non-fiction for children aged 9 and upwards. This is where you can find out a bit about me and my books. My main passions are history and science, and I've written many non-fiction titles on those subjects. It is probably no coincidence that most of my fiction is set

in the past or an imagined future. What have I got against the present? Nothing at all. I live there – most of the time!

I have been known, occasionally, to venture out of my writer's garret to visit schools, giving talks and workshops on creative writing.

Enfield Literary Festival Presents: Reading Books with Catherine Johnson & Alex Woolf

10 - 12pm Surgery and Talk from Catherine Johnson, author and writer for film, TV and radio (*A Nest of Vipers*, *Sawbones*, *The Curious Tale of the Lady Caraboo*, *Blade and Bone*) talks about, and lends advice on, creative writing.

1- 3pm Workshop and Talk from Alex Woolf, local author, leads a workshop on creative writing, and talks about how his passion for history and science has helped shape his fiction.

3-4pm Lecture by Dr. Katy Beavers, The Charles Lamb Society, presents Charles and Mary Lamb - Idolisation, Inspiration and Insanity.

4-5pm Journalism Talk by Martin Russo, Founder & Editor of Entwo for Enfield, Has the rise of digital media, blogs and hyper-local journalism enriched our local media landscape?



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Author visit to Prince of Wales

We are delighted that author Alex Woolf will be visiting our school on Monday 15th January. He will lead a whole school assembly and then undertake workshops on writing with Year 6.

This visit is part of the Enfield Literary Festival and we are grateful to Martin Russo who has sponsored the visit to our school. Our membership of the Enfield Town Schools Partnership (ETSP) enables opportunities like this.

Alex Woolf will also be leading workshops at

Edmonton Green Library, Edmonton Green Shopping Centre, 36-44 South Mall, London N9 0TN

Parents/families can book here. Tickets cost around £5 (£3 concessions):

<https://www.enfieldfestivals.co.uk/whats-on/?page=2>



Word Millionaire

Well done Esther in 5W for reading well over one million words from her 29 accelerated reading books since September. She is the first pupil to achieve this mile stone and received a £10 book voucher. Esther is an inspiration to other readers. We hope to announce more 'millionaires' in the next terms.