



PRINCE OF WALES PRIMARY SCHOOL

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School Funding letter – How can parents help?

Dear Parents and Carers

Today you will receive a letter that explains the challenges schools face due to budget pressures. Already I have been asked by parents what they can do to help.

- Firstly, use the suggested letter template in the letter I sent to write to your local councillor, Joan Ryan, to express your concerns. Involve other family too - it appears that Government takes particular notice of grandparents.
- Please check your entitlement to Free School Meals, especially if your child is in Year 1 or 2, as this means we get vital pupil premium funding for the rest of the time your child is in our school; regardless if your employment circumstances change. Talk to our school office whether you are eligible.
- Keep an eye on your Parent Pay balance and ensure all items are paid for on time.
- We subsidise and provide free services. They include:
 - Educational Visits: please make the requested contribution towards the costs of these so that they can continue to take place.
 - Mathematics and Reading Eggs: we listened to your request to continue to fund this so ensure your child has access to these learning resources at home. If usage doesn't reach a high enough number, this will be discontinued next year.
 - Additional learning for Year 6: each year we provide morning, holiday and sometimes weekend booster or catch up clubs. Sadly, we often experience poor attendance without explanation. Pupils who attend these make fantastic progress.
 - Looking after and returning library and class books promptly as many go missing or stay at home and we will be hard pressed to buy new ones in the coming years.
- Join the Friends of PoW to help with fundraising or other free initiatives such as running a regular *Reading for Pleasure Morning* or a *Board Games Club*. Come to the Friend's meeting next Tuesday 7th March at 9am in the Community Room to find out more.
- Volunteer at the school.
- Most importantly: support our ethos, aims and values. Ensure your child is ready and prepared for school such as wearing our school uniform, coming to school on time, supporting our behaviour policy and values, reading daily, completing homework and catching up with your class teacher on their progress.

If parents do this, it will allow the teachers to focus on their job of teaching rather than remedying issues.

Thank you

Mr Jan M Bless - Headteacher

Attendance this week

1K 99.29%	2A 96.00%	3F 94.33%	4F 97.00%	5G 95.67%	6B 99.00%
1T 89.63%	2B 97.67%	3H 93.67%	4G 95.17%	5L 96.90%	6H 95.00%
1Tr 97.24%	2F 97.33%	3N 94.00%	4K 97.67%	5W 96.00%	6T 99.00%

Well done to **1K, 6B & 6T** for best attendance this week.

Overall attendance since September: **94.99%**

Cygnnet

Parent Information Sessions about Autism

Are you the parent or carer of a child/young person with a diagnosis of

Autism?

If you live in Enfield and your child/young person is between 6 & 18 years old and is in education, Cygnnet is a **free** course available to you!

Cygnnet consists of 4/5 core weekly information sessions, and 2/3 additional sessions where you can find out more about Autism and learn about strategies to support your child. These sessions are run by Educational Psychologists in a supportive and confidential group.

When: 27th April – 25th May Core sessions 1-5
8th March – 15th June Additional sessions 6 & 7 on supporting siblings (following term on puberty, sexual wellbeing and relationships)

Time: Thursdays 9.30am-12.00pm.

Where: Prince of Wales School Salisbury Road EN3 6HG

For more information or to book a place contact:

Email: admin@enfieldasa.org.uk **Tel:** 0208 353 4186

A referral form must be completed to attend and can be accessed via the website: www.enfieldasa.org.uk/

ENFIELD ADVISORY SERVICE FOR AUTISM



Our Value for February was **Kindness**.
These pupils modelled the value this week:



Aysema 1Tr, Harun 1K Wesley, Caleb 2A, Naomi 2B, Frankie 2F,
Ronald 3N, Adam 3F, Myah 3H, Gervais 4G, Dora 4F, Jack 4K, Ndey 5L,
Artin 5W, Cristiano 5G, Kayleigh 6H, Kennedy 6T, Renas 6B

Poem - Tuana 5W

With a world full of confidence
Here I stand
But with patience and love
Our ambitions will awaken

Celebrating Easter at PoW

As Easter falls at the end of the holidays, we will be celebrating this from Wednesday 19th to Friday 21st April.

Parents are invited to join our Easter Bonnet Parade on Thursday 20th April from 2:30pm. Keep an eye out on further news - as this time we may ask our pupils to design a special themed bonnet ...

'Easter eggs' hunts will take place that week as well.

Friends of Prince of Wales

**Meeting – Tuesday 7th March
9:00am Community Room**

Find out what the Friends have achieved so far.

Have you got ideas that may enhance the learning of our pupils?

Do you want to make a positive contribution to our school community?

We look forward to seeing you next Tuesday morning.

Our Voice



Meet the Heads of SEND Services in Enfield

Friday 10th March: 9:30am – 1:30pm (including lunch)

Dugdale Centre, London Road, Enfield

Our Voice is proud to present this unique opportunity to hear from the Heads of Departments responsible for the provision of SEND services in Enfield.

Education

**Transport, Health
Breaks**

Short

**EP Service Early Years
Speech & Language**

We will have:

- **Updates and Q&A sessions** from the Heads of the Departments responsible for Transport, Education, the Joint Service for Disabled Children, Health, and Educational Psychology.
- This is an exceptional opportunity to hear from the very top, about the changes happening within these services in Enfield,
- **“Top Tips”** from experts on how to communicate with your child,

Places are limited so please ensure you book in advance. A detailed agenda will be published before the event.

For more information, email us at info@ourvoiceenfield.org.uk or contact us on 07516 662315

We look forward to seeing you on the 10th March. **The Our Voice Team**



Mayor's Writing Award

As part of their English lessons Year 4 and Year 5 have been recently writing narrative stories around the theme of Escape. Teachers had to make the difficult decision of choosing stories to be entered for the Mayor's Award Competition.

Finalists were narrowed down to: Emily 5L, Sharon 5L, Alisia 5W, Keira 5G, Fabiano 5G, Jamaal 5W, Filip 4K, Annly 4F, Rishika 4K, Efo 4G.

After a thorough selection process the entries of Rishika and Sharon were put forward for the annual award.

Their stories can be read in a later section of this newsletter.


Congratulations children and we will update you on the outcome of the competition.



Food for thought

Heard at the London Mayor's Education Conference last Friday:

Parents, your children are not [exclusively] *yours*;
strive to be like them, but
not for them to be like you.



What do you think this
speaker tried to say
with this comment?

Agree or disagree?

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 7th March
Wednesday 8th March
Thursday 9th March
Friday 10th March
Thursday 16th March
Monday 20th March
Friday 24th March
Monday 27th March
Monday 27th March
Tuesday 28th March

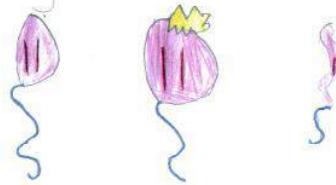
Tuesday 28th March
Thursday 30th March
Monday 3rd – Monday 18th April
Tuesday 18th April
Thursday 20th April
Monday 1st May
Monday 29th May – 2nd June
Monday 5th June
Monday 12th June
Friday 21st July

Friends of PoW Meeting – 9:00 in the Community Room
ESCAPE Parenting Programme -9.00 in the Community Room
Year 5 Palmers Green Mosque
Year 2 Barbican trip
Early Years Maths Workshop - 9.00 in the Community
Parent consultation – year 4 only
Red Nose Day
Key stage 2 Barbican trip TBC
Parent Consultations – every year group except year 4
Individual photos
Sibling photos - **After school until 4.30pm**
Ukulele Concert
Dance Festival
Easter Break
Inset Day School Closed
Easter Bonnet Parade – 2:30 in the playground
May Bank Holiday
Half Term
Inset Day School Closed
Year 6 Residential school journey
School finishes for Summer

The Escape

It was Penny Sill's birthday, although it didn't feel like it. Sadly, it was a school day and Penny HATED school. Three vile, feral bullies made Penny's life at school miserable. She sat quietly at lunch, gazing out of the window, longing for a way out. Just then, she saw there was no teachers on the east side of the playground. "A ha!" she whispered what a great idea. "Hee hee hee." When a teacher wasn't looking she'll jump over the fence and run as fast as a cheetah. After she finished her lunch she rushed outside. At that minute she scanned the playground for teachers, cameras and bullies. Penny stomped her feet up to the silver rough gates, and putting one hand on top of each other, she scrambled to the top. Jump! At this point she was feeling anxious. "Where will I go and live?" she asked herself. Underneath she pressed on. She was innocently walking away when Mrs Mitchell shouted "OI!!" with her terrifying Irish accent. Penny sprinted rapidly until she came to a petrifying

wood with nettle bushes and thorns ever where. She didn't want to go in but what choice did she have? She came to a decision. She was going to hide in a raspberry bush. Penny Mrs Mitchell calling for the police. Sirens were beeping from everywhere, within minutes this place would be crowded with cops. Penny couldn't get out of the bush. "Oh no," she thought. She was STUCK!!! The leaves made noise. Penny saw two officers were approaching. As they knelt down by the green itchy bush, Penny started crying. They pulled her out without one less poking her. They took her back to the police station where her mum, who was visibly upset, met her with loving arms. "Let's go home sweetheart," said mum calmly.



Rishika Deichand
Prince of Wales Primary
class 4k



Talent spotted:

Michael in Rainbow Class drew the HMHS Britannic, a sister ship of the better known RMS Titanic. Both have the typical four funnels and Michael observed the shape of the vessel well showing a good understanding of how much of the ship lies below the water's surface.

Our Value for March is...

Curiosity



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Can you think of ways to demonstrate the Value Curiosity?

"I am eager to find something out about being a detective." Lashae 6T

"Being curious is like going on a learning journey." Leila, 3N

"We can listen to our teacher and ask more questions." Dillon, 6T

"We can be 'curious' by asking questions, to learn more."

Asher, 6B and Annly, 4F

"I am curious to learn more about the world." Sienna, 3H

Learning Together, Growing Together

Escape

It was a cold and dark evening; the day was ending. Pablo, who was 26 years old, had up until now been successfully running his own business in Syria. He lived by himself in a small but comfortable house in the city centre. He had been happy with his family all around him – that was until the war began. Everyday became more dangerous, trying to live a normal life in this country was nearly impossible because of everything going on around him. He knew that it was not safe there anymore, the only escape from it would be to walk to a country nearby, it was a hard decision to make but it was the only way he would be safe.

Now he was packing a few selected belongings into his suitcase, this would be all he would have. He packed only things that were special, only essential clothes that he really needed and some photographs. Therefore, he had to leave behind everything else in his house; most importantly he was leaving his family and friends behind.

His country was in great danger. Even as he stood there, bombs were going off all around him. Behind him, he could hear the loud bangs, people crying and the screaming of people who were running everywhere, this is what it was like every day. Sometimes there were even planes dropping bombs. Buildings, lives and memories were constantly being destroyed.

Nervously, he started his long journey to an unknown country; he didn't have the energy to go any faster. Slowly, he walked and thought about how he was going to get to wherever he was going.

Holding his home in one hand, and his dad's old jacket in the other hand, he carried on walking. One-step at a time and hopefully he would eventually arrive. With each step that he took it became harder and harder. He shed a tear thinking of the good memories in his country [that he was now leaving – but not through choice]. Even though he had only walked a few cities away, he felt like he was on the other side of the world, so different, so much calmer.

Lost in memories, he carried on walking. Would he make it? Could he make a new, safe life for himself? Could he put his life in Syria behind him? He could not answer these questions, all he knew was, that for now he had to carry on and keep going.

With every footstep that he took forward, he had to say out loud to convince himself "I will make it, I have to make it there is no turning back".

Suddenly his eyes were filled with tears of joy and his heart started racing. Sighing, he stared at the sight in front of him, the beauty of it. He had escaped a country, which was at war and was now in a new place, he was getting ready for a new life.

World Book Day 2017

Reading for Pleasure morning

It was great to see so many children and parents reading together at our Reading for Pleasure morning.

A big thankyou to all the parents who came in to read traditional stories in their own language. We celebrated a plethora of languages spoken at our school, including French, Urdu, Turkish, Bengali, Somalian and Gujarati.



Book Swap day was a great success and we will hold another one in the summer term.

Weekly certificates for expressing acts of kindness



Maths awards for exceedingly good progress in such a short amount of time, well done!



Friends of Prince of Wales Needs You

Dear Parents/Carers,

Due to interest from the Parent Forum, we are asking again if any parents/carers or other family members would like to join the Friends of Prince of Wales in raising funds for the use of the school through different events and activities.

The Friends have worked very hard in trying to raise money for the school in the last 7 years and welcome new parents who would like to help as we lose some people every year once their children have reached Year 6.

Most recently, the FOPOW has contributed £3000 towards the new shelters in the playground, please see picture below. This is only one of the many ways that the Friends have helped the school buy things that may not have been able to have otherwise.

If you are interested in being part of the Friends and support the school, then please come to a meeting on **Tuesday 7th March, 9am in the Community Room** where we can meet new people and discuss new ideas.

We look forward to seeing you,

Miss Neyland and F.O.P.O.W



Wednesday 1st March 2017
I can visit and learn more information about a church.

On Wednesday 1st March 2017, Year 4 visited St George's Freshwater Church on Hertford Road. After a short walk, we arrived safely and sat down on the pews in the church. We were kindly greeted by Father Tehman, who proceeded to tell us many interesting facts about the church! The children asked many questions at the end of the workshop too. We all thoroughly enjoyed the visit to the church, and hope to return in the future!



Parent's Coffee Morning



Waverley School

Our vision

Challenging
expectations
and sharing
success

Course summary:

- For parents of children with SEN children in Enfield mainstream and special schools.

Course Aims:

- To give a chance for parents in Enfield to get together over a 'cuppa' to discuss the joys and challenges of having a child special educational needs.
- To have the opportunity to share experiences and ideas to make learning and living manageable for all and to know that there is help and support available.
- A chance to make new friends and contacts.

MONDAY

13/03/17

10-12noon

Coffee morning chats.



**Is there a public
playground suitable
for children with
physical disabilities?**



**My 8 year old child
does not sleep
through the night. ALL
our family are
tired..Help!**



**How can I help my
child interact and play
with his brothers and
sisters?**

Course Costs

- This is a friendly and open coffee morning to be held at Waverley School.
- Parents of Waverley pupils will also be invited.
- Pre-school siblings are welcome along too.
- Please can you pass this information and invite those parents it concerns. It has proved a popular event in the past.
- Please let me know who wants to attend or, alternatively, parents can book directly with me.

Contact Details

Date: 13th March 2017

Location: Waverley School, 105 The Ride, Enfield, EN3 7DL. TEL: 0208 805 1858

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Baby Dolls!

Want you!

OUR TINY TEAM ARE RECRUITING! WE ARE LOOKING FOR ENTHUSIASTIC, BUBBLY AND PASSIONATE KIDS WHO AREN'T AFRAID OF A FUN, NEW AND EXCITING CHALLENGE! AS PART OF OUR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP WINNING PROGRAM, WE STRIVE TO HELP OUR ATHLETES EXCEL IN TEAM WORK, ATHLETICISM AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, HAVING FUN!

CHEERLEADING IS A MASSIVELY GROWING SPORT HERE IN THE U.K. AND IS A GREAT WAY TO INTRODUCE KIDS INTO SPORT AND LEARN SKILLS AND LESSONS THAT THEY WILL CARRY WITH THEM AS ATHLETES AND IN LIFE!

SO IF YOU HAVE A CHILD AGED 3-6 OR HAVE FRIENDS AND FAMILY THAT DO, DON'T HESITATE TO GET IN TOUCH AND COME ALONG!

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AND WE WANT YOU!

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