



PRINCE OF WALES PRIMARY SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER 13th May 2016

Listening Excellence Attitude Respect Negotiate Enjoy Responsible Support

Dear Parents, Governors and Friends,

You may have heard that one of our Year 6 pupils was involved in a serious car accident in Ordnance Road on Wednesday. We are very relieved to share with you that he is making progress in his recovery. Staff were quickly on hand to comfort both the child as well as support his friends and other pupils travelling to school. On page 2, I had already placed information from the Red Cross about Child Safety Week as well as an invitation from the council to participate in cycling skills. This accident should remind us all that the journey to and from school takes us past and across busy roads and it takes all road users to keep their concentration at all times on each other. I especially appeal to drivers to observe speeding limits and to park in designated spaces only (even better: leave the car at home).

Parents, please discuss safer road use with your children, including the risk of playing games on route to and from school. Children, pay attention; roads are not playgrounds.

In the Sats tests we definitely noticed a difference in the required depth and challenge of the new tests. Again I am proud to report to you how well our pupils have conducted themselves in preparation for and during these exams. On Wednesday, they demonstrated a mature attitude in how they coped and supported each other in the aftermath of the accident and the uncertain outcome for their friend, class mate and peer. Shaken and tearful they showed great depth of character when they met with their teachers and school leaders to decide the most appropriate way forward in completing their tests that day.

What next for Year 6? There are still writing assessments to take place and we will work together to ensure the pupils are secondary ready. We will of course offer a Friday Treat to all pupils who meet our high expectations of behaviour for learning. Something tells me that the largest number yet will be enjoying an ice cream next Friday.

Please join me in wishing our Year 2 pupils every success when they undertake their tests next week.

Jan Bless, Headteacher

Our Value for this month is Creativity

The children are exploring the Value 'Creativity'. Through our creative curriculum, the children can explore their imagination, make connections in their learning, and develop their own ideas. At the core of being a 'creative learner' is the ability to problem solve, think critically, and to be able to ask 'big questions'. The children develop collaborative thinking. This means children build upon what a peer says rather than just say their own thoughts. This leads to 'caring thinking', also known as empathy.

Mrs Stylli, PSHE and Values Co-ordinator

These pupils modelled the value of creativity this week; Dilay 1T, Harmony 1A, Umut 1K, Chanel 2A, Dabney 2Ru, Lucas 2Ri, Efo 3F, Ibrahim 3N, Precious 3G, Arthur 4L, Dilan 4H, Mehmet 4F, Ayse 5L, Cheyenne 5S, Mariam 6B, Mustafa 6H, Renae 6B, Sapphire 6T

Attendance this week

1A 90.71%	2A 97.67%	3F 94.83%	4F 97.33%	5L 99.33%	6B 97.50%
1K 97.86%	2Ri 95.67%	3G 97.67%	4H 94.59%	5S 92.00%	6H 98.57%
1T 97.59%	2Ru 98.33%	3N 98.67%	4L 96.67%		6T 98.57%

Well done to **3N & 5L** for best attendance this week.

School Target: 95.5%

Overall attendance since September: **95.26%**



..... Please note that the Children's Centre car park is only for parents who use the Early Learners' Day Care. Drop off for the school cannot be done in the car park

.... Thank you for your co-operation

Red Cross - Help your child stay safe when walking to school

Accidents can happen when we're distracted and that's the theme for next month's Child Safety Week (6 June – 12 June), which reminds us of the importance of paying attention to our surroundings.

You can help children (aged 10 – 11) understand, recognise and minimise the risk when walking to and from school while teachers use a specially designed '[walking to school](#)' plan.

Following the session children will be able to:

- > understand what makes something risky
- > minimise risky behaviour
- > stay safe when walking to and from school unaccompanied
- > use first aid to help someone who has broken a bone
- > get help in an emergency.

Is your child ready for school?

What is school readiness and how does this affect your child? In my reflection on the first page I mention secondary readiness. New research suggests that at least 194,000 pupils could be ill-prepared for the reception classroom in September. Read the full article on:

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/many-pupils-who-start-primary-school-arent-ready-classroom>

Other issues to consider whether your child is ready to come to school at any given time include: having a good night's sleep, ensuring bags and belongings are ready the night before, eating breakfast and not leaving homework until the last minute. It also helps if you inform us of any circumstances that unsettle your child so that we can plan around this. Please remember that teachers and leaders are happy to provide parents with guidance and support.

Cycle Enfield will be offering FREE half term holiday cycle skills for various age groups 30th May - 2nd June.

Training can be booked here:

<http://www.cycleconfident.com/sponsors/enfield/>

Where: Winchmore School, [N21 3HS](#), Laburnum Grove London N21 3HS

Booking restriction: Live, work or study in Enfield
Price: Free

Monday 30 May:

10am - 3.30pm, Dr Bike (2 mechanics to fix any bikes that are brought to them)

Tuesday 31st - Friday 3rd June

9am - 11am Children's (9+) on road skills

11:30am - 1:30pm Children's (9+) on road skills

Tuesday 31st May 1:30p, - 3:15pm Children's (6-9) off road skills

Wednesday 1st May 1:30pm - 3:15pm Children's (6-9) off road skills

Thursday 2nd May 1:30pm - 3:15pm Complete beginners primer training (4 - 9)

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BEST CLASS OUT OF CLASS

Thank you to classes 5S and 1K who made sure not to disturb Year 6 pupils undertaking SATs tests.

Also 2Ri class was seen about, being a good role model this week.

PoW Community Garden Project

Do you love being outdoors and have some spare time?

We are looking for parents/carers/ volunteers to help complete our recycled bottle greenhouse and develop our community garden (subject to funding).

If you would like to find out more, please come along to the school reception at 9am on Friday 20th May.

Any help will be greatly appreciated and will benefit the PoW community.

Thank you

Craig Brace, Head Gardener

Dates for your diary

Value for May: Creativity

w/c 16th May

Wednesday 25th May

30th May-3rd June

w/c 13th June

Monday 13th June

20-23 June

Thursday 23rd June

Wednesday 6th July

Friday 8th July

Tuesday 12th July

Friday 22nd July

Monday 5th September

Year 2 test week

Book swap shop

Half Term Holidays

Phonics test week

Year 5 visit to The Barbican for a concert

Year 6 School Journey

EU referendum – school closed for polling

Year 5 Partnership Singing Festival at Eastfield - morning

Final school day for Nursery

End of year reports to parents

Parents' Evening

School breaks up for summer break at 1:30pm

Start of school year '16/'17



What Mr Bless saw this week in 2Ri: democracy in action

I walked into 2Ri where the children were in the middle of deciding on important requests that their Class Representative should take back to her weekly School Council meeting.

