



# PRINCE OF WALES

PRIMARY SCHOOL & CHILDREN'S CENTRE



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*Listening Excellence Attitude Respect Negotiate Enjoy Responsible Support*

Dear Parents, Carers, Governors and Friends,

We are at the half way point of this school year. We continue to work relentlessly to ensure our children have successful outcomes and that the many changes in the past terms impact positively on pupils' learning. The ongoing partnership with parents plays a crucial part in this.

Next week Year 5 pupils will be going on their first residential visit to FairPlay House in Essex. They will spend two nights and three days away from home and school, learning valuable skills that further their personal development and confidence.

We wish the children and adults a fruitful time together and look forward to hearing about their wonderful experiences.

Jan M Bless - Headteacher

### P4C – Philosophy for Children and Communities

Next week is 'Book Week' and one of our aspirations at Prince of Wales is to encourage our pupils to be enthusiastic readers. During March our focus will be on 'reading for enjoyment and with enthusiasm'. Therefore, we have collated some inspiring quotes about reading, which could be used as a starting point for a P4C enquiry. We are sharing these with you because as a parent/carer you may also like to reflect upon these quotes yourself and/or discuss the quote and the pleasures of reading with your child...

"There is no friend as loyal as a book." Ernest Hemingway

"Good books, like good friends, are few and chosen; the more select, the more enjoyable." Louisa May Alcott

"A book, too, can be a star, a living fire to lighten the darkness, leading out into the expanding universe." Madeleine L'Engle

"We read to know that we are not alone." C.S. Lewis

"It is what you read when you don't have to that determines what you will be when you can't help it." Oscar Wilde

Mrs Stylli – P4C Co-ordinator

**Book Week:** To celebrate book week next week we would like to invite parents and carers to come into school on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March between 9 to 9.30 and 2.30 to 3 to read a story of their choice to a small group of children or a whole class. It would be great if you were able to read a favourite story from when you were a child or in another language. Please see your child's class teacher if you are interested.

Thank you.

### **Value of this Month: HONESTY**

The last week of this value was used to review what we have learnt about honesty. Mr Bless retold the story of the 'Dishonest Donkey' who found out the hard way that pretending is not the right path to take. He challenged pupils from Y4 to Y6 to find out what scientific discovery Archimedes made whilst being tasked to find out the truth by his king. Perhaps parents can look into this with their children and let Mr Bless know?

These children received a certificate and baton for demonstrating honesty at Prince of Wales this week, well done: Kwasi 1M, Enes 1N, Adam 1S, Aanya 2C, Zahra 2G, Leila 2R, Senay 3D, Emily 3G, Cruz 4F, Kenneth 4H, Fharida 4S, Randice 5H, Ilyas 5S, Cagin 5T, Dilek 6A, Nakiya 6B,

### Attendance this week

#### **Years 1,2,3 Family**

1M 96.66% 2C 98.00%\* 3D 93.66%  
1N 92.66% 2G 94.66% 3G 94.33%  
1S 98.00%\* 2R 89.66%

#### **Years 4,5,6 Families**

4F 90.68% 5H 96.78% 6A 96.55%  
4H 94.28% 5S 95.17% 6B 98.70%\*  
4S 98.51% 5T 95.86%

Well done to **1S, 2C & 6B** for best attendance this week.

School Target: 95.5%

Overall attendance since September: **95.13%**



### **Bu Ayın Değeri: DÜRÜSTLÜK**

Kral Süleyman ve İki Annenin hikayesi bilgelik testini nasıl açtılar. İki kadın bir bebeğin kendilerinin olduğunu iddia ederler. Kral bu ikilemi nasıl çözdü? Çocuğunuz size bu hikayeyi anlatabilirler?

### **Bilim Köşesi**

Bu yarım dönem de ikinci sınıftaki bilim ışık ve Karanlık olmuştur. Bu hafta laboratuvar önlüklerimizi giyerek, hangi malzemelerin içinden ışık geçiyor ve hangileri ışığı engelliyor. Biz bilimsel olarak bir takım tahminler yaptık çıkan sonuçlara şaşırдық!

### **POW Debating Society**

The Prince of Wales Debating Team, which meets every Thursday, debated the proposition:

*"This house believes that is alright for horsemeat to be used in lasagne and other food products."*

### **Taking part this week were:**

- Our school chef, Tony
- Mr Campbell, Learning Mentor
- Ms Pauline Neyland
- Mr Peter King, Parent Governor
- The Year 6 Debating Society
- The Year 5 Debating Society



Next Thursday's debate topic: 'This House Regrets Deforestation'. Parents are welcome to attend the debate in portacabin 1 for Y6 and portacabin 2 for Y5 both at 1.45pm. Please use Salisbury Road entrance.

*Ms Ashman – Year 6 teacher*



### **Science Corner**

The science topic in Year 2 this half term has been **Light and Dark**. This week we put on our lab coats and did an investigation to see what materials light travelled through and what materials blocked light. We made some good predictions using our scientific knowledge but were surprised by a couple of the results!

### **Rainbow Class trip to see Tales From The Shed**

On Thursday, Rainbow Class travelled on the bus to Galliard Primary School to see Chickenshed Theatre Company perform their show 'Tales From The Shed'. The performance included lots of singing, dancing, puppets and people dressed up in animal costumes. Everyone had a great time joining in with the action. We also learned some new Makaton signs which we enjoyed practising on the journey back to school. We would like to thank Galliard Primary School for letting us join them for this fun and exciting experience.

*Mrs Sluter and Rainbow Class*



### **Dates for your Calendar**

03.03	Book week
05.03-07.03	Year 5 Residential visit
21.03	Sports Relief
28.03	Report Cards
01.04	Parents' Evening
03.04	Easter Bonnet Parade
04.04	End of Term
Easter Break: Monday 7th April to Monday 21st April 2014	
22.04	Start Summer Term
12.05	Y6 SATs Week
22.05	Polling Day – school closed



### **Bottle Greenhouse**

The bottle greenhouse structure is ready to receive your empty, clean and clear bottles. Our gardeners Craig Brace and Chris Fairhurst hope to start growing plants from seed using this efficient structure together with the children from the Gardening Club. Please donate your empty bottles to the school. Thank you.