



PRINCE OF WALES

PRIMARY SCHOOL & CHILDREN'S CENTRE



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Dear Parents, Carers, Governors and Friends,
I wish all families in our school community who celebrate Chinese New Year this weekend a happy celebration and a successful year for those for whom the Horse has a special significance.
Jan M Bless
Headteacher

Homework update (Years 1, 2 and 3 Family)

We always enjoy looking at your child's homework and want to thank you for all your support with their learning in this area. Homework is valued at Prince of Wales and is a good way of informing you of what your child has been learning in the classroom that week. In order to work together even more, we would very much appreciate it if you could bear the following points in mind when supporting your child with their homework.

Please ensure all homework in Years 1, 2 and 3 is completed with a sharp writing pencil. Sometimes homework arrives in bright pink thick felt pen or similar and it is very difficult to judge your child's progress in handwriting and to read their answers when completed this way. We encourage every child to sit with an adult when completing their homework as this helps concentration and focus and also gives you the opportunity to see how your child is progressing and what they have been learning. Please let us know if your child had difficulties with any part of the homework as this is very important feedback for us and a valuable way of communicating. You are most welcome to write such comments in the homework book. We can then act on these comments as appropriate.

We will always look at and mark homework; however, if it is late in coming back to school it may not get marked.

Please remember that if you have any concerns about your child's progress or are not sure about what the homework involves, do come in on our "Open Tuesdays" from 3.15pm to 3.45pm where the class teacher will be more than happy to help, support and answer any questions you may have.

Mrs Redmore
Assistant Head
Years 1, 2 and 3

Value of this Month: *HUMILITY*

We concluded our focus on humility this week by looking back at all the examples we discussed, the stories and also positive role models who have demonstrated this value well. Astronauts, who view the earth from space, reflect on the seeming insignificance of human activity that can't be seen from so far away. We compared the size of our solar system against some really big stars which had the children gasping in amazement at how small we really are.

This video is a good illustration of that: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=58fs5yl8K9I>

These children received a certificate and baton for demonstrating humility at our school this week, well done:

Eryn Dunstone-Patterson 1M, Finley Stanford-Riley 1N, Q'marni Nelson 1S, Fabiano Luccardi 2C, Michael Antonucci 2G, Dhenu Laventhira 2R, Joel Oskys 3D, Renas Nam 3G, Maryam Mahamed 4F, Norma Majewska 4H, Bawan Sajedi 4S, Kaylan Pringle 5H, Akin Birdal-Genc 5S, Savan Patel 5T, Wesley Likov 6A and Brooke Hughes 6B.

Attendance this week

Years 1,2,3 Family

1M 95.33% 2C 94.00% 3D 95.66%
1N 93.33% 2G 97.33% 3G 96.66%
1S 98.33%* 2R 96.33%

Years 4,5,6 Families

4F 95.76% 5H 97.85%* 6A 90.68%
4H 95.92% 5S 96.20% 6B 96.12%
4S 95.00% 5T 90.34%

Well done to **1S** & **5H** for best attendance this week.

School Target: 95.5%

Overall attendance since September: **95.23%**



P4C – Philosophy for Children and Communities

The School Council meet every week and are elected by their peers from Year 2 to Year 6. These children are representatives for their class. On Monday the School Councillors kindly shared their thoughts about learning through P4C, which we would like to share with you below;

"I have learnt to have a debate between two sides of a story, and how to listen and think about what others say". William, 6B.

"I have learnt in P4C to listen to others and their point of view". Kia, 6B.

"I have learnt in P4C that it helps you in different ways of life. For example, if someone is debating then they can become a great politician or lawyer...because they did P4C with hard questions. Also, P4C is a fun way to learn." Shaayiini, 6A.

"I have learnt in P4C that when the teacher reads the 'Book of Thunks' we have to think a bit. Once she asked 'when you look at a book in a bookshop is that stealing?' Most of us said 'no', but she let us say why." Sanya, 4S.

"I have learnt in P4C that a lot of people have different opinions or ideas. It is fun to know that we share the same points of view. We play learning games and listen to stories...I love P4C." Renae, 4H.

"I have learnt in P4C that you have to answer questions and you hold a soft toy. I like it because you are holding a soft toy, you get to answer questions. It is really fun. You should enjoy P4C." Elijah, 3G.

Mrs Stylli – P4C Co-ordinator.

Next Week: What are the 4 Cs of Thinking in P4C?

Science Corner

Y4 are investigating habitat. On Monday 4S went on a bugs and creatures hunt around the school grounds. The children were provided with investigation sheets to make a record of their findings. Children worked in pairs extremely well.

They observed creatures' and bugs' habitats by turning over rocks and logs and afterwards they carefully returned these to the way they were found.

The children were also careful not to pick up any insect as this may harm them or the mini beasts. They were really excited to find a 'snail family' by the main reception.

During discussion in class children were able to hypothesise that butterflies are not found because of the weather and made links that certain bugs and insects are only found in certain seasons. They reasoned that some animals hibernate during winter. However they were not sure if this is the same with bugs and insects and decided that they will do independent research and feedback to class.

Mrs Sultan – 4S class teacher



Book Swap

The book swap was a great success. Over 500 books were collected and then swapped amongst the children so there was plenty of choice and a lot of discussion generated about reading as children chose their new books. Due to the popularity of this event there will be another one before the end of the term.

Miss Clarke, Deputy Headteacher and English Co-ordinator



On Tuesday, 1S enjoyed their first **Secret Student reward...** a pyjama party! The class have been working together as a team to support each other to stay on Gold each day. The children were excited to complete their reward chart and voted to have a pyjama party.



Dates for your Calendar

17.02	Half Term Break (school closed 1 week)
24.02	Start second half term
03.03	Book week
05.03-07.03	Year 5 Residential visit
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

Well done for being Gold Medal Learners! Mrs Stylli & Miss Keyes.

