



PRINCE OF WALES PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents, Governors and Friends,

As this school year concludes, we finish again on many high notes thanks to the hard work from our wonderful staff, our supportive families and through the valuable partnerships with our school Governors, the Enfield School Improvement Services and other Enfield schools.

Not only has our school transformed over the past years, Prince of Wales is also recognised for its successful provision and practice in many different areas. We regularly host visits from other schools following recommendations regarding our Early Years department, how we manage all pupils to read every day with an adult or our music provision. Our school grounds have yet again set new benchmarks and visitors always comment on the warm welcome they receive.

Our reborn Friends' association has ambitious plans and is making a positive contribution through fundraising and to community cohesion. They are an inclusive group who look forward to parents wishing to help and who have ideas to make a positive difference to Prince of Wales.

As for the learning, our children know better than ever before what it takes to be a good learner through our school values and behaviour expectations; they respond well to the challenges that are set.

The achievements of each Key Stage reflect what our cohorts are capable of. More pupils achieved the Year 1 phonics test than before and Year 6 stayed ahead of national averages especially in Maths. These results are still being validated and will be shared with you next term.

We are saying goodbye to a few members of staff: Miss Ashby, Miss Foster, Mr Keylock, Mr Uribarri and Mrs Naziris are seeking opportunities elsewhere. We thank them for their unstinting commitment to the pupils in their care and wish them every success in the future.

We are excited to welcome new teachers: Miss Kaur, Miss Tingey, Mr Ferns and Miss Mohammed.

Similar to previous years, we have carefully rearranged each year group, ensuring a balance of numerous factors that impact on the composition of a class. It has been one of our most successful strategies that contribute to raising standards of learning. The children will let you know on Monday who their new class teacher is.

In this newsletter you will read about the many fantastic learning opportunities and events that have taken place recently as well as a range of achievements by our pupils and general reminders, information and upcoming dates.

Finally, I wish all our school community a happy and safe summer break. We will miss you and look forward to seeing you and our pupils back on Tuesday 5th September.

Mr Jan M Bless - Headteacher

Our Value for July is Sportsmanship. These pupils modelled the value this week:

Saniyah 1K, Kayden 1T, Angel 1Tr, Tyrese 2B, Efe 2F, Charleene 2A,
Anshika 3N, Demetri 3H, Shane 3F, Karlie 4F, Grace 4K, Gervais 4G,
Tia 5G, Amber 5L, Ali 5W, Jemima 6B, Harry 6T, Ashley 6H

Last Thursday, Year 2 went on a wonderful trip to Southend-On-Sea. We arrived in the rain but it quickly passed. The rest of the day was extremely sunny and warm! We got to go on the train along the longest pier in the world. We could see boats, seagulls and the beach in the distance. Then we ate out pack lunches in the sunshine on the beach. We splashed in the water with our friends and made some fantastic sandcastles. Afterwards, we got an ice cream and relaxed on the sand. The children were extremely well behaved and a credit to the school!



"I felt so excited that I thought I would burst!" Layla 2A

"My favourite part was playing in the sea!" Danielle 2A

"I paddled in the water with my friends" Beverley 2B

"The lunch was tasty and yummy!" Naomi 2B

"The sea was cold on my feet!" Ismail 2F

"It was funny when I got ice cream all over my face!" Chidera 2F



Year 3 have been involved in researching and helping select suitable plants to repopulate our swale. We introduced new plants this week that will oxygenate the pond and be helpful to the local wildlife visitors of caterpillars, bees, dragonflies and butterflies.



Class 3F assembly

"When Mrs Fletcher told us about doing an assembly on Country Dancing, I was happy and excited. I love dancing." Glody

"We did five dances - Pat-a-Cake Polka, Circassion Circle, Lucky 7, Waves of Tory and the Maypole dance. After all the dancing, I felt tired. It was great." Prescillia

"When we first practised, I felt a little nervous. When we were doing 'Waves of Tory', the music was very fast. I could not keep up." Ali

"The Maypole Dance: First, we went into the middle twice. Then we skipped round the Maypole 16 times and back. The girls went under our ribbons and back again. Then the boys went behind them and back. The ribbons ended up plaited around the top of the pole." Anthony



SPORTS DAY AND FAMILY PICNICS

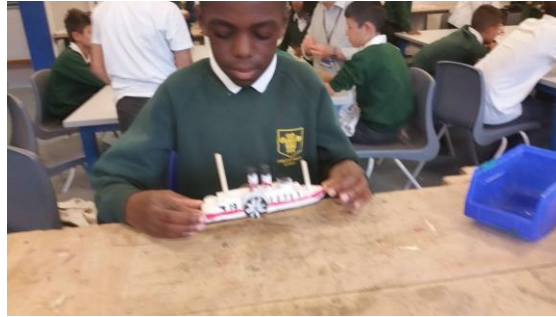
Thank you to all our families who joined us to make our sports days and picnics so memorable and successful



D & T Project - BUILDING STRUCTURES



Year 5 working really hard at sawing, sanding down and shaping cut out pieces of wood to achieve their final boat, London Eye or Tower Bridge models.



Finally! The finished product. Could this be HMS Belfast on the River Thames?



We received our D & T Certificates.

All of Year 5 aimed to make one of these structures:

5L – The Big Wheel; 5W Tower Bridge 5G – The large Ship



Many thanks to Lea Valley High School for organising this opportunity for our pupils to experience real woodcraft.

Year 6 Residential Journey to Overstrand hall

27, year six children recently had a great 3 days at Overstrand hall activity centre in Norfolk. They took part in team building and problem solving activities, as well as receiving training and tuition in archery, climbing and bottle rocket making. They had 2 room inspections each day and it was surprising how well they were organised. Many centre staff remarked how well behaved they were and how willing they were to take part in all activities. And it didn't rain once!!! Thanks to Mrs Rees and Miss Dunlea who came with us and worked very hard to ensure all were safe, well behaved and happy.



Congratulations for completing the times table challenge.





We value *Sportsmanship*

and the 'British Value' *Mutual Respect*...

Sportsmanship is being fair and playing by the rules. Grace 4K

Sportsmanship is when you behave fairly against your rival. Tasniah 4K

What makes a good sportsman/woman is when you play fairly, congratulate whoever won. Try your best and never ever give up hope. Mei-lien 4F

Sportsmanship is helping your opponent when something bad happens and shaking their hand when they win. Jack 4K

Sportsmanship is working together during a game and playing fairly. It is also about allowing people to make mistakes and telling them what they could do better next time. Akasya 6H

Sportsmanship means you play hard but fair. You play by the rules. Kwasi 4F

Sportsmanship is encouraging each other and also supporting a team mate in every way. Darnell 6B

Sportsmanship is playing by the rules and being fair and kind to other people. They give people tips and understand the problems that there might be. Kayleigh, 6H

Sportsmanship is team work, and that you are friendly, no matter if you win or not. You do not let your team down. Emily 6B

Sportsmanship is about your behaviour and being pleased for the person who wins the game. Katie 4K

Sportsmanship is playing fairly and helping your team mates. Asher 6B

Sportsmanship means team work, and saying 'well done' when something is achieved. Shamari 6B

Sportsmanship is where people play sport as a team. Grafinia 6B

Sportsmanship is being a very good sports person, even if you lose a match. Dawud 6B

Sportsmanship is being strong when you are weak, and brave when you are scared...teamwork is key to good sportsmanship. Chloe 4F

Sportsmanship is being strong when you are weak, brave when you are scared and humble when you are victorious. Alicya 4G

Sportsmanship is teamwork and working together and helping each other to achieve a goal. Miah 4G

Sportsmanship is everyone getting along with each other because one day you will be a good sports player. Marwa 4G

Sportsmanship is teamwork and trying hard and believing everyone can do it. Kyra 4G

Sportsmanship is the will to not leave anyone behind. Jazmine 4G

Sportsmanship is about having fun and taking part. Mustafa 4G

Sportsmanship is key to respect and friendship and that means you will work well together to succeed. Jah'Quan 4G

Sportsmanship is how you succeed. You can't win alone. It takes a team not a person to win. Ibrahim 4G

Sportsmanship is not giving up and supporting your team mates. Fatima 4G

Sportsmanship is teamwork and friendship. Ada 4G

Sportsmanship is when you keep calm and treat people fairly. Darrel 6H

Supporting others and encourage them to have a good try. Lashae 6T

Teamwork is the key! Ola 6T

Sportsmanship is never giving up - preserve and carry on. Joseph 6T



District Sports

On Wednesday 21st June, KS2 athletes went to the Lea Valley Athletics track to compete in the Borough's District Sports Event. The pupils took part in a variety of track events including the hurdles, 150m, 800m and relay. The sun was shining and it was a great success.

Not only did POW come 7th overall out of approximately 30 schools, we had 4 gold medallists: Asher in Y6, Ronald in Y3 and De Jean in Y3 for the hurdles and Tayana-Le in Y3 for the 50m sprint.

All the children were superb on the day, displaying great sportsmanship. Well done to the athletics team.

Mrs Vourloumis – AHT and PE/Sports Lead



Attendance this week

1K 96.43%	2A 95.67%	3F 94.64%	4F 97.33%	5G 98.67%	6B 98.50%
1T 98.93%	2B 91.97%	3H 96.67%	4G 95.36%	5L 94.33%	6H 98.89%
1Tr 97.33%	2F 93.79%	3N 92.31%	4K 91.38%	5W 99.33%	6T 98.00%

Well done to **1T & 5W** for best attendance this week.
Overall attendance since September: **95.47%**

Do you have a 3 - 5 year old? Do you need a Nursery or Reception Place?

We will be holding a session on **Thursday 5th October 2017** for you to visit to Prince of Wales school, and have a show round and meet with the head of Early Years to answer any questions you may have.

The times will be 10am and 2pm.

If you would like to attend, please give your name to Ms Adams in the school office so a space can be held for you.

GAM:ED Charity Humanities Week Collection

Thank you to all who have contributed to the £350.00 so far collected for our non-uniform day. As most pupils chose to wear different clothes to the usual uniform, we expect this amount to grow.
Keep bringing in your donations.

Miss Ricketts showed a video with the Headteacher of the school in Gambia, thanking us for their new library.



**Meet your child's new class teacher
9:00am in the Community Room**

Tuesday 12 th September	Year 1
Wednesday 13 th September	Year 4
Thursday 14 th September	Year 3
Tuesday 19 th September	Year 5

Parent Forum – Wednesday 21st June 2017 at 9am

1. What can school do about traffic on Salisbury Road and the safety of the children coming to and from school?

Mr Bless: this is an ongoing issue. The local area has grown with a larger volume of people travelling during drop-off and collection times.

School cannot regulate traffic, but continuously appeals to families through our newsletter.

Opening the Early Learners' gate is not practical, as the car park is for staff and visitors. We experienced drivers speeding towards the closing gate and also inside the car park. One member of staff was injured as a result. The car park will also fill up quickly, resulting a bottle neck.

Solutions are:

- to leave car at home and walk;
- come to school on time and find parking spaces elsewhere, walk the remaining distance;
- Walking bus – we would welcome parents arranging this – please get in touch with Mrs Rees through the school office

The Local Authority is aware of the issues and is looking at alternative, affordable options.

We would ask that parents role model sensible commuter behaviour to their children: demonstrating how to use the road safely, keeping calm in front of their child as this affects their learning when they arrive at school.

2. Parents dropping litter in residents' front garden, cars with loud music and speeding in Salisbury Road

Mr Bless: It is disappointing this happens. A good relationship between the families and local community is important. Depending on the urgency, residents can contact the police and gather evidence to support their case. Parents could form an action group and could maybe handout a leaflet on 'good code of conduct'.

3. Scooters and Bikes are still seen used in the playground

Despite previous requests, there are still parents and children on scooters and bikes in the playground.

Miss Clarke: children will be reminded in assembly this Friday. The School Council will be asked to come up with some suggestions for a leaflet that will be given out as a reminder.

4. Classroom and behaviour

Concerns were raised that when one or two children repeatedly disrupt the class learning, the whole class may lose all or part of their break. Why everyone should be punished when it is only one or two?

Both Mr Bless and Miss Clarke said this should not be happening as strategies are in place through a positive behaviour policy and reward system based around our school values. We also have Learning Mentors and a range of sanctions such break time detentions, escorted lunches, fixed term and permanent exclusions.

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Parents with concerns should firstly speak to the class teacher; they can book a meeting to see them. We would also ask parents to speak to their child and explain to them the right thing to do in situations where someone is misbehaving in class.

10. Splitting Classes – will that happen this year?

Miss Clarke: This year we will be splitting the classes as usual; this is to help children to form new friendships and to balance classes due to high mobility. Children are asked who they would like to be with and we will be having 3 mornings in July where they will go into their new class. There may be some further changes after this period.

11. School Shoes – there is concern that a number of pupils don't wear the agreed black shoes

Mr Bless: Yes, they should be black on top and the soles. ALL children should be wearing them. Parents have said they want this, alongside the school uniform as we then have no showing off with some children in expensive items, reducing pressure on children and families.

12. Newsletter – why is there no paper copy?

Mr Bless: We stopped printing the newsletter to reduce cost of paper, printing, staff time, etc. We also found newsletters discarded in the playground or left unread in school bags. It is more cost effective to e-mail it out to parents - we do not have all parents' e-mails despite repeated requests. The newsletter is also published every Friday on our website.

13. Lollypop Lady – concerns that the lollypop lady is no longer on Newbury Avenue

Parents are concerned about children crossing as a little girl was narrowly missed yesterday.

Mr Bless: the LA are not in the position to replace her. They did conduct a survey, but as yet we do not know the outcome.

14. Volunteers for school trips and events

Mr Bless mentioned that the school is looking for any parents who may be available to take children to and from sporting events and accompany classes on school trips (at short notice) to contact school office. With a reduction in school staff it is harder to cover these with only school staff.

The meeting concluded with all parents expressing that they are very happy with the direction the school is taking and with their child's progress.

Mr Bless mentioned that Friends of POW are becoming more active with school and if any of them were interested they could join and/or link up with them. They will be around on the Sports and Family Picnic Day – Friday 30th June, if anyone is interested.

Those who attended were thanked for coming.

The next Parent Forum will be on Wednesday 8th November 2017 at 9:00am in the Community Room.

3.7.17 I can use narrative features.

Once upon a time
there was a pirate
called Captain Skull.
One day he was
looking for treasure
on a magic
island. He went
past the Magic Tower
but Dr Strange was
in there.

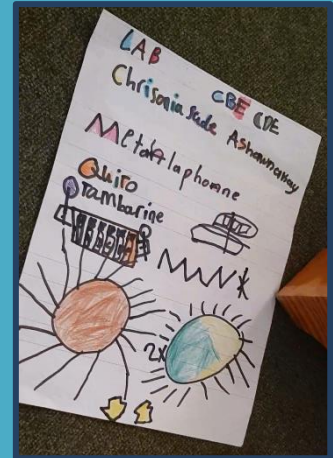
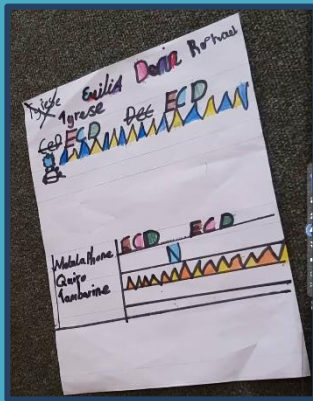
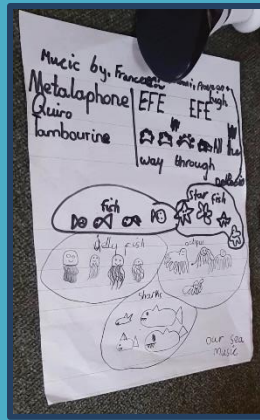
Dr Strange
lifted him up
to the treasure
then Captain
Skull got the
key and
opened it and
he found
the gold.



2A's Great Fire of London Class Assembly

Parents enjoyed a marvellous mini production about the Great Fire of London. They learnt about historical sources and used great props and costumes to tell this story.





2B's Seaside Visit Class Assembly

Class 2B presented all the wonderful learning they did through the inspirational theme of 'The Seaside'. They compared seaside places in England and across the world, learnt about wildlife and geographical features, wrote stories and poems, composed seaside inspired music and much more. The visit culminated in the much anticipated Y2 visit to Southend that was an opportunity to experience what had been discussed for many weeks in class. You can find out more about this educational visit on page 2 of this newsletter.

Friends of POW will be selling Ice Poles in the Main playground after school on the 14th and 21st of July.

Friends of Prince of Wales

We are inviting you this summer to **SOUTHEND ON SEA!** Monday 14th August by coach. Trip will cost £12.00 per person return - only 50 Spaces. Letters of trip details to follow Monday 11th July, payments given to Anita or Stacey within last two weeks of term.

Thank you
FOPOW

Important Term Time Holiday and Lateness message

Please be aware that taking children out of school in term time for family holiday or visiting relatives either in UK or elsewhere, will not give your child an authorised absence. You may be aware of the recent court case in the Isle of Wight, when a parent lost the case for taking their child on holiday in term time, and was fined heavily. Clearly the law states that children out of school in term time, for holidays, is not permitted. We are hearing that several of our families are, or already have, made plans to take their children out of school before the end of term, so we just wanted to remind you that this is not appropriate or legal. You also need to be aware that if your child returns late to school in September, being absent as they are on holiday or visiting abroad, your child may lose their place at that school, whether it may be primary or secondary.

Fines of up to £120 if pupils are regularly late

Schools and councils in Essex, Hampshire and West Midlands have begun fining parents if their child regularly arrives after 9am, according to a report by The Sunday Times.

This is an extension of the £60 penalties issued for unauthorised absences and will be doubled if the fine is not paid within 21 days.

Will this be a policy that continues throughout England?

Danger in the road...staff have witnessed several near misses this week in Salisbury Road where younger children were walking without care or attention, and were nearly hit by cars, with their adult nowhere near them. Please keep your children close and safe on our busy, dangerous roads.

Dates for your diary 2

Monday 10 th July	2F Class assembly – 2.30pm
Mon-Wed 10 th -12 th July	Reception stay and play
Friday 14 th July	Final day for Nursery
Friday 14 th July	Bastille Day – wear a beret, hat or hair accessory in colors of the French flag
Monday 17 th July	London 2017 Para-Athletics Competition
Monday 17 th July	Parents' evening – drop in
Friday 21 st July	School finishes for Summer at 1:30pm
Monday 4 th Sept	Inset day – school closed
Tuesday 5 th Sept	Autumn term begins
Thursday 5 th October	Show around day for Nursery & Reception 10am and 2pm
Friday 20 th October	Inset day – school closed
Thursday 21 st December	Inset day – school closed
Monday 16 th April 2018	Inset day – school closed
Friday 25 th May 2018	Inset day – school closed