



PRINCE OF WALES PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter
6th November 2020

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Dear Parents/Carers, Governors and Friends,

It is a great relief that primary schools remain open during the 2nd national lockdown and that we can continue to provide the best education on site. It is not without challenges as following government guidance, some colleagues inevitably will have to work from home or, similar to many children, isolate whilst waiting for test results. This is our new normal and your understanding and cooperation is important – and, thank you to all parents who now also wear a facemask when coming through the school gates. Every effort to avoid passing on the virus counts – let's be safe together.

I hope that you all have made your appointments for the **Parent Consultations** on Monday 9th November. We have found a way that phone calls *can* now go ahead so please make sure you have your phone at hand or that your computer/phone/device is set up to join the TEAMS meeting (click the link that was sent and wait to be let in).

On Monday 2nd November, EYFS and KS1 pick up at 1:15pm and Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will finish at 1:30pm to manage distancing and congestion.

Each class has been able to participate in this year's **Remembrance** from their own classes. When you walk past our poppy installation you will see that the date has been adjusted. Poppies were not delivered to school this year but have been ordered by individual classes to be available for a donation sometime next week.



**11th NOVEMBER
REMEMBRANCE
DAY**
Lest We Forget

Don't miss in this week's newsletter: examples of the two ART weeks – we're proud of the fantastic learning that took place; lots on Maths as next week is MATHS WEEK; Children in Need announcement; PC Simon talking to Years 5 and 6 about social media use (hope the children finally understand how important this issue is); Black History in our Curriculum.

Have a lovely and safe weekend,

Mr Jan M Bless - Headteacher



Our Value this week was

RESPONDING TO CHALLENGES

The following pupils modelled the value this week:

Rome 1H, Amelia 1K, Miran 1T, Natalie 2A,
Nathan 2L, Anna 2T, Asser 3F, Abiyah 3G, Lois 3W,
Elijah 4F, Alissa 4H, Sienna 4R, Nihal 5G, Olivia 5K,
Keianna 5T, Brooklyn 6B, Caleb 6T, Gracie 6TH



Attendance this week

Ash 87.11%
Birch 91.89%
Oak 89.35%

1H 83.93%
1K 92.78%
1T 89.73%

2A 92.31%
2L 90.74%
2T 84.50%

3F 85.86%
3G 94.40%
3W 99.04%

4F 97.28%
4H 91.00%
4R 83.85%

5G 95.83%
5K 90.09%
5T 98.61%

6B 89.91%
6T 98.56%
6Th 93.53%

Well done to **1K and 3W** for best attendance this week.
Overall attendance since the start of the school year: **92.37%**



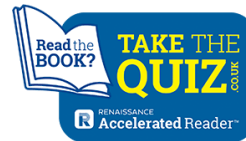
Accelerated Reading Champions of the week



Well done to class **3W** for completing the highest number of accelerated reading quizzes this week!

Amount of quizzes taken: 38

Amount of quizzes passed: 38



Star reader of the week!

Miah Johnson 3W

4 quizzes taken

4 passed

For completing the highest number of quizzes this week!

Well done!

Caught reading!



Caught reading in 1T!



Gracie - 6Th

Books and biscuits



This week, all the children in Breakfast Club were caught reading at our new weekly books and biscuits morning! The children shared their favourite books with adults and friends over a hot chocolate and a biscuit.



Did you guess correctly that the picture before half term was Mr Ferns?

Guess who?!



Can you guess which teacher enjoys reading in the staffroom at break time?!

THIS WEEK...

ART

Year 4 – Pottery

We researched Greek patterns and meanings, and then created our own Greek vases.



Linked to our 'pottery topic', we read 'The Willow Pattern Story'. We used chalk to draw out scenes from the book.



For a century and a half the "Willow Pattern" has been the stock-pattern of nearly every British Pottery manufacturer, and although at times its popularity has waned, it has eventually returned to favour.

But, where does it come from and can you re-tell the story from these elements on all willow pattern pottery?



<http://www.thepotteries.org/patterns/willow.html>



A Prince of Wales 'Charity Day'



Friday 13th November

Non-uniform day for charity and to mark the end of our 'Little Red Riding Hood' Project

Please wear something 'red'

Remember no face paint or hair colouring!



Please donate either...



Christmas 'stocking fillers' for our PoW Christmas Food Bank e.g. a small toy

Or you can donate a £1 for 'Children in Need'



Thank you!



Crushing natural materials such as dandelions and berries to make paint.



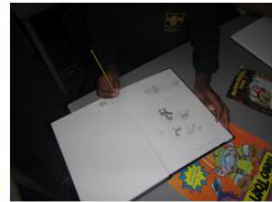
Cave Art – Year 3

We looked at and talked about the Lascaux cave paintings and rock art in the Sahara desert. We then created our own versions of cave paintings using simple line and shape drawings of animals, with a variety of materials.



Sketching animals with charcoal and pencils.

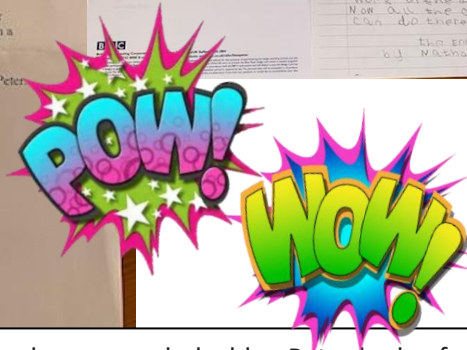
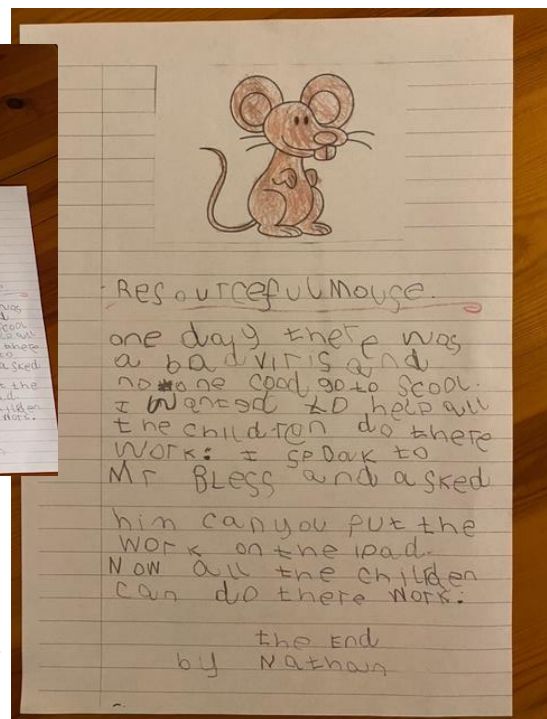
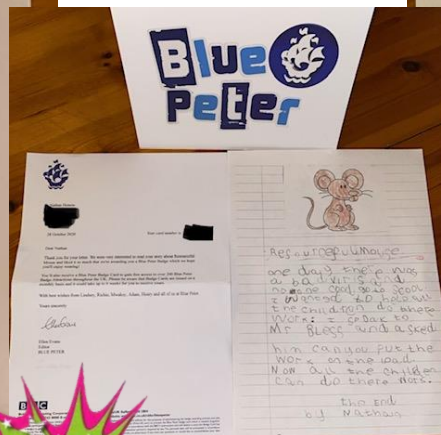
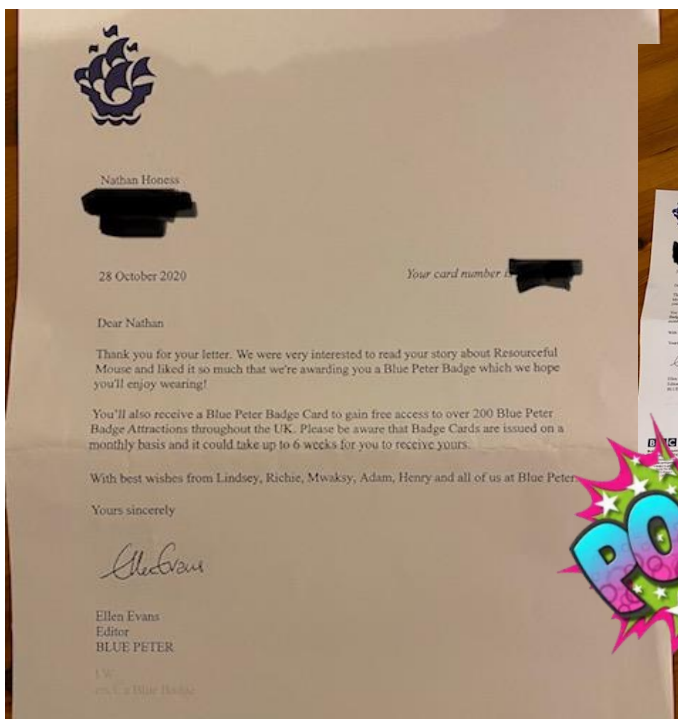
Painting with sticks and beetroot juice.



Cave paintings with chalk, paint and sticks.



Drawing with chalk on slate and stones.



Nathan 2L received a letter today to say he has been awarded a blue Peter badge for a story he wrote for his home-school learning back in March. Nathan wrote a short story about the Resourceful Mouse as part of a challenge Mr Bless had set during one of the weeks at the start of lockdown. In May we saw a post online about applying for a blue Peter badge. So Nathan applied with this story and even though it took a long time due to lockdown he finally got the letter to say he got it. It was a little sad as when he opened the letter the badge was not there (there was a rip in envelope so looks like it fell out). After a call, they are sending him a replacement so he is very happy.

Year 1

Before half term we learnt about the work of artists like Derek Jarman and Andy Goldsworthy's art from nature.



We went for a walk and observed and collected natural materials and used them to create our own artwork.



We made a whole class installation reflecting the work of Derek Jarman and Andy Goldsworthy.



We didn't use leaves because it was windy and they would blow away. Momodu.

I liked using cones in the middle of the sculpture.

Madiha

The shape of the sculpture was a circle. It looked like an eye. Oskar



Visit by PC Simon, Schools Officer

Rico 5K
Blessing 5T

PC Simon gave us good advice for our future. PC Simon told us how to keep the 'doors' open and not close them so we can have a chance at becoming what we want to become.

Zamari 5K

We should believe in ourselves and we can be what we want to be.

Yilmaz 5T

PC Simon told us that when we make wrong choices the doors of opportunity begin to close.

Varun 5G

I learnt that if you work hard you get a better future.

Nihal 5G

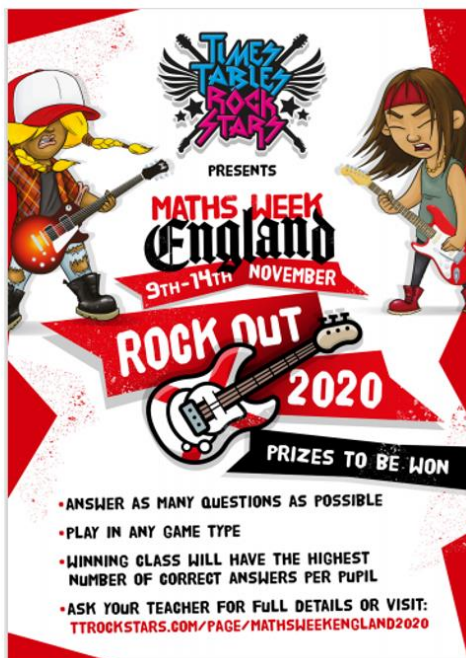
He told us that if we choose a happy life and work hard we can accomplish our dreams.

Maths week – Rock Out 2020

This November we are taking part in a competition for Maths Week England. It's called Rock Out 2020 and it's all done online via play.ttrockstars.com.

For every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, your child will earn their class a point. There are many prizes to be won within our school as well as in the competition.

All game modes (Gig, Garage, Studio, etc.) will count but only from games played between 7.30am and 7.30pm on Monday 9th, Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th, Thursday 12th, Friday 13th and Saturday 14th.



Black History Learning at Prince of Wales

As you will have previously read in the newsletter, we have made the decision not to focus on the traditional Black History Month this year. We feel that weaving Black History into the curriculum throughout the year, rather than restricting it to only one month, will enrich the teaching and learning in our school. Our aim is to reflect the positive and influential impact that people have had in both this county and the rest of the world, across as many subjects as possible.

I would like to invite you to a meeting on 17th November at 4.00pm on Teams, using link:

<https://bit.ly/3n4ajCi>, where I can share some of the ideas and our focus going forward. I would also encourage you to contribute your own ideas at this meeting so we can progress with this new exciting curriculum.

Miss Rowntree – History Lead

Year 6 Curriculum Focus Art

At the end of last half term we were looking at self-portraits and we linked this with our class novel, *Treason and English* culminating in a Tudor Style self-portrait.



We had fun dressing up as Tudors and imagining what we would have looked like during that time.



During ICT we photo-shopped a photograph of ourselves onto a Tudor portrait of either King Henry VIII or Queen Elizabeth I. We then sketched our self-portrait and chose which medium we wanted to use to add colour to our artwork.



Also this week, P.C Simon came in to speak to Year 6 about social media and dealing with peer pressure.

9TH-14TH NOVEMBER 2020

We are proud to be participating in

MATHS WEEK ENGLAND

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Here's what we are planning...

We are very excited to announce that Prince of Wales will be taking part in Maths Week England this year. The purpose of this event is to provide young people in England with a positive image of mathematics, and to contribute in a small way to changing the national attitude towards this vital and beautiful subject.

At Prince of Wales we will be taking part by:

- Participating in the TTRS Rock Out challenge
- Exciting and fun activities to be incorporated into our daily maths sessions.
- Year 6 will be taking part in a maths challenge with other schools via zoom with a Mathematician by the name of Douglas Buchanan.

Look out for some fun ways to celebrate Maths at home. To find out more about Maths Week England scan the QR code below.



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Maths Week England



Maths Week England

Unit 5 - Pop Art Printing & Self Portraits





CONGRATULATIONS!

Well done to everyone who has logged on to Times Tables Rock Stars this week! Each week we will be announcing the results of who has achieved high results on TTRS.

This week our two highest scoring students are:

Riel - 6Th

Tyler – 3F

The certificate for the class with the most active players in the whole school goes too...

6B – You had 83% of your class actively playing with 90% accuracy. Well done 6B!

Don't forget to login and play. We can't wait to see who has been practicing their times tables! Keep rocking!

Goal

When it comes to times tables, speed AND accuracy are important – the more facts your child remembers, the easier it is for them to do harder calculations.

Times Table Rock Stars is a fun and challenging programme designed to help students master the times tables!

To be a Times Table Rock Star you need to answer any multiplication fact up to 12×12 in less than 3 seconds!

Logging in to Times Tables Rock Stars

1 Type play.ttrockstars.com into your browser's address bar.

2 Click Login! > School > Student

3 Enter the School Name.

4 Enter your child's username and password.





Year 2 made divas using clay during Hindu RE lessons and then painted them during art. During RE and leading into art Year 2 learned the significance of creating rangoli patterns. The children worked in their sketch books creating different thickness of lines and shading using rangoli patterns. They explored rangoli patterns using various mediums such as coloured rice, coloured sand and flower petals. They made rangoli patterns on a small scale – in class and on a big scale - in our garden. The children also designed their own patterns using chalk in the playground. We were also very fortunate to have Mrs Gopaul and Mrs Shivnani share with us different rangoli designs.

