



PRINCE OF WALES PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter
24th September 2021

Listening Excellence Attitude Respect Negotiate Enjoy Responsible Support

Dear Parents/Carers, Governors and Friends,

One of the highlights of the first few weeks in Year 6 is the selection of Head Boy, Head Girl, their deputies and prefects.

They have a key role to play in school as they support children across the school both in the playground and around the school. They are committed to the school and its success and take on a variety of roles to help with the smooth running of the school and take initiatives to make our school a better place.

The process to attain this status is rigorous and involves writing a formal letter of application. Once the letter has been approved the candidates are invited to an interview with Mr Bless, Mrs Dhillon and Miss Clarke when they are asked about their letter, their experiences and their vision. We are always impressed with the children's ideas and ability to articulate their answers so thoughtfully and clearly. This year was no exception.

This week, the children learned that, for the first year ever, every child who applied for the post of prefect was successful in their application. Our Head Girl is Nihal and our Head Boy is Varun. The Deputies are Mellae and Jakub. The Prefects are Eliz, Amaya, Siloe, Jesal, Tupaxx, Jeremiah, Annabel, Sienna, Yagmur, Bejna, Sultan, Niyla, Keianna, Dorsa, Esther, Aisha, Nazirah, Havin, Aron, Raahil, Rachel, Zahra, Aysema, Olivia, Arios and Qasim. Congratulations to every one of you.

On Wednesday afternoon, Mrs Dhillon shared the Prefect Charter with the children and they wrote their invitations to their parents for the presentation to be held in school on Tuesday, 27th September at 8.50am (see final page). We look forward to seeing the Head Boy, Head Girl, the Deputies and the Prefects with their families next week.

Home Reading

Reading with and to your children every day is such an important part of a child's daily routine. There are some incredible benefits, not only in terms of their education, but also to their well-being. At Prince of Wales, the reading records are invaluable in terms of tracking your child's progress with reading as well as ensuring good communication between home and school. It is a way to share and celebrate your children's achievements, as well as to give advice and discuss ways to support children in areas where they may be struggling. Please ensure that your child has their reading record and book in their bag daily and it is signed at least once a week by an adult who is listening to them read at home.

Turn to page 4 to find out what books you can expect to see in your child's book bag each week.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Jan M Bless
Headteacher

Attendance this week

Ash 89.51%	1H 90.26%	2A 98.20%	3F 89.56%	4F 94.53%	5G 91.95%
Birch 93.25%	1K 79.67%	2L 90.71%	3G 92.14%	4G 94.81%	5R 92.00%
Oak 94.89%	1W 95.28%	2T 96.80%	3W 94.92%	4I 93.20%	5T 98.25%

Well done to **Oak, 2A** and **5T** for best attendance this week.
Overall attendance since September 2021: **91.45%**

Drop off point for children that arrive late in the morning



We are returning to pre-pandemic arrangements:

- Children who arrive late *between* 8.45am and 9.00am should report to Mrs Jones at 'door way 1' (see image on the left: the white door between the dinner hall and the medical room).
- If arriving *after* 9.00am, children should go to the school office

Late collection at the end of the school day

Parents/Carers should collect late children after 3.30 at Community Room from front entrance (Green building)

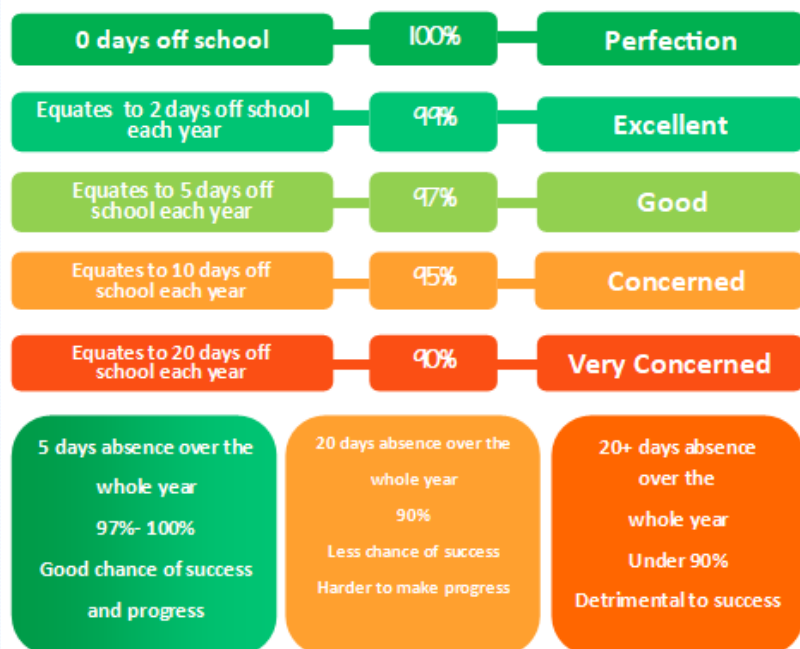


Every Minute Counts

LATENESS = LOST LEARNING

5 Minutes late each day	3 days lost!
10 Minutes late each day	6.5 days lost!
15 Minutes late each day	10 days lost!
20 Minutes late each day	13 days lost!
30 Minutes late each day	19 days lost!

Be in the playground on time and ready to learn



100% ATTENDANCE CLUB

Attendance will remain a priority at our school as too many children miss significant amounts of learning time due to lateness and absence.

On Wednesday 17th November, our children should have completed exactly 100 morning and afternoon school sessions.

All children that have a perfect 100% score will be in the 100 Club and receive a reward. We will then reset this for all the children and start again with the next 100 sessions. We will repeat this until the end of the school year.

Which children will achieve 4 times 100% in a row?

What is the impact of lateness and absence?

DfE research (2012) on [improving attendance at school](#) found that:

Of pupils with **absence over 50%**, only 3% manage to achieve 5 or more GCSEs at grades A*-C including maths and English

73% of pupils who have **over 95% attendance** achieve 5 or more GCSEs at grades A*-C

This week we focused on the School Rules: Respect

The following pupils modelled this well:

Lara 1H, Johnny 1K, Paige 1W, Erva 2A, Madiha 2L, Selin 2T, Harmony 3F, Phoebe 3H, Noah 3W,
Ronnie 4F, Cagan 4G, Ibrahim 4GL, Amelia 5G, Ellie 5R, Alissa 5T,
Mellae 6B, Israel 6C, Qasim 6T, Robert 6TA



The poster features a background of various food items including red chili peppers, a bowl of seeds, and a bowl of red powder. The text is primarily in green and black. The logo for Enfield Catering Services is in the top left corner. The date 07/10/21 is displayed in green. The menu is enclosed in a green-bordered box with the word 'MENU' at the top. The 'ABOUT THE THEME' section is in a separate green-bordered box on the right. At the bottom left, there are logos for Red Tractor Certified Standards, Food for Life, and Soil Association.

ENFIELD Catering SERVICES
FUELLING OUR NEXT GREAT MINDS

THEME DAY

07/10/21

M E N U

MAINS

Chicken Burger with Lemon Mayonnaise, Oven Chips and Rainbow Slaw

Vegetable Pizza Margarita, Oven Chips & Rainbow Slaw (V)

Pasta Shells with Marinara Sauce (VG)

DESSERTS

Raspberry Jelly and Ice Cream (V)

Fresh Fruit and Ice Cream (V)

ABOUT THE THEME

As today is Census Day, we wanted to celebrate the fact that more children are now back in the dining hall eating hot nutritious meals since Covid began.

Our teams are so happy to have children back that we felt the best way to celebrate was to have some party food!

We have all the party favourites on the menu but of course they come with our usual healthy approach.

RED TRACTOR CERTIFIED STANDARDS

FOOD FOR LIFE

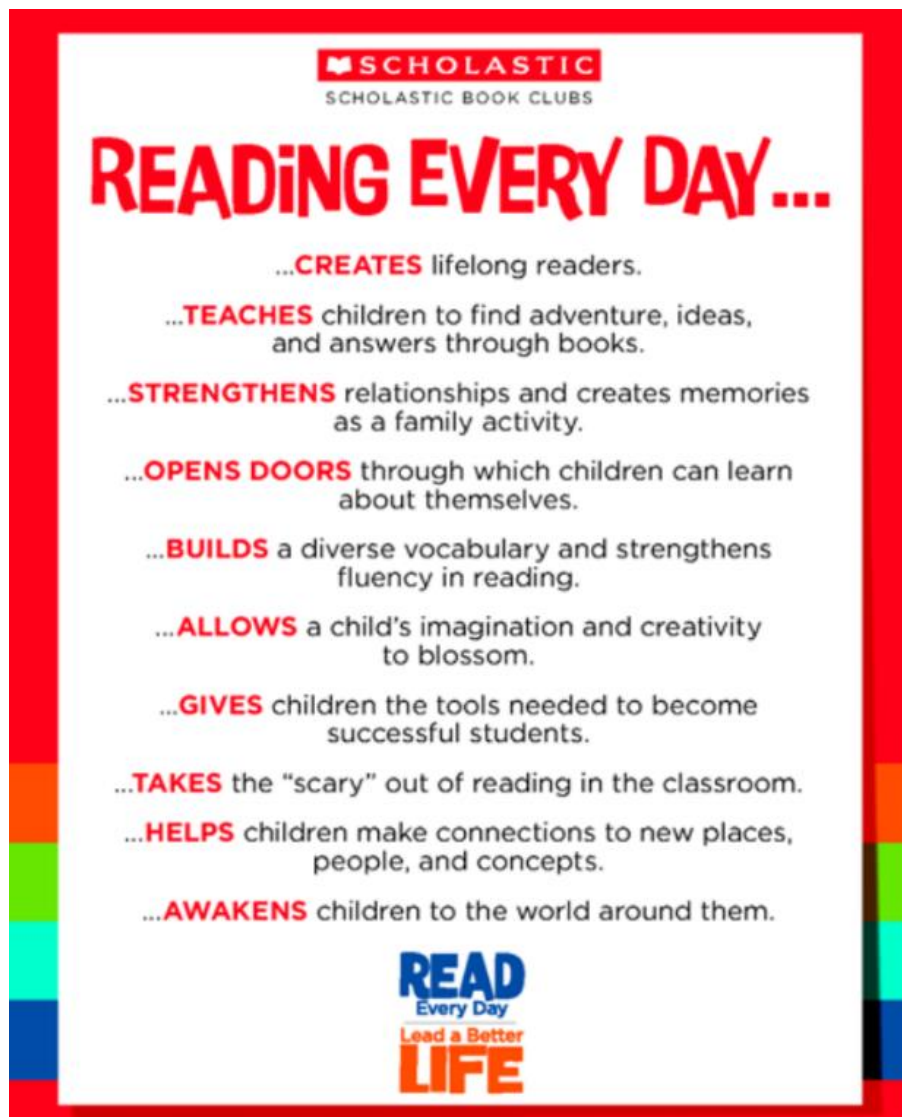
Soil Association

Book bag expectations for each year group

Every pupil will take home a weekly library book / bedtime book. Depending on whether they are in EYFS, KS1 or KS2 and at what stage, they may also have a book bag book BBB and/or accelerated reading book. These must be brought in every day together with their reading record. Please make sure that children read every day, that books are looked after and returned on time for scores of other children to enjoy them. Damaged or lost books will of course have to be paid for. If you have any questions about reading, please talk to your child's class teacher.

- **Nursery** – Pupils to take home sound blending book when they begin phase 1 phonics.
- **Reception** – Ditty sheet if on Ditties. *Book Bag Book* if red or above. BBB linked to the session book. Changed once a week.
- **KS1**– BBB linked to the session book. If child is grey or above they will be in the DGR group, these pupils will take home an Accelerated Reader book *instead* of BBB. They must take home the correct AR level linked to their Star Reading test.
- **Years 3 and 4**- All pupils will take home an AR book matched to their Star Reading level. In addition, pupils having RWI will have BBB (linked to their session book. These are all nonfiction).
- **Years 5 and 6**- Every pupil will take home an AR book matched to their Star Reading level.
The pupils having Fresh Start lessons will have an AR book *and* an anthology text (linked to their Fresh Start sessions)

BBB = Book Bag Book; AR = Accelerated Reading Book that children completed quizzes for after reading



Reading Cafés for Parents/Carers



In the last two weeks of this half term, there will be a whole school project based around the fairy tale *Beauty and the Beast*. As part of their learning, pupils will read different versions of the story and then write their own narrative.

We are inviting parents and carers to attend our Reading Cafés. It will be a great opportunity to read the book together and participate in a fun, creative activity with your child.

Please see the dates below. Start time will be 9am, in your child's classroom.

We hope to see you there. Light refreshments will be offered.

Year 1	12 th October
6B and 6T	13 th October
6TA and 6C	14 th October
Year 2	15 th October
Year 3	19 th October
Year 4	20 th October
Year 5	21 st October





DATE	TIME	YEAR	EVENT
07.10	lunchtime	all	Special Census Day lunch menu
12.10	am	all	Harvest Festival
12.10 – 21.10	9am	all	Parent Reading Cafés - Beauty and the Beast 
18.10	3:30pm-6:00pm	all	Parents' evening
25.10 – 29.10		all	Autumn Half term
22.10		all	Class Photos
01.11		all	Start Autumn Term 2
17.11		all	100% ATTENDANCE CLUB
02.12		all	PoW Tree Day <i>(part of National tree Week)</i>
06.12	All day	all	School closed – Inset Day 2
17.12		all	Finish at 1:30 for Christmas Holidays
04.01.22		all	Start Spring Term
14.01.22		Year 4	Verulamium visit
27.01.22	All day	Years 1-6	Pantomime: Robin Hood 
10.02.22			100% ATTENDANCE CLUB
14.03.22	All day	all	School closed – Inset Day 3
16.05.22		all	100% ATTENDANCE CLUB
22.07.22		all	100% ATTENDANCE CLUB
3 Further school closures to be decided: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 more Inset Days • Queen's Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday 			

holiday camp at De Bohun Primary School this October half term

Kids Multi-Activity Sports Holiday Camp Southgate (sport4kids.biz)

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Once the Prefect Charter was shared with our new Year 6 Head children and Prefects, they set out to write invites to their parents/carers to attend their inauguration ceremony next Tuesday morning.



Resident hedgehog

After football club this week, Mr Ferns spotted a hedgehog on the school grounds. We haven't seen one for a long time. In fact across the country they are becoming more scarce so we are delighted to have one using our facilities. Next, it was seen by our Chef Len sitting immobile in the sun, which is unusual for such a nocturnal creature. Miss Homer, Head Gardener, looked on the Hedgehog Preservation Society website that recommended to put it in a box and make it comfortable, then to contact a wildlife rescue centre. Their advice was that sitting in the sun isn't normal behaviour!

The rescue centre in Trent Park said the best thing to do was to take it Medivet at the end of Ordnance Road and they would pass it on if need be, after giving it any necessary treatment.

Medivet called Miss Homer yesterday afternoon and informed her that it could be re-released at the school.

Miss Homer placed it under some leaves at the back of the wild area and 30 mins later it was spotted running down the path to freedom!

Invitation to our children:

- What would make a good name for our hedgehog?
- Find out key facts about hedgehogs.
- Hedgehogs were once a common sight but they are now listed as vulnerable. What can we do to help this friendly little animal that is so beneficial to gardeners?

Give your completed responses to Mr Bless by Thursday 30th November.