

PRINCE OF WALES PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter
9th September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers, Governors and Friends,

It was with great sadness that we received the news of death of Her Majesty The Queen yesterday evening. We have now entered a period of national mourning that will continue until the end of the State Funeral.

We have been informed by the Department for Education that Schools and Further Education settings will remain open and normal attendance is expected. You can access more information about the mourning period on www.royal.uk. A bank holiday is expected to be declared for the day of this funeral; however, this has not yet been confirmed. If a bank holiday is declared, schools will close.

At Prince of Wales, we marked this sad and historic event with an assembly for Years 2 to 6 during which we celebrated Queen Elizabeth's life and looked ahead to the coronation of King Charles III. The children perfectly understood the solemnity of this occasion. Afterwards, they had the opportunity to write a message, draw a picture or recount a memory of the Queen.



Pakistan flooding – we have a number of families who will have families and friends in Pakistan. Our thoughts are with all affected by the recent disastrous flooding.

Meeting with our Senior Leadership Team – Working in Partnership Together

The meeting with the school's Senior Leadership Team and parents/carers on Wednesday was very constructive. It offered us the opportunity to introduce ourselves, set out our plans for this year and very importantly, to listen to your questions and suggestions. We will take these forward and update you when we have further information to share. For example, after-school clubs are very important to our children and we will keep updating you on the offer available. Clubs will start w/c 19th September – please keep an eye out for an email next week to sign up.

Dates for next week's Parent Cafés

Come and meet your child's new teacher next week to find out what, how and where (this café will include a tour around the school site) they will be learning as well as to share important information to ensure another successful school year.

Year 6 on 13.09 at 9am and Year 3 at 2:30pm;

Year 5 on 14.09 at 9am and Year 2 at 2:30pm;

Year 4 on 15.09 at 9am and Year 1 at 2:30pm.

Year 6 SATs and Secondary Transition Meeting

Further to the Year 6 Parent Café, a separate SATs and Secondary transition meeting is also planned on Wednesday 21st September. In order to give as many parents as possible to attend this important information meeting, a survey has been sent to Year 6 parents to find out which time works best for them.

Kind regards,

Mr Jan M Bless
Headteacher

Attendance this week

Ash	1G 90.38%	2A 82.76%	3G 89.23%	4D 90.37%	5F 95.65%	6C 92.08%
Birch	1Go 95.17%	2C 87.86%	3T 92.69%	4F 94.62%	5G 92.50%	6D 80.83%
Oak	1S 99.29%	2T 83.71%	3W 96.07%	4H 95.86%	5H 96.96%	6W 93.75%

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

Overall attendance since September 2022: **88.07%**



DATE	TIME	YEAR	EVENT
w/c 12 September		Years 1 to 6	Parent Cafés – Year 6 on 13.09 at 9am and Year 3 at 2:30pm; Year 5 on 14.09 at 9am and Year 2 at 2:30pm; Year 4 on 15.09 at 9am and Year 1 at 2:30pm.
10 th October	3:30 – 6:30pm	all	Parents' Evening
13 th October		all	Harvest Festival (children invited to donate non-perishable food)
14 th October		all	Inset Day – school closed
24 th -28 th October		all	Autumn Half Term Holidays – school closed
31 October		all	Inset Day – school closed
1 st November		all	Start Autumn Term 2

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IN TOUCH

'Sawadee Ka' (hello) to everyone at Prince of Wales. I hope you all enjoyed the summer and are settling into your classes and making some new friends. I always used to like the beginning of term with its fresh start and exciting challenges.

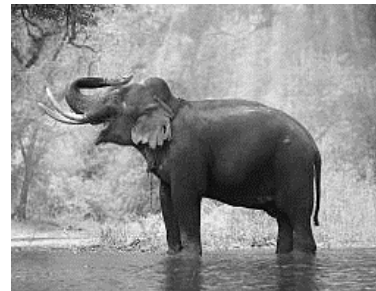
When you started back last Friday I had just arrived in Chiang Mai in Northern Thailand. Yesterday, when I went for a long walk in the jungle, I saw two Indian elephants - they are huge, very strong and intelligent animals that can live until they are about seventy years old. Not surprisingly they are the national animal of Thailand although their numbers have decreased considerably. Can you think why this might be?

As I look out of my window I can see many trees but I cannot name many of them yet. I have chosen the teak tree as my tree to photograph every Friday so I can see how it changes over the next three months. It is just losing its beautiful white flowers as the weather starts to get a little colder- 30 degrees Celsius!

Do you know what the link is between the elephants and the teak trees in Thailand? There is a very interesting history about this connection that I am finding out about.

I wish you a happy and successful term.

Best wishes,
Miss Clarke



The school rule focus this week was:

Be Ready

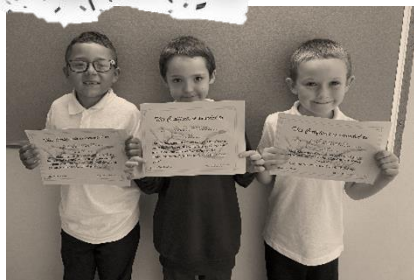
These pupils received a certificate this week:

Eylem 1G, Taylan 1GO, Ethan 1S, Mia 2A, Simal 2C, Lara 2T, Jack 3T, Charlie 3G, Kayle 3W, Class 4F, Anna 4H, Harmony 4K, Kezia 5F, Harley-Mark 5G, Zaynab 5H, Haitem 6C, Tia-Laren 6D, Bethel 6W



Well Done!

Wow!



Good Job!



Year 4 Times Tables Badge
Muhammad 4F



WALKER CHILDREN'S CLUB

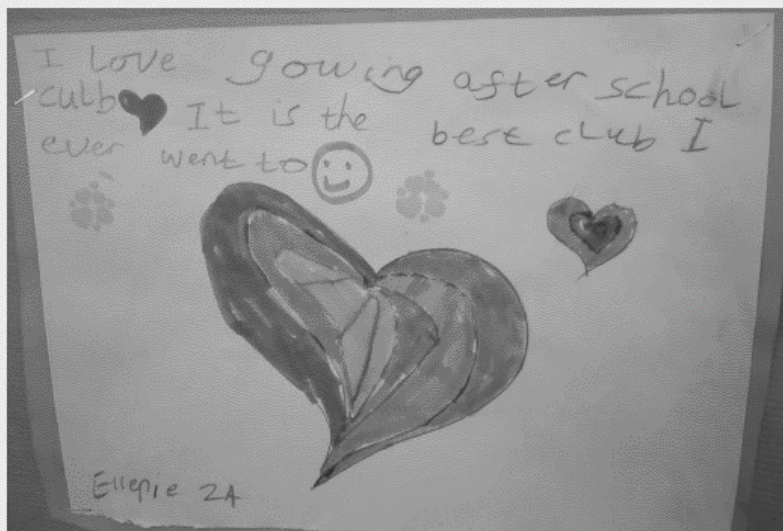
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OPEN DAYS FOR NEW RECEPTION CHILDREN!

PRINCE OF WALES PRIMARY SCHOOL - AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

We would like to invite new reception children and their parents/carers to visit our after school club at Prince of Wales Primary School and register for September!

Visits available Monday to Friday, 3pm - 5:45pm



**Please call or email to arrange a time and date,
we look forward to meeting you!**

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6W Queen Elizabeth II Acrostic Poem

Elegant Elizabeth, Queen of our hearts.

Loved by all.

Intelligent, inspirational leader.

Zero above her.

Amarzing ability in comforting those in need.

Better than the rest.

Empowering England.

Thankful, thoughtful, ever present.

Her Majesty- Helpful hero, forever in our hearts.

Eternally loved

Queen Elizabeth II Poem by Iqra Khan 6W

The bridge has fallen,
The tears are no longer drops,
The rain is filled with sadness.
The queen has served us for 70 years without fail.
She made a promise and the promise she kept.
Her age did not stop her, she was unstoppable.
Her platinum jubilee made us happy but also sad
because we know the time for her to end her reign was
upon us.
The rainbows have combined,
They are at peace.
She will always be in our hearts.
She will be missed.