

PRINCE OF WALES PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter
20th January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Notification of strike action/closure/partial closure on Wednesday 1st February 2023

You may be aware from media coverage that NEU have declared strike action, which will take place on Wednesday 1st February 2023.

The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the Secretary of State for Education over teacher's pay and not because of any issues at our school: [NEU to take strike action over pay](#).

I am getting in touch to give you as much notice as possible that learning will be disrupted on this day due to the numbers of staff involved that may lead to operational difficulties. It is likely that numerous classes will close to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the pupils affected. Where possible, remote learning tasks will be provided for those pupils remaining at home.

We are considering several options for how to cope with any disruption and will be communicating in more detail with you about these plans prior to 1st February.

We recommend that you are prepared to make alternative childcare arrangements for this date.

I am sorry about the potential disruption to you and to your child's education. I understand that this situation may be frustrating and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect.

Prince of Wales remains committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils and delivering high-quality teaching.

I will inform you of the final arrangements as soon as possible. This will be communicated to you directly. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Mr Jan M Bless
Headteacher

Attendance for week beginning 16th January 2023

Ash 92.17%	1G 90.77%	2A 88.52%	3G 92.69%	4D 95.56%	5F 98.33%	6C 97.92%
Birch 94.40%	1Go 98.62%	2C 92.22%	3T 87.60%	4F 90.37%	5G 96.96%	6D 91.74%
Oak 86.80%	1S 94.44%	2T 94.64%	3W 91.85%	4H 93.57%	5H 97.08%	6W 91.30%

Well done to **Birch**, **1Go** and **5F** for best attendance this week.

Overall attendance since September 2022: **92.34%**



DATE	YEAR	EVENT
13 th – 17 th February	all	Spring Half Term Break – school closed
Mon 20th February	all	Inset Day 5 – school closed
Thu 23 rd February	all	100 session (50 days) attendance club
Thu 2 nd March	all	Book Day
Tue 7 th & Thu 9 th March		Parent Consultations
Mon 27 th March	all	Individual children's photos
Wed 29 th March		Aladdin School Production
Thu 30 th March	Nursery – Y1	Dentist visit
Thu 30 th March		Easter Bonnet Parade (<i>theme: King's Coronation</i>)
Thu 30 th March	Nursery	Nursery breaks up for Easter holidays
Fri 31 st March	Y1-Y6	End of Spring Term certificates awards
Fri 31 st March	Reception – Y6	Finish at 1:30pm for Easter holidays
3 rd – 14 th April	all	Easter holidays
Mon 1 st May	all	May Bank Holiday
Mon 8 th May	all	Bank Holiday to celebrate His Majesty's coronation on Saturday 6 May 2023 – School Closed
9 th – 12 th May	Year 6	Year 6 SATs week
Fri 19 th May	all	100 session (50 days) attendance club
22-24 th May	Year 6	Residential visit to Tolmers
29 th May – 2 nd June	all	Summer Half Term Break – school closed
Thu 22 nd June		Summer Celebration
Mon 3 rd July		Theatre show – Alice in Wonderland
Wed 5 th July	all	KS1 and KS2 sports day and picnic
17 th July		Parents' Eve drop-in
21 st July		Finish at 1:30pm for Summer holidays



The school value this month is:

Collaboration

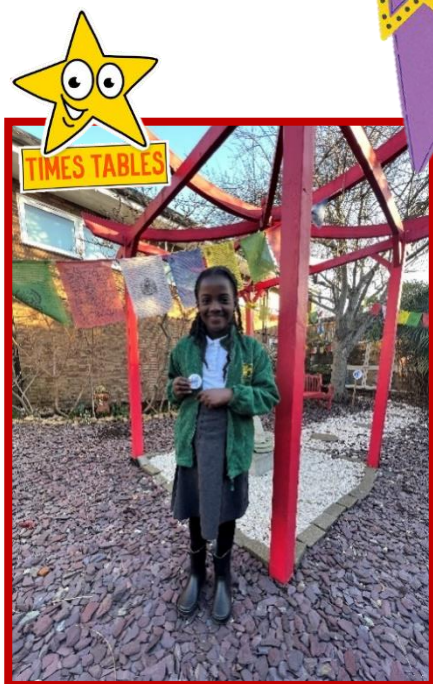
These pupils received a certificate this week:



Jensila 1G, Derman 1GO, Isla 1S, Zion-Phoenix 2A, Jibreel 2C, Antonia 2T, Makayla 3G, Maryam 3T, Kayle & Yasmin 3W, Hasanali 4D, Lynzie 4F, Bintou 4H, Emin 5F, Daa'ud 5G, Shaun 5H, Amelia 6C, Awo 6D, Sonny 6W



Top 3 TT Rock Stars
Natalie, Selin, Olivia
WELL DONE!



Year 4 X-Tables
Champion: Anna 4H

Best Readers this week

Amelia 3W, Caleb 4F, Rania 4H,
Bintou 4H, Jayden E 5G, Sadia 5G

Classes with the highest number of
100% quizzes
3W & 5F





After Christmas and the snow, that disrupted cookery club running to a weekly schedule, we were back! The same group from just before Christmas were eager to get cracking. I decided to continue the recipes that we would have used.

The group made snowflake biscuits - lots of mixing, kneading, rolling out the biscuit mix, needing several attempts. Parents and children were put to the test as more flour on the rolling surface was needed. As by then we were running a bit behind, we decided that the children would decorate their master pieces of biscuit shapes at home with their parents. Everyone enjoyed their creations.

Next week, will be making healthy, affordable meals from chicken, lamb mince, beef mince, choosing a variety, of vegetables and pulses to create a sustainable dinner.

Cooking with Chef Len



Snowflake Biscuits

Ingredients:

- ☐ 125g Unsalted butter, softened
- ☐ 110g caster sugar
- ☐ 1 egg
- ☐ 2 tsp vanilla extract
- ☐ 225g plain flour, sifted
- ☐ White icing pen, plus chocolate drops (available from supermarkets to buy)



Recipes from Chef Len

Method:

1. Preheat oven to 160°C and line two large baking trays with baking paper
2. Place the butter and sugar into the bowl of an electric mixer and mix on medium speed for 5 minutes or until pale and creamy. Add the egg and vanilla and beat until well combined. Add the flour and mix on low speed until mixture just comes together and forms a dough. Cover dough in plastic wrap and refrigerate for 15 minutes
3. Roll the dough between two sheets of baking paper until 3mm thick. Place onto a tray and refrigerate for a further 15 minutes
4. Remove from the fridge and using a snowflake shape cookie cutter, cut cookies from dough. Carefully transfer to prepared tray and place into the oven for 10 minutes or until just turning golden. Remove from the oven and allow to cool completely on trays. Decorate snowflakes using white icing pen. Allow icing to set before serving
5. Tips & Hints:
6. These biscuits can be cut into any shape you like using different cutters. Try stars or love hearts instead!

This week, our classes enjoyed another superb, entertaining and educational pantomime by:



distraught king



Evil laughter



lots of dancing



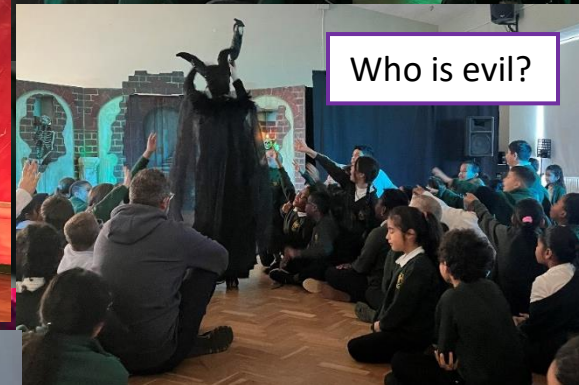
Will this sword defeat the Queen? No!



a taste of own medicine



Ahem, how to wake the princess?



Who is evil?



OVER,
THERE!!!



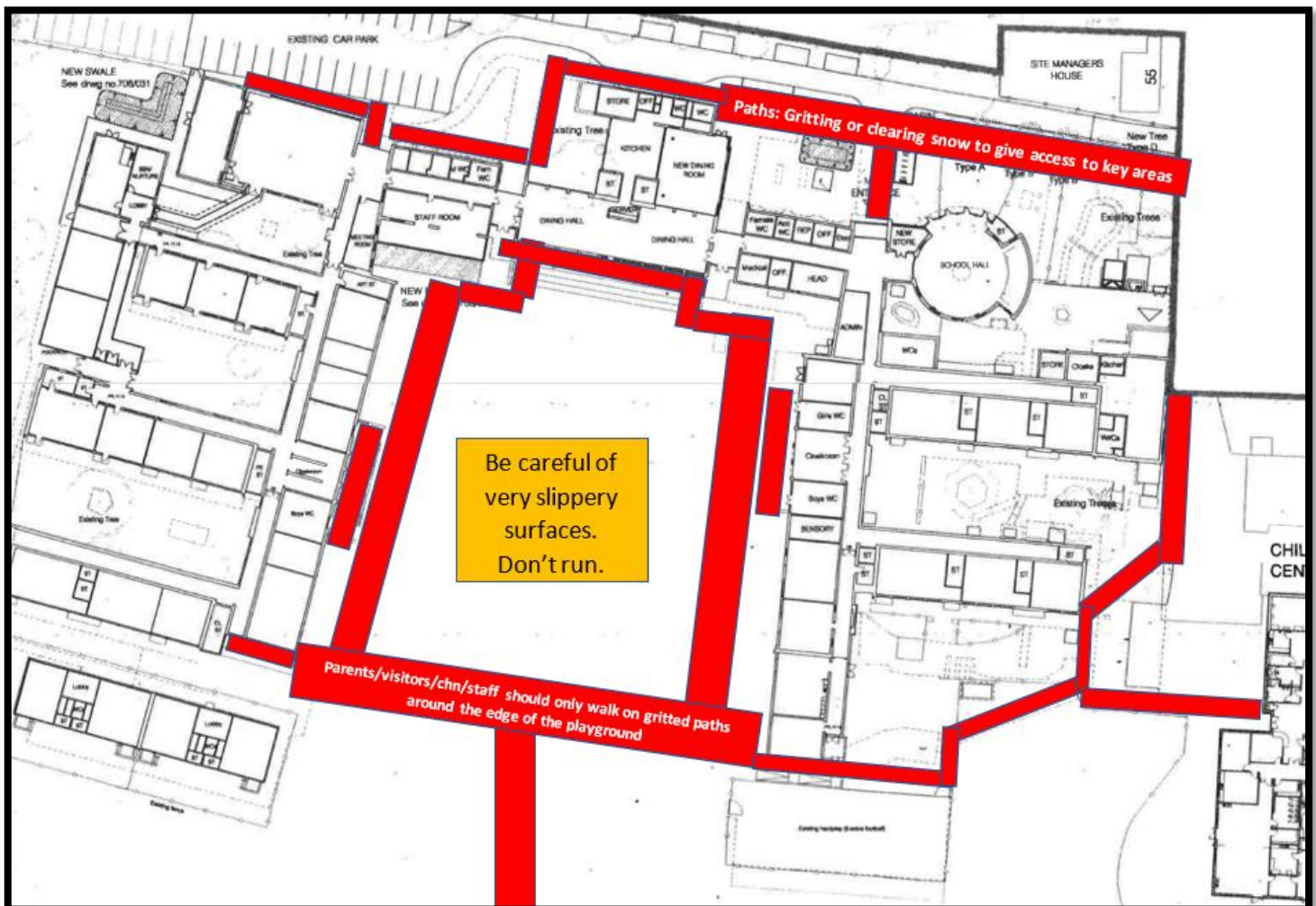
Oh. So very wicked!

Gritting and snow clearing plan

Please keep to gritted and cleared paths to access our school premises as safely as possible on frosty or snowy days. As we have such a large site, not all areas of the playground can be covered or cleared.

The site plan below shows you which paths are designated for snow clearing and gritting. It is best to avoid the center of the playground and please remind your child not to run to avoid slipping and injury.

It is parents/carers, children and visitors' responsibility to be careful where they walk and not assume that all surfaces are dry or non-slip. Despite our best efforts, icy patches can take a while to thaw. Please wear suitable footwear for frosty conditions and do tread carefully.



Playground Values



Playground expectations

Morning playtime break and lunch break are seen as unstructured times, where children are not directed by adults and have freedom to choose what and with who they play. We provide a multitude of equipment to play with at lunchtime and have many playleaders and support staff to supervise and help children engage in activities. Some activities are also set up inside. Our Year 6 Prefects also volunteer to help out.

We do have expectations however that our children keep themselves and others safe whilst having a fun and enjoyable time during their much-needed break. Please use the poster as a starting point to discuss with your child our expectations. We are fortunate to have a very large playground and are therefore able to separate years R to 3 from older children in years 4 to 6 to give them ample space to play and manage their time constructively.



100% Attendance from 18/10/2022 to 19/01/2023

Ayyan 1G Emma-Lee 1G Zayne 1G Richie 1GO Ava 1GO Thijash1 GO Rayan 1S Aras 1S Ashleigh 1S Sena 2A Ethan 2A Samuel 2A Jada 2A Kaylah 2A Naomi 2C Rebecca 2C Joshua 2C Ryhan 2C Vincent 2C Muhammed 2T Jenson 2T Lara 2T Aiden-Kaan 2T Huzeyfe 2T Nicolas 2T Teagan 2T Walid 3G Ashton 3G Madiha 3G Maryama 3G Rosie 3G Ailon 3T Ellerie 3T Destiny 3T Oscar 3T Aaliya 3T Priceless 3T Ajwa 3W Christabel 3W Eliana 3W Kayle 3W Bersu Hanim 3W Raahan 4D Kenaya 4D Irem 4D Zeynep 4F Oyku 4F Cameron-Kaan 4F Omari 4F Agnes 4F Olivia 4F Furkan 4H Angelica-Rose 4H Anna 4H Bella 4H Bintou 4H Kezia 5F Elnathan 5F Wahab 5F Aariah 5F Jayden 5F Christos 5F Nida 5F Mia 5F Lily 5F Maxwell 5F Lily-Eliza 5G Ela 5G Sadia 5G Constance 5G Nevaeh-La'Shay 5H Kevin 5H Yasmine 5H Bianca 5H Layla 6C Ali 6C Tanya 6C Amelia 6C Spencer 6D Rolex 6D Lionel 6D Symone 6D Domantas 6W Yavuz 6W Deniz 6W Hameeda 6W Tasnim 6W Christine 6W Thomas 6W Larissa 6W

Well done to these 90 children! They will be granted a **non-uniform day** on Friday 10th February.