

PRINCE OF WALES PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter 21st April 2023

Dear Parents/Carers, Governors and Friends,

Eid

With attendance today just 67.95% it was evident that Eid celebrations in our school community were in full swing; Eid Mubarak to you all! We hope you had a fabulous time with family and friends.

Invitation

The next Parent Forum takes place on Tuesday 25th April at 2:45pm. Themes we have been asked to cover include reading and online safety. Do bring your own questions along too. Members of SLT and Governors will be in attendance.

Strike Action on Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May

Unfortunately, it is deemed necessary by teacher colleagues from the NEU to continue the disruptive strike action to highlight the untenable issue of well-below inflation pay that also affects the great difficulty of staff recruitment. Will the Government listen and understand? A letter with further information has been sent out including which classes will be fully or partially open.

Emergency alert testing on Sunday 23rd April at 3pm

The emergency alert test is a national trial for the UK Emergency Alerts service, which is designed to warn you if there's a danger to life nearby. This could include anything from severe flooding and fires to extreme weather conditions, which all might require you to act fast to stay safe. See page 5

Stephen Lawrence Day 22nd April

The theme of this year's Stephen Lawrence Day is 'A Legacy of Change' and this was presented and discussed in assemblies this week by Year 3 teacher Miss Grandison. See page 8

Keep in Touch

Which former member of our school community has been in touch this week? See pages 9 and 10

Attendance for week beginning 17th April 2023

Ash 86.92%	1G 84.62%	2A 82.07%	3G 89.77%	4D 85.71%	5F 92.08%	6C 81.25%
Birch 86.15%	1Go 90.69%	2C 92.41%	3T 90.00%	4F 91.11%	5G 89.13%	6D 80.00%
Oak 90.77%	1S 81.79%	2T 81.72%	3W 88.89%	4H 86.43%	5H 88.33%	6W 86.09%

Well done to Oak, 2C and 5F for best attendance this week.

Overall attendance since September 2022: 91.72%



DATE	YEAR	EVENT	
25 th April	all	Parent Forum 2:45 Community Room	
26 th April	all	100 session (50 days) attendance club	
26 th April	Year 2	Year 2 parents SATs meeting at 2:30pm	
27 th April	tbc	Strike Day – check letter sent which classes are fully or half day open	
Mon 1 st May	all	May Bank Holiday – school closed	
Tue 2 nd May	tbc	Strike Day – check letter sent which classes are fully or half day open	
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	
22-24 th May	Year 6	Residential visit to Tolmers	
29 th May – 2 nd June	all	Summer Half Term Break – school closed	
Tue 20th June	all	Summer Celebration 3:30pm – 5pm CHANGE OF DATE	
Mon 3 rd July		Theatre show – Alice in Wonderland	
Wed 5 th July	all	KS1 and KS2 sports day and picnic	
17 th July	all	Parents' Eve drop-in	
21st July		Finish at 1:30pm for Summer holidays	



This week's sign is **SUMMER** – linked to our new school term.

Click the link to see how to sign our word of the week:

https://www.signbsl.com/sign/summer



Twitter @pow primary



Instagram pow primary





The school value this month is:

These pupils received a certificate this week:

Curiosity



Saral 1G, Thijash 1GO, Rayan 1S, Tsion 2A, Jamilah 2C, Amelija 2T, Selin 3G, Emre 3T, Koray 3W, Aayden 4D, Bella 4F, Rayan 4H, Logan 5F, Lara 5G, Aliyah 5H, Berat 6C, Lionel 6D, Alaa 6W





Year 6s attending all booster sessions during the Easter Holidays.













Best Readers this week that passed 100%

Nathanael 3G, Christabel 3W and Bella 4F with 4 quizzes each

Classes with the highest number of 100% quizzes

3W with 9
5H, 5F and 4D all with 5



Champions:
Francis, Bella



Year 4 children achieving 100% in Times Tables WELL DONE to Harmony, Natalie, Bella, Nathan, Raahan, Amelia, Idris, Omari, Muhammed

Polio and MMR Vaccinations for Children Aged 1 to 11 in London

Polio is a serious infection that's now very rare because of the vaccination programme. It's only found in a few countries and the chance of getting it in the UK is extremely low.

Polio in the UK

There have been no confirmed cases of paralysis due to polio caught in the UK since 1984.

Although some poliovirus has been found in sewage from London recently, the risk of getting it remains extremely low.

The chance of getting ill from polio is higher if you are not fully vaccinated, so it's important to make sure you, and your child, are up to date with your vaccines.

Washing your hands with soap and water or using hand sanitiser regularly throughout the day also helps you avoid catching and spreading viruses.

Polio vaccination

The best way to prevent polio is to make sure you and your child are up to date with your vaccinations.

The polio vaccine is part of the NHS routine childhood vaccination schedule.

The polio vaccine is given to children at:

- 8, 12 and 16 weeks old as part of the 6-in-1 vaccine
- 3 years, 4 months old as part of the 4-in-1 (DTaP/IPV) pre-school booster
- 14 years old as part of the 3-in-1 (Td/IPV) teenage booster

You need all 5 of these vaccinations to be fully vaccinated against polio.

You can contact your GP surgery to check if you, or your child, are up to date with your polio vaccinations. For children and babies, you can also check their personal child health record (red book).

If you are not up to date, book an appointment with your GP surgery to get vaccinated free on the NHS. Information:

You can have a polio vaccination at any point if you've never had one before, even if you're not travelling to a country with a risk of getting polio.

You should also get vaccinated even if you've had polio before as it protects against different types of polio.

- Ask at the school office if you require support in completing any forms if you have difficulties.
- Visit nhs.uk/polio for more information about polio vaccination.
- Check your child's health record (red book) to see if they are up to date on all their routine immunisations.
- Information about polio, MMR and other routine vaccinations is available online if you search 'NHS child vaccines' or visit nhs.uk/child-vaccines

Parents can also contact their GP if you have any questions or if you prefer their child to have their catch-up vaccinations at their GP practice.





Information:

the government's new emergency alerts system

The government's new emergency alerts system is live and will enable people to be contacted via their mobile phone when lives are in danger. The system will be tested nationally on Sunday 23 April 2023 at 3pm.

An emergency alert is a loud, siren-like sound with a message on your mobile phone or tablet screen.

To check an alert is genuine, visit GOV.UK.



Domestic abuse victims are being advised to disable the emergency siren that will sound, if they have a hidden mobile for their safety.

The alarm will sound even if your device is on silent and will sound for approximately 10 seconds

Busy Easter at Prince of Wales

We continually endeavour to make sure that our school site is best it can be for our children. Our school holidays are therefore always used to deep clean, fix, replace, enhance the school. Here a few images that highlight some of the works in the past two weeks:





Lots of gardening all around the school including pruning to encourage new growth and installing new planters for EYFS to grow their own vegetables and fruit.

The old carpets from the previous Children Centre and Daycare were finally replaced to make way for lovely wood effect floor that is much easier to clean and maintain. The children and staff love it.

Also, a new door in the Nursery to access the kitchen so that adults don't have to swing across the counter!







Year 4 can get to their classes again via the porch now that the previous doors have been replaced.



With thanks as always to our site staff and cleaning ladies!



Some older windows needed replacing as they let cold air in and all south facing windows now have a UV film to manage bright light and summer heat.

Crumbling art work on this wall had to be taken down and a new screed added, ready for something new ...



Do you fancy a chat with others in the same position?

CALLING ALL SPECIAL GUARDIANS!

Do you have a Child Arrangement Order or Special Guardianship Order?

Would you like to meet others in the same position?

We are setting up a new Support Group with an Education Focus, for all Special Guardians or people with Child Arrangement Orders in Enfield.

When? Wed 3rd May at 10.00 – 11.30

Where? Dugdale Theatre Café, London Road, Enfield Town Centre. EN2 6DS

What? Drop-in session to discuss any issues relating to education / schools.

Discussion about what the group might find helpful.



Any questions or queries, please contact Jane Manning, Enfield Previously Looked After Children Officer.

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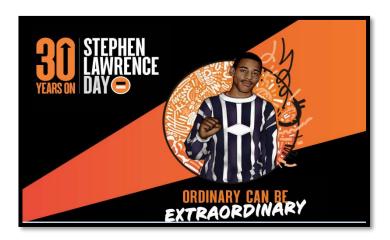
(Mondays - Wednesdays)

Possible topics for discussion:

- Transition (between schools or within school)
- Homework
- Puberty
- Attendance
- Special needs
- Friendships
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Racial Justice, Equality and Diversity @ POW

Stephen Lawrence Day



22nd April 2023 marks 30 years of the day Stephen Lawrence was murdered in an unprovoked racial attack.

For many years, his murder was unresolved, leaving his family, friends and community to feel that there was and still is injustice and discrimination in our society that needs to change.

As a school, we have spent some time thinking about what injustice is and what discrimination means. We have made a commitment to each other to always embrace and celebrate our differences; be loving, caring and kind to each other; and challenge each other when we say or do things that may upset or hurt someone else who may be different to us.



Check out the link below:

<u>Stephen Lawrence Day - A Legacy of Change - FULL VERSION - YouTube</u>

Let's honour Stephen's life and legacy, and build a **fairer**, **kinder** and **equal** society in his name.



Dear children, staff, parents and friends,

Another term has just started and I can't believe how quickly your school year is going. You have all achieved so much and experienced so many things – some old favourites like the Easter Bonnet Parade and some new like the King's Coronation which will be coming up very soon.

I have also been experiencing new things and have continued to learn. Remember- learning never stops and is for everybody all of the time.

Here are some of the things I have learnt on my travels. They all reminded me of Prince of Wales School and my many favourite things when I was lucky enough to work with you all.

Bulgaria - Demir Baba Teke



Do you remember learning about Alevism? Well, when I was in in Bulgaria, I learnt about Demir Baba, a 16th-century Alevi saint. This reminded me of year 5 learning about the key figures in Alevism and our Alevi community. Demir Baba Teke is a 16th-century Alevi Mausoleum near the village of Sveshtari in north eastern Bulgaria. This is thought to be the resting place of Demir Baba. There is a sarcophagus which is usually covered by gifts but rarely shown and only to Alevi people.

Mexico - Chichen Itza

I thought of year 3 when I was in Mexico and visited a place called Chichen Itza. There is a pyramid there from the $8^{th}-12^{th}$ century AD. I thought about how this pyramid links to the Egyptian pyramids and have been wondering how much more is there to be discovered and learnt from these? I think the answer is lots. I hope you all enjoyed learning about pyramids like I did.



Edinburgh - Frame Structures



When I went to Edinburgh, I walked over a bridge across the Firth of Forth. (Look it up on a map.) Here I learned about 3 different bridges each designed to carry pedestrians, vehicles or trains over the water. They are huge structures and showcase some excellent engineering. They have become a great wonder of our modern world. These reminded me of year 6 and their design and technology work on frame structures. I wonder if you could design a bridge to carry a vehicle over water?

Portugal



It was very cold in England in December so I decided to warm up by going to Portugal. Here is a question for year 2 because I remembered you learn about hot and cold countries - look Portugal up on a globe. Is it closer to the equator than

England? Would that make it a little hotter or colder?

We had lots of beautiful walks along the beach. The cliffs were formed from sandstone and displayed many variations of yellow and orange. This reminded me of year 1 and colour mixing in your art lessons. Here is a

question for year 1 - do you think you could mix lots of different shades of orange? How could you do that?





Wales - Orienteering

As most of you know, I am Welsh and like to go home to Wales whenever I can. Well, this time I kept thinking of year 4 because we learnt to do some orienteering on our bikes in a place called "Pontneddfechan." We had to navigate along trails and tracks. We stopped by the most amazing waterfalls and dams. I did fall off my bike but I didn't hurt myself as I was wearing my wonderful new cycle helmet that you all gave me as a leaving present.



Before long I will be off to Madagascar and Japan. I wonder what they will remind me of and what I will learn there?

I wish you all a productive and happy summer term,

Mrs Redmore

