

March 24 Newsletter (13)

Pinewood Infant School

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had an incredibly busy couple of weeks since our last newsletter. Year R went on a visit to the farm and we had a full packed book week. Thank you to all the parents who made the early morning reading sessions such a success. Do take a look at the montage of photos for both of these events at the end of the newsletter.

Toys

The children have started bringing in various toys to school from home e.g. football cards and jewelry, and other toys. Please reinforce that these are for home and if needed after school, please bring them in for the children at the end of the school day. We have had children upset as there have been several incidents and misunderstandings of children giving others their belongings and not getting them back. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Play equipment

Please help keep the children safe and refrain from letting them play on or with the play equipment on the school grounds before and after school. These are for school use only.

Parents Evening

We hope that you have all managed to book via Arbor and look forward to see you all there. The children's books will be available to view, prior to your meeting time so do come early.

KS1 Quality Outcome

Parents of children in Years 1 and 2 will be invited to participate in an interactive Experience onboard the 'Titanic'. This will take place in the school hall, departing at 2:30pm on Wednesday 27th March. As it is interactive, this event is for adults only, and will be ticketed due to the limited seating onboard. This is an opportunity for the children to share their learning about this interesting topic with you. We hope to see you there.



Upcoming Events

**Monday 18th March and
Thursday 21st March**

Parents Evenings
3:30-6:00pm

Thursday 28th March
Easter Hunt at school for the
children

Wednesday 27th March
KS1 Parents Experience on
the Titanic, setting sail at
2:30pm sharp
(Adults only for this event)

Thursday 28th March
Children finish at 3:15pm
(normal time)

**Friday 29th – Sunday 14th
April**
Easter Holiday

Monday 15th April
Children's first day back for
the summer term

Monday 22nd April
Class Photo's

2nd May 2024
INSET day – no children

Mothers' Day



We hope you enjoyed your Mothers' Day cupcakes and had a special day. You raised £114 with the PTA for this event.

Go Draw

The school participated in 'Go Draw in School' this year, where the children had specific drawing time every day for two weeks. The children may have shown you their drawing books for the event. As an additional element this year, the children were asked to draw a picture of themselves that is to be displayed on hoardings boards in Farnborough.

On Saturday 23rd March 'Go Draw' are inviting children to join in a fun day of drawings and stories, and a first time to see all the self-portraits they created for the Hoarding Project. (Please see the attached flyer.)

Year R Finkley Down Farm Trip



World Book Day Parade



Reading Cafe



Reading Buddies



Attendance for the Week

Please remember we are always aiming for a minimum of **96%** attendance in line with national expectation.

	Week commencing: 04.03.2024	Week commencing: 11.03.2024
Whole School	98%	97%

Class	Week commencing: 04.03.2024	Week commencing: 11.03.2024
Ladybird/Owl	98%	97%
Hedgehog	98%	95%
Butterfly	98%	100%
Fox	100%	100%
Tadpole	93%	88%

Learners of the Week



Year Group	Week commencing: 04.03.2024	Week commencing: 11.03.2024
Year R	Tom Dawson, Ishitha Kallem & Amir Alimi	Lewis Dray, Luca Arnold & Siddhi Gurung
Year 1	Thomas Taylor, Levi Molnar & Jack Evans	Sebby Calver, Megan Westley, Beau Revell & Jack Evans
Year 2	Logan Keenan, Summer Cleal & Nate Lukacs	Sophie Grannell & Charlie Burfield

Good Neighbours of the Week

Year Group	Week commencing: 04.03.2024	Week commencing: 11.03.2024
Year R	Swarnav Rai & Lucas Molera	Elliott Jones & Liam Kackini
Year 1	Maxwell Spuffard	Eden Bona
Year 2	Luca-Hunter Gething & Harvey Vicary	Nicole Dobrin & Amber Glancy

Wellbeing Segment: International day of Happiness – 20th March 2024

This year's theme, 'happier together' emphasizes the importance of connecting and fostering meaningful relationships with others.

The International Day of Happiness is an annual celebration aimed at helping people around the world to realise the importance of happiness in their lives. It's a chance for everyone to take steps to make themselves and others happier, to reflect on what makes them happy, and explore new ways to be happy. It takes place every year on the 20th of March.

This is also a day to try and identify the factors in life that might negatively affect our own happiness and to find ways to change them for the better. Stress, unhappiness, worries and fears over work, the climate, the economic situation, or whatever else might be weighing on your mind, can detract from your happiness.

On International Day of Happiness. Take some time to read up on ways you relieve these emotions, either through meditation, mindfulness or self-care.

Here are a few ideas that you may want to try as a family, with your children to help promote the wonderful emotion of 'happiness'.

The five happiness challenges:

Challenge 1: Think about all the ways you can be active. Do some exercise with a friend – go for a run, walk, dance or play a sport.

Challenge 2: Help someone to do something and think about how it makes you feel.

Challenge 3: Connecting and meeting up with a friend or visiting family.

Challenge 4: Learn something new.

Challenge 5: Be mindful, do some colouring or try doing some other things that make you personally feel relaxed.



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