

May 24 Newsletter (17)

Pinewood Infant School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Artist Day

We had a wonderful day on Monday when Heather Burrell attended Pinewood and worked with all the children on drawing. The children were amazing at listening and following her advice when drawing pinecones and she loved working with them all. She has taken away a selection of their art to work into her final design, which will be unveiled on our celebration day.



KS1 Pirate Trip

Year 1 and 2 walked to Guillemont for their Pirate activities yesterday and practiced a variety of skills, including geography field work, floating and sinking and physical activities. They were very excited and hopefully told you all about it. Many boats survived but as I was told on the walk back, "Some sunk like the Titanic!"



Upcoming Events

Week beginning:

27th May 2024

Half term holiday – no school

3rd June 2024

First day back

Week beginning:

10th June 2024

Phonic screening week

Friday 28th June

Mufti-day – bring a bottle

Friday 12th July

Sports Day

1:30pm

Monday 15th July

Pinewood Celebrates 50
Years

Advanced notice School
will close, for the summer
holidays at 1.30pm on the
last day of the summer
term, Tuesday 23rd July
2024.



Quality Outcomes

In DT this half term, Year 1 have made bags to collect treasure in and Year 2 made pirate puppets. They have learnt about designing, joining textiles and practiced sewing skills. Here is a sample of the children's work for the end of their pirate topic...



We wish you all a super half term break and look forward to seeing you all on 3rd June.

Attendance for the Week

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

	Week commencing: 13.05.2024	Week commencing: 20.05.2024
Whole School	93%	95%

Class	Week commencing: 13.05.2024	Week commencing: 20.05.2024
Ladybird/Owl	91%	92%
Hedgehog	89%	96%
Butterfly	98%	100%
Fox	100%	94%
Tadpole	98%	100%

Learners of the Week



Year Group	Week commencing: 13.05.2024	Week commencing: 20.05.2024
Year R	Imogen King, Luca Arnold & Parker Betts	Caleb Armstrong, Ivy Palmer, Harley Bridger & Siddhi Gurung
Year 1	Ava Nugent & Maisie-Lou Grist	Max Eales, Maxwell Spuffard & Piper Blackstaffe-Turner

Year 2	Harley Bennett, Logan Keenan, Oren Noble & Benedict Astovasadourian	Munro Short & Wolf Jopling
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Good Neighbours of the Week

Year Group	Week commencing: 13.05.2024	Week commencing: 20.05.2024
Year R	Lewis Dray & Tom Dawson	Jackson Mooring
Year 1	Harry Lovell, Sebby Calver & Jack Evans	Cosmo Swales & Alex Praise
Year 2	Ciaran Turner	Luca-Hunter Gething

Wellbeing Segment: Moving more for our mental health

The theme for Mental Health Awareness week this year was about moving more!

Being active can boost self-esteem, improve sleep and reduce stress and anxiety levels, not only in ourselves as adults but also our children too. However, being active doesn't just mean doing sports or going to the gym. There are many other ways to be active, such as brisk walking, mowing the lawn, playing football in the park, swimming, dancing or riding a bike. Any amount of physical activity that gets your body moving is better than none. It can also be a great way to meet new people and provide a sense of purpose but above all it can be lots of fun.

Movement is one of the few proven routes to protect poor mental health as stated by the Mental Health Foundation, hence being this year's theme.

So make the most of this half term of getting out and about with your children, being active, having fun and making those all-important memories of family time together.



THE FEDERATION OF GUILLEMONT JUNIOR SCHOOL
AND PINWOOD INFANT SCHOOL



Federation News

Due to the announcement by the Government of a General Election on Thursday 4th July 2024, **it seems very likely that I will have to close Guillemont School on that day, as our school is used as a Polling Station.** I'm in discussions with Rushmoor Borough Council (RBC) but I am not optimistic that I can either refuse or that there is an alternative. It is more than a little irritating considering that transfer day is a well-planned annual event. Other schools, that are not polling stations, will **not be affected nor will Yr6 children visiting their new secondary schools.**

Update 3.00pm: I have an appointment during half term to meet representatives of RBC to discuss the issue and explore alternatives. I have been told that I cannot refuse.

Pinewood Infant School will be open as usual.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Burleigh'.

Carolyn Burleigh
Head of School

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Denis Foster'.

Denis Foster
Executive Headteacher