

Pippins Weekly News

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SEE TOMORROW GROW

Dear Parents and Carers,

I begin by thanking you for your support with the cake sale last week. We raised a grand total of £128.50 which we will forward to Macmillan. Please join me in thanking Miss Purdy for organising this wonderful event. I am currently working with Miss Punja on promotional strategies, to extend the ambit of the school presence further afield. Our fabulous neighbours, Heathrow Airport have agreed to support us with this venture! I will indeed be working closely with the Comms Team, but I again invite any parent with contacts in publishing/designing to support us with this project.

I took delight in extended learning walks across the school last week. Every walk strengthens my resolve to ensure that we continue to deliver the very best education for our children. All the teachers have worked incredibly hard at creating conducive learning environments with lessons to match. It is my absolute focus to ensure reading and writing take centre stage in our school development plan this academic year, which has evidently got off to a fantastic start. I hope you will be as excited, to see your children's books at the forthcoming parents evening. The rich high-quality texts are indeed paying dividends!

Dates for the Diary

10th October
KS2 Badminton Festival
at The Centre

9th - 13th October
Art Week

13th October
Come work with me
nursery (8.30am -
9.15am) Reception, KS1
and KS2 (9 - 9.45am)

Parents Evening 17th
and 18th October
3.30pm - 6pm)
Please book all
appointments on
School Spider.

20th October INSET Day
- school closed to all
children

Please complete the
parent survey via
School Spider, which
goes live on 17th
October at 3.30pm and
closes on 20th October
at 8pm.

23rd October - 27th
October Half Term

30th October School
reopens for all children

**Spelling
homework is on
Sumdog**

Likewise, we are now engaging with other slough schools, to build relationships and to cross moderate. This essentially means we meet and discuss children's writing and progress across the curriculum. I now stand as a proud headteacher, showcasing the phenomenal work our children are producing, designed by phenomenal staff! Curriculum design is currently underway, as we review how broad and balanced it is. Additionally, we enter our very first sporting event in Slough this coming week, with Mr Jawanda taking a group of lower Key Stage Two children to a badminton festival! In the coming weeks, Mr Jawandha will be sharing details of other exciting events throughout the year.

Wishing you a restful weekend,
Mr Jalaf

GENERAL NOTICES

Thank you to all the parents who have sent in the dietary allergen forms. Please note, that we cannot provide a lunch in the absence of this form.

Please drive respectfully when dropping off, and collecting children to and from school. We had a near-miss incident last week. This is indeed our collective responsibility.

If you are able to help deconstruct the trim trail, please speak to the school office. You will be helping the school save over £2000!

Please sign up for the clubs on offer - we are fortunate enough to have so many on offer now - you asked and we have delivered.

Please DO NOT run or cut across the car park. Let us all set a very good example for the children.

Please can parents come forward to help with readers. Any amount of time you are able to offer will make a significant difference. Speak to the school office if you are able to help.

Pippins Christmas trip to Bath is now full.

Attendance

Rec 77.5%
Y1 93.5%
Y2 98%
Y3 91.5%
Y4 96.5%
Y5 93%
Y6 93.5%

Pippins Reading Challenge Begins

Follow us on instagram too for little pictoral updates!

SEND AT PIPPINS

We are lucky to have Mrs Manners as our SENDCo and she is here to support your child alongside their teacher.

If you would like to discuss any concerns you have about your child please make an appointment to see Mrs Manners.

She is available on

Monday 16th October 9-10 am and 1-4.30 pm,

Parents' evening Wednesday 18th from 3 pm

Thursday 19th, 9-10 am and 1- 4pm

You can also contact her via email at sendco@pippins.slough.sch.uk to book an appointment.

October is ADHD Awareness Month which was set up to raise awareness, educate the public, and support families who are affected by ADHD. ADHD is part of the group of neurodiverse conditions such as Dyslexia and Autism which affect approximately 20% of the population.

Some useful resources can be found at

<https://adhduk.co.uk/> or <https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/tips-for-everyday-living/adhd-and-mental-health/>

If you or your family are affected by this, or if you would like to learn more about it, do have a look at these resources, or do come and speak to Mrs. Manners who can signpost you to local support groups and organisations or make a referral if needed.

YEAR 3 AND 4 BADMINTON FESTIVAL

8 children have been selected to represent the school in a badminton festival next week. The festival is focussed on fun and physical activity. The children can't wait to take part.

We look forward to updating you and sharing pictures of the day.

Mr Jawandha



ART WEEK 9TH - 13TH OCTOBER

We are Artists!

***It's time to get your creative juices
flowing!***



***In celebration of Art week at Pippins,
On Friday 13th October all
children can come to school dressed
as an artist.***



HUMANISM TALK

Dear Parents, on Monday we had a visit from Anthony Lewis from the Windsor Humanist Society. He spoke to all of the children about Humanism and explained to us about the 'big bang' theory of evolution. The children had a chance to observe and investigate his fossils which was very exciting and filled us all with awe and wonder.

Best wishes,
Mrs Fowler.

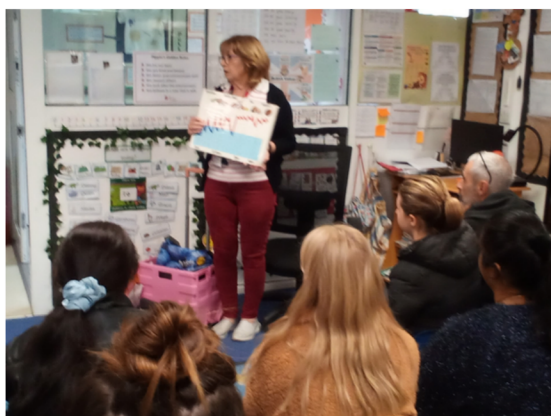


DENTAL NURSE VISIT

Dear Parents, the nursery children had a visit from the dental practitioner Karen Gonzalez this week.

They learnt all about how to look after their teeth and had lots of fun brushing the teeth of some different animal puppets. There was also an information session on oral health for EYFS parents. It was very interesting and informative, thanks to all who attended.

Best wishes,
Mrs Fowler.



RECEPTION

This week in Pixie Class, the children have enjoyed learning around the season of Autumn and harvest festival.

The children started their week by bringing in Autumnal items from an Autumn walk that they had over the weekend. The children shared photos they had taken over the weekend and we made a tray of all of the different autumnal objects such as conkers, pine cones and acorns that they had collected.

During maths we used these objects to explore comparing size, weight and capacity.

Mrs Bailey



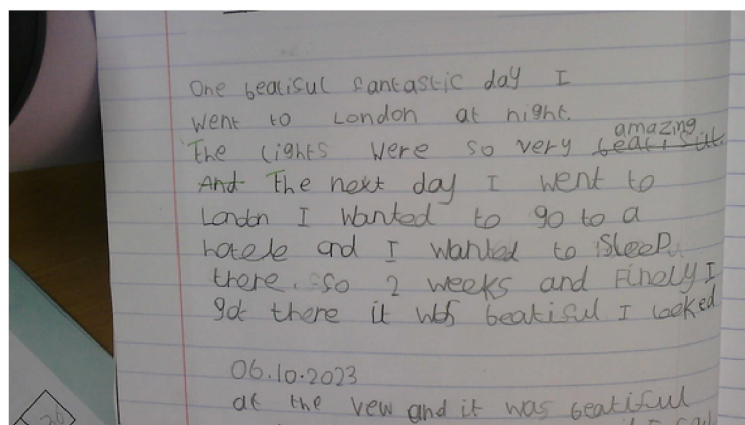
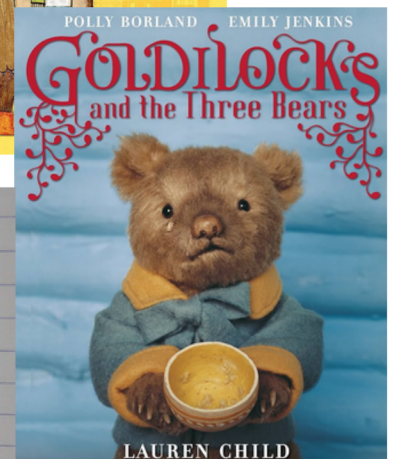
YEAR 2

This week we have been very excited about our learning, especially in English.

We have been looking at sequel stories and having a go at writing our own version of the well-known fairytale Goldilocks and The Three Bears.

We have focused on using rich language to set the scenes of our stories and create a vivid image for the reader.

Miss Punja

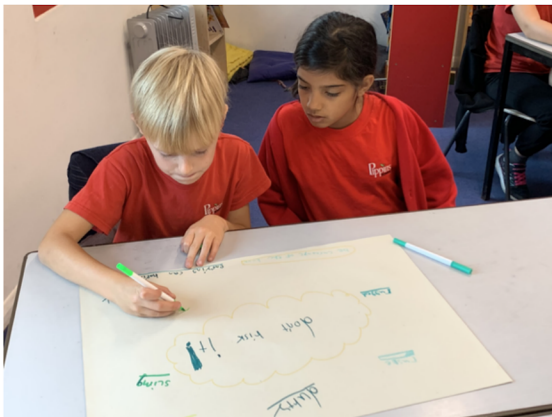


YEAR 4

This week Crispin class have been enjoying reading the text *Zombierella*. They have analysed the key vocabulary in the chapters read thus far. These words have then been used to create their own signs to put up in the *Zombierella* library.

Take a look at some of our fantastic work.

Miss Sufi



YEAR 6

In Geography this term Year 6 have been learning about 'Our Changing World'. Students have been able to identify longitude and latitude and describe locations.

They have learnt about time zones and have been able to calculate the time in different countries. We have been able to use atlases to use the scale to calculate distances and use the skills of grid referencing and using a key. We are now looking forward to learning about global warming and climate change!

Miss Kang and Mr Khalid

