



PTCPS Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am pleased to welcome Napat and his family to Punnetts Town School. Napat has joined Hazel class and has had a busy and happy first week in school.

It was wonderful to see all the children and staff enjoying our whole school PE day on Thursday 6th May. Mrs Smith launched our new PE scheme called Real PE with Linda the coach. This is a superb, interactive program, which encourages everyone to build and develop their own skills and success. As we introduce this to the children in school, they will become familiar with the challenges, which, in time will also be able to be accessed from home. We look forward to updating you when this is ready to launch at home.

Mrs Smith is also busy arranging the Maypole day. This will take place on Thursday 27th May. Due to the continuing restrictions, this will not run as it has in the past but we will record each of the dances and share on Google Classroom.

It is wonderful to hear the slight easing of restrictions from the Government starting on Monday 17th May. As with everything, this comes with extreme caution. As a school we continue to follow, stringent guidelines to keep us all safe in and out of school with all staff testing twice a week, careful monitoring and frequent cleaning throughout the day. From Monday 17th May, we will reduce to 2 school bubbles. This will see the reintegration of children from Elm and Oak classes to create a larger Y4/5/6 bubble and Beech and Hazel classes to make an EYFS/Y1/2/3 bubble. This will be for playtime and lunchtimes outside. As a school, we will continue to monitor. We are excited about this step and know the interaction with peers from the other class will be positive for all.

It is school census day on Thursday 20th May. It is really beneficial for the school if as many children as possible can order their school lunch (please remember if your child is in EYFS, Year 1 or Year 2 they are entitled to a free lunch every day!). Please make your selections on ParentPay as normal – the menu is Beef Burger and chips, vegetarian hotdog and chips or jacket potato with cheese or beans, followed by chocolate orange drizzle cake and chocolate custard, yoghurt or fruit. Please order online as usual.

If any families working patterns have changed, if you do not work or only work part time, you may be entitled to government support; this equally influences the school and generates additional income for the school to allocate to your child. Please spend a few minutes to read more information <https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schools/school-life/meals/free/>

We now have gym bags and school rucksacs available to order they are priced at £13.50 for the rucksacs and £9.00 for the gym bags. If you would like to order either or both of these for your child please email the office.



The impact of covid has seen the need for us to support families with a slightly more flexible school uniform. School uniform must be worn on 3 days. The children are still asked to wear their school PE kit on the other 2 days. Their school jumper/ cardigan/ fleece should be worn and plain tracksuit bottoms or leggings for the colder days.

Hair that is longer than the shoulders must be tied back. Jewellery is not to be worn, however stud earrings and a watch are acceptable. Makeup and nail polish must not be worn. We understand shoes have been difficult to manage and for the remainder of this academic year we will remain more lenient if pupils are growing out of school shoes.

We appreciate parking at drop off and pick ups are always busy, but please can we ask you to consider the schools neighbours and not obstruct their driveways and properties. When on school property please remind your child not to climb on outside features e.g. the sundial and the metal Pergola, this is to keep your children safe and to respect school property. Thank you.

Readathon

I would like to extend a huge thank you to Kirsty Belton and Friends for organising the school readathon. The target was to reach £800.00 in total which would provide each class with £200.00 of new books. This target has been 'smashed' and an amazing grand total of £1331.60 has been raised and will certainly make a HUGE difference in school. All of this money will be used to purchase new books to support learning across the school. Well done to Daniel Belton, Olivia Bell, George Wyatt and Evelyn-Rose Codd who will all receive a £10.00 voucher each on Monday for raising the most amount of money in their class. Thank you to everyone and I am delighted that the love of reading at Punnetts Town is embedded.

Elm Class

What a busy few weeks. Last week saw us continuing to focus on our writing and finishing off our character writing in English. We have been working hard on our extended writing skills and our stories are still to be finished.



This week we have had Science week. We have had a different experiment every day. We have seen fruit dancing, sweets melting and people standing on eggs. A variety of experiments I am sure you will agree. Apologies for the broken eggs at home as a result! We have learnt about forces, solutions, dissolving, air pressure and buoyancy.



As well as Science we have started to put together a dance for a performance later in the year. We are enjoying it so much and the creativity from the children has been lovely. We may have squeezed in the odd Eurovision song as well, purely as part of our musical studies of course!

Oak Class

Oak Class have enjoyed another two weeks of exciting learning.



We have been designing lab coats for scientists of the future. We have learnt about scientists from the past and present, thought about how science is in our everyday lives and used this to help us come up with ideas for our designs and create 'heads' for a whole school rainbow display.



We have been learning our Maypole dance and are looking forward to dancing with the ribbons (we are doing very well!). We have also been practising skills for tri-golf and have been using new balls and tees!

We have learnt about scientists through reading fact sheets and research. We have taken part in various science experiments this week and have learnt many new words and that experiments do not always go to plan!

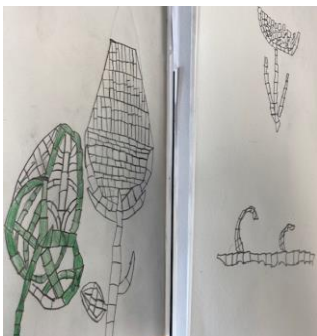


1. Did you know that if a word ends in *ology* it tells you what subject of study that person specialises in?
 2. Did you know if a word ends in *ist* it tells you that person is a follower of a distinctive practice?
- Co-written by Rosie and Mrs Winter

Hazel Class



On Thursday, 'Linda' who introduced Real PE joined us. We played many different games and were encouraged to beat our personal bests! We enjoyed using actions, balancing and co-ordinations in some new games. We also played a very active version of rock, paper, scissors. Everyone had a great time and joined in really well.



Hazel class have looked closely at mosaics that are still be found in this country nearly 2,000 years on! We studied the colours and patterns that they used and looked at the different Gods and pictures that the wealthy Romans had on their floors. We have started to draw our own but it was tricky to make a picture out of tiles so we are still working on them. We look forward to showing you them when we have finished designing and then making them in art.





Beech class

Beech class remain very busy!

We have been busy tending the flowerbeds and flowerpots to make sure our seeds and plants are watered, and we enjoy removing the dead flower heads each week. This week we have talked a lot



about Scientists and have carried out some experiments, which were a lot of fun. In Maths, Year 1 are learning about fractions by finding halves and quarters of shapes and objects. Reception are beginning to look at missing information by telling first, then and now stories. In RE, we have been learning about a Jewish harvest festival called Shavuot.



Wishing you all a great weekend

Kind Regards

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Key Dates

We are hoping further events will be added, but for now, we remain cautious and will provide dates when we know more about the easing of restrictions.

Term 5	
Wednesday 26 th May	Class Photographs - Tempest
Thursday 27 th May	Maypole Day – details to follow
Friday 28 th May	Break up for May half term at 3.05/3.15pm
Monday 31 st May – Friday 4 th June	May half term
Term 6	
Monday 7 th June	Children return to school
Week commencing Monday 12 th July	School reports
Friday 23 rd July	Last day of the school year