



# PTCPS Newsletter



Issue 13

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a term of different weather patterns! After starting the term with gale force winds, no power and water, followed by a wonderful week of sunshine to finish with a snow flurry! Let's hope the spring weather stays dry and warm for our Easter break.

Please can we ask you to make sure names are clearly in all pieces of your child's school uniform; it is quite a mission to match clothing when they all look the same and there are no names, Thank you!

### **Dare to be different!**

A great day of respecting differences. It was lovely to see the confidence of children and the enjoyment of being different in another way today.



### **Poetry competition**

Huge congratulations are extended to Matthew in Year 6 for representing the school at this year's HASP poetry competition. Well done, your performance of 'Put the Kettle on' was fantastic.

### **Learning Powers**

The names for the learning powers continue to be voted for in school. We are now joined by Camo the chameleon, who focuses on being a flexible learner.

### **Friends**

Thank you once again to Friends for organising lots of events once again and for all of the support this receives. The wonderful Mother's Day shop saw many children choosing some carefully selected gifts which I am sure were warmly received. The treasure hunt for the Easter hamper has created much interest this week, well done to the winning ticket number 57! Enjoy! Thank you all for taking part.

The cookie and doughnut sales were a popular choice on the last two Friday afternoons. Funds from the cakes and a toy sale and commission from Neals Yard has raised £420, which has been donated to Rainbow Wishes, supporting those affected in the Ukraine.

The chocolate Easter egg hunt to finish the term was very egg-citing! Thank you for all of the fundraising and support of our events.





### Beech Class

Beech class have been very busy as always this term. Year 1 have been revisiting and revising their phonics sounds and have been learning about numbers up to 50; length and height and volume and mass. In computing, Year 1 have been opening word documents and using shapes and line tools to create pictures as well as using the iPads to embed their learning. Reception children have been learning their sounds in Phase 3 phonics as well as consolidating their learning around the numbers 9 and 10. We have all been enjoying the gorgeous weather this last couple of weeks and it has given us the chance to revamp the outside area which has proved very popular with the children.



### Hazel Class

Hazel have had a fabulous end to Term 4! We have been able to consolidate some of our DT skills when designing and making our very own space buggies. Special thought was put in to making the wheels move using axels and also when creating the chassis.

English has had a poetry focus during the last two weeks. We enjoyed creating our own Mother's Day acrostic poems and are now moving on to use metaphors and similes to create a poem about ourselves. We celebrated the



end of our topic by watching the animation "Fly me to the Moon" by Ben Stassen which is based around the launch of the first manned mission to the moon in 1969.

During maths we have been exploring Fractions. Year 2's have been learning how to find half and quarter of an amount and Year 3's have been learning all about tenths! We have had great success this week with our Multiplication Booklets and Fluency Flashcards with many certificates being awarded in our Pride of Punnett's assembly today. Keep up the great work Hazel and have a fabulous break with your families.



### Oak class

This term Oak have made a plethora of Viking and Anglo-Saxon art and design technology pieces, this includes Anglo-Saxon stone carvings made out of clay, broaches, Viking shields and finished off today with 3D Viking boats.



In science we have been looking at forces and have had great fun investigating this topic by making parachutes, boats out of tin foil and catapults and measuring the distance covered. In literacy we have been learning about Anglo-Saxons, through a play about the plague and have written and inspirational speech for a character of our choice. In PE we have been learning to play rounders' which was great fun and we also learnt about Anglo-Saxon and Viking dance and re-enacted the battle with our movement in co-ordination with the music. In PSHE we have focussed on citizenship and diversity. We have had a busy fun filled, exciting term and have all worked very hard and are looking forward to the Easter break.

## Elm Class

In term 5 Elm Class have have worked extremely hard (again) and have learnt about many things including area and perimeter and learnt about formula to help with this:

$a = l \times b$  (rectilinear shape)

$a = \frac{l \times b}{2}$  (triangle)

We have learnt about Charles Darwin and his theory of evolution (natural selection). We have studied natural objects and created observational art using these. We created prints and used mud and water as 'paint' to print onto the fence panels- we learnt this didn't work, but had fun finding this out!

We have learnt about the stucture of a narrative poem and how to include speech in a narrative story. Whilst learning this we developed our understanding of adaptation and the industrial revolution, learning about the peppered moth and how real life events can be used to create a story that can be made into a film.



We enjoyed learning our poems and hearing them recited in class and in whole school final: our congratulations to Matthew who went through to the school final and represented the school in the HASP final.

We had an online safety workshop and have also learnt about coding by attending Microsoft Coding Masterclasses online and successfully created code on minecraft and were able to chase a pizza!

Outdoor learning has been enjoyed by all: we have prepared beds, planted seeds, watched potatoes begin to chit ready to plant out, measured the circumference of trees to calculate their age, using our knowledge of mulitplication and division to do so ( we are going to use this data to learn how to calculate the mean in term 5).

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## Success outside of school



It is always wonderful to hear about your children's achievements outside of school. This week I am pleased to share that Freddy won his first Go-Karting race at Fulbeck in Lincolnshire. Congratulations.

### Star of the week

Each week the adults and children reflect in their classes and choose a member of the class to receive the 'Star of the week' certificate. I am pleased to share that in...

### Week 5

Beech – Poppy, Hazel – Maisie, Oak – Neve, Elm – Thomas.

### Week 6

Beech – Teddy S, Hazel – Harry, Oak - Jake, Elm – Sam.

Thank you for being the best you can be!

We hope you have a wonderful Easter break and will see you all on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

*C. Kinsella*

*All dates are subject to change – more details will follow regarding specifics*

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> April – Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> April – Easter holidays	
<b>Term 5</b>	
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Children back to school
TBC	Maypole Day
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Class Photographs
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	<p>Punnetts Town School Jubilee celebration from 12.30pm – all to wear red white and blue Parents to come in to share lunch with their child/ren on the playground, then the children will share their Maypole dancing. Parents can then look at their child/ren’s work. We will also have a portrait gallery for you to look around and purchase your child’s finished painting of the Queen.</p> <p>We will have an optional baking competition, more details will follow and all cakes will be to be eaten and enjoyed with classmates on the day.</p>
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Last day of term
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June – Half term	
<b>Term 6</b>	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Children back to school
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 residential
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June (Reserve date Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June)	Sports Day – 9.15am start - Beech and Hazel on the school field followed by Beech and Hazel parents looking at their child’s school work. 1.15pm start – Oak and Elm on the school field followed by Oak and Elm parents looking at their child’s school work.
W/C Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports to parents and carers
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>Last day of term</b>
<b>Summer Holidays from 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	
<b>Term 1</b>	
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> & Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	INSET days for school staff
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	New academic year starts for the children