



Issue 12

Friday 17th March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

The lighter mornings and evenings are certainly a positive sign of spring. Thank you to Friends for running our well established Mother's Day shop. I wish you all a Happy Mother's Day this weekend and hope you manage to enjoy some special time with your loved ones.

Book Fair:

The Travelling book fair is with us from Thursday 23rd to Wednesday 29th March.

There are over 200 titles for you and your child to choose from, and with prices starting from only £2.99, there's sure to be a book for everyone. If you can't make it to our Book Fair, try our discounted Gift Vouchers available at www.travellingbooks.co.uk/parents. They're a great way to ensure your child doesn't miss out. Don't forget that every book you buy can help to get FREE BOOKS for our school library!

Comic Relief: What a great day! Red is such a powerful and positive colour, which has created a wonderful energy in the school today. Thank you for supporting us. The cake sale at break time and jokes in assembly today were enjoyed by all. Thank you to School Council for suggesting the fundraising activities today.

Poetry: Huge congratulations to all of Key Stage 2 who participated in our annual Poetry competition. The children all performed well in front of their classes last week and winners chosen from each year were: Harry (Y3), Griff (Y3), Mia (Y3), Henry (Y4), Ethan (Y4), Betty (Y5), Poppy C (Y5), Eli (Y6) and Luca (6). These children then performed to the whole school in Monday's assembly showing great confidence. The staff who judged had a very difficult job, but agreed that Betty will now go forward to represent Punnetts Town at the HASP Poetry final. Huge congratulations to all who learnt and performed in front of their class and the school. We also wish Betty lots of luck in the HASP final and feel very confident that her performance of 'A walk in the woods' will be magical!

Librarians: I am delighted to share the names of our amazing year 5 librarians. They are Grace, Alicia, Charis, Betty, Madison, Rosie, Amber, Maisy and Poppy. The group volunteered and applied for the position and have been working hard to organise our wonderful library. There is still a lot of organising to do and their request that they have shared in assembly is for all children to put books back in the correct place! Something I think we all appreciate.

School lunches: Please can we ask that you check the choice of lunches that you order, via ParentPay, with your children, to ensure food is liked and enjoyed. Once ordered, it is difficult to change at the time of collecting their meals. Thank you

Staffing: This year has been a busy year for staffing through unexpected ill health and progression of career for some of our staff. I am sad to share that Miss Megan Childs, who is a teaching assistant in both Hazel and Oak classes will be leaving us on Friday 24th March. Again, this is with great sadness because Miss Childs has 'loved' working at Punnetts Town. Miss Childs has been a super addition to our team and will be sorely missed. We wish Miss Childs every success for the future. Good luck.

Mrs McGain who has been teaching Oak class will also finish on Friday 31st March. Mrs McGain has had an amazing time as initially a final place trainee teacher in Beech class and more recently as a qualified teacher for Oak class. Again, we wish her every success moving forwards into her new teaching career and thank her for her drive, passion and commitment.

Finally Mrs Zoey Parsons, a trainee teacher working with Beech class, will finish her placement on Friday 24th March. Mrs Parsons has been a super addition to the Beech team and will be sorely missed. Thank you for your hard work and commitment and good luck.

We would also like to welcome Mrs Claire Warnes who will be starting with us on 27th March and working in Oak Class.

Although we are a small, and perfectly formed, team, I am aware that change causes unrest. Classes will continue to have excellent staff working with your children. Some of the staff assist in a number of rooms but I



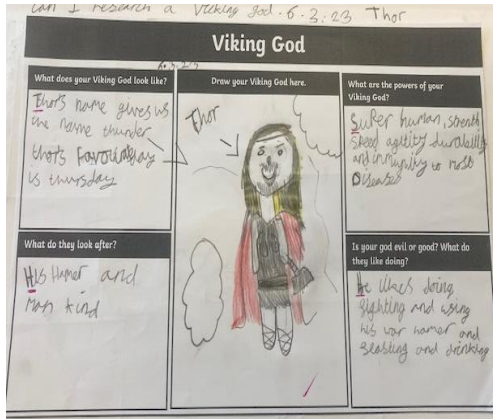
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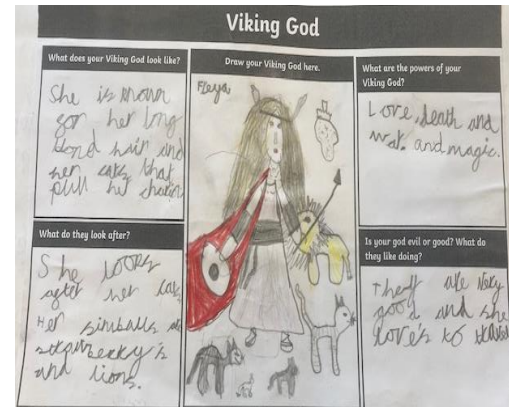
hope the photo library attached helps you put a face to a name, with the staff that maybe your child talks about, but whom you don't see, due to the hours worked.

Who's who at Punnetts Town for term 5:

	Class Teacher(s)	Support staff	
Beech	Mrs Black and Mrs Andrews	Miss Webb, Miss Pitt and Mrs Darville	
Hazel	Mrs Fletcher	Miss Martin	
Oak	Mrs Smith and Mrs Golding	Mrs Warnes, Mrs Wright	
Elm	Mrs Winter	Miss Sherwood, Mrs Jones, Mrs Venner	
Mrs Kinsella – Headteacher / DSL		Miss Conaway - SENCo	Mrs Saunders – Bursar/ Secretary
Mrs Longley – Caretaker and Breakfast Club Supervisor		Mrs Hutchison – Breakfast club supervisor	



Oak Class:
Oak class are learning about the Vikings. We have learnt when they invaded, why they invaded and all about their long boats. This week we have been researching Viking Gods and Goddesses.



“Learning about the Vikings is fun because we have been finding out facts about them. I found out that Loki is the God of mischief! And he likes to make chaos” By Charlotte.



In science we have been learning about solids, liquids and gases and how they can change state from one to the other. We completed an experiment to see if all liquids will turn to solids. We used shaving cream, vinegar, salt water, water and Vegetable oil and put them in containers, then we put them in the freezer and carefully observed them. We had to work hard to report our results clearly.

We had to think about fair testing and making sure the pots and the amount of liquid was the same. After 20 minutes most of them had a solid layer across the top apart from the shaving cream. After 3 hours the shaving cream was hard in places but still soft and fluffy in others. Mrs Smith was still able to swipe some on to her finger! Levo commented “I liked doing the experiment because I wanted to know if all these liquids freeze. I did not think that salt water would, because the sea does not freeze.”

Liquids	Results	After 2 mins	After 10 mins	After 20 mins
vegetable oil 20°C	18°C down 2°C The vegetable oil did not change but it did smell.	After 10 mins The vegetable oil was not solid at all.	After 20 mins The vegetable oil was not solid at all.	After 20 mins The vegetable oil was not solid at all.
water 14°C	11°C down 3°C The salt water just went down in degree.	After 10 mins The salt water was not solid at all.	After 20 mins The salt water was not solid at all.	After 20 mins The salt water was not solid at all.
water 18°C	13°C down 5°C The water was still not all of it.	After 10 mins The water was still not all of it.	After 20 mins The water was still not all of it.	After 20 mins The water was still not all of it.
vinegar 12°C	11°C down 1°C The vinegar just changed in the degree as well.	After 10 mins The vinegar was not solid at all.	After 20 mins The vinegar was not solid at all.	After 20 mins The vinegar was not solid at all.
shaving cream 20°C	18°C down 2°C The shaving cream just stuck to edge.	After 10 mins The shaving cream was not solid at all.	After 20 mins The shaving cream was not solid at all.	After 20 mins The shaving cream was not solid at all.

Year 3's have been swimming this term. Harry said “It has been amazing! I have really enjoyed improving my front crawl and jumping in the deep end.”

Beech class:





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Beech class have been busy this term as usual! In Phonics, we are busy recapping on previous learning. Reception children have learnt all the sounds from chapter 2 and are now looking at the alphabetical order and vowels and consonants. Year 1 are revisiting chapter 3 sounds in preparation for our phonics screening check in June. Please keep logging in to Phonics Shed (details in your child's reading record) to help them practice. We are reading as much as we can to embed our phonics learning. Our English this term is based on 'Seasons' and we are producing our own non-fiction work based around the seasons. Maths for Year 1 is currently addition and subtraction whilst Reception are looking at the composition of numbers up to 5.

Class attendance	Beech	Hazel	Oak	Elm
Week 3	94.2%	92.3%	95.4%	91%
Week 4	94.3%	92.5%	95.4%	91.7%

At the end of week 6 our school attendance is 93.5%, our target is 96%.

Out of school achievements:

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...

Weeks 3 & 4:

Beech: Arthur B Hazel: Sophie Oak: Toby Elm: Poppy P/ Woody
 Beech: Teddy Hazel: Poppy Oak: Daisy Elm : Year 6

Thank you for being the best you can be!

Kind regards,
C. Kinsella

*All dates are subject to change – more details will follow regarding specifics. **Yellow highlight shows new additions/ changes from the previous newsletter.***

Term and Week	Date	Event
T4 W5	Tuesday 21 st March	Year 4 Young at Heart – letter to follow
T4 W5	Wednesday 22 nd March	KS2 school finalist to represent school in HASP poetry competition
T4 W5	Wednesday 22 nd March	Cross Country final at Beacon – letters sent
T4 W5	Thursday 23 rd March	Y2 Little Sing – Studybug letter to follow
T4 W5-W6	Thursday 23 rd to Wednesday 29 th March	Book Fair open for parents/ carers to visit after school
T4 W6	Wednesday 29 th March	Y5/6 Hockey Quicksticks competition – Studybug sent
T4 W6	Friday 31 st March	Friends sponsored Bounce-a-thon – details to follow
T4 W6	Friday 31st March	Last day of term
Monday 3rd – Friday 14th April		EASTER HOLIDAY
T5 W1	Monday 17th April	First day of term



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T5 W1 – W6	Dates TBC	EY and Y4 outdoor learning – letter to follow
T5 W1	Wednesday 19 th April	Y5/6 Tag rugby competition – details to follow
T5 W1	Thursday 20 th April	Y5/6 Big Dance at HCC – details to follow
T5 W3	Monday 1 st May	Bank holiday – school closed
T5 W3 – W6	Tuesday 2 nd – Friday 26 th May	Y2 SATs throughout the month
T5 W3	Friday 5 th May	Class photographs
T5 W4	Monday 8 th May	Bank holiday – school closed (King’s Coronation)
T5 W4	Tuesday 9 th – Thursday 11 th May	Y6 SATs
T5 W4	Wednesday 10 th May	Y3/4 Tennis competition – details to follow
T5 W5	Thursday 18 th May	Census day
T5 W6	Wednesday 24 th May	Y3/4 Tri-Golf at Beacon – details to follow
T5 W6	Friday 26th May	Maypole afternoon – parents/ carers to attend from 1.30pm – further details to follow
T5 W6	Friday 26th May	Last day of term
Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June Half term		
T6 W1	Monday 5th June	First day of term
T6 W1 – W6	Dates TBC	Y2 and Y3 outdoor learning – letter to follow
T6 W1 – W3	Monday 5 th – Friday 23 rd June	Y4 Multiplication check
T6 W2	Monday 12 th June	Y6 Bikeability – new date – letter to follow
T6 W2	Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th June	Y1 Phonics screening check
T6 W2	Wednesday 14 th June	Friends Father’s Day gift shop – details to follow
T6 W3	Tuesday 20 th June	Sports Day – EY/Y1/Y2 am and Y3/Y4/ Y5/ Y6 pm
T6 W3	Wednesday 21 st June	New EYFS (for September) Parent/ Carers evening
T6 W4	Tuesday 28 th June	Reserve Sports Day – EY/Y1/Y2 am and Y3/Y4/ Y5/ Y6 pm
T6 W4	Thursday 29 th June	Y6 to HCC for transition day Whole school transition day in readiness for September 2023
T6 W5	Wednesday 5 th July	Y4/5/6 Swimming gala – details to follow
T6 W6	Wednesday 12 th July	Y5/6 End of year production at the Village Hall
T6 W6	Saturday 15 th July	Friends Summer Fete – details to follow
T6 W7	Friday 21st July	Last day of term
Monday 24th July – Thursday 31st August Summer Holiday		
Friday 1st September – INSET		
Monday 4th September – Children to return to school		