



# PTCP&NS Newsletter



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Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the term is well underway, school remains busy. After a very cold couple of weeks, we have experienced some very windy and wet weather. Please continue to ensure all children have a coat in school every day.

The Eco Council sent a StudyBug last week to encourage families to join in with the Big Bird Watch which takes place this weekend; 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> January; please encourage your children to complete if possible.

We currently have a Parent Governor vacancy – if you would like to find out more about the position please contact the school office.

Attendance: Despite the winter illness, we are pleased with the attendance across the school. Thank you for your continued support.

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Week 1	95	97	94	95	95	97	88
Week 2	99	99	92	98	98	92	92
Week 3	100	96	89	98	99	89	85
Week 4	96	97	95	94	96	91	96



### Beech class:

In Beech class this term, the children have been experimenting with colour, taking inspiration from Claude Monet, with some fantastic results.

The children have also been enjoying using their imagination through our role play area, which this term has been a Vets and a Toy Shop – needless to say they have very much enjoyed both and it's been very busy with customers!

In phonics the children have been focusing on double letter digraphs. In Math's, the children continue to learn subitising skills and number composition.



### Oak Class:

What does it sound like in Oak class?

Oak class have been learning about sound in Science. We used paper cups and different types and different lengths of string to see if we could make telephones and hear our friends through the string. We

tried lots of different amounts of people holding the string and it worked! We could hear using any string and any length, long or short, as long as the string was held tight. Jack





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said, "I even made one when I got home. It was even longer than the ones we made in class and the string was thinner. I think the sound was clearer."

We also experimented with the pitch of a sound. We used our water bottles and put different amounts of water in them and then tapped them to see what sound we could make and whether more water made a higher sound or a lower one. We then wrote up our findings. Joel stated, "I found we could make different sounds from our water bottles. The more water it had in it the higher the pitch it made and the less made it pitch lower."

In Geography we are learning where different places are on maps and what the different symbols mean. Aphra said, "I now know where Glasgow is!"

### Sports Hall Athletics:

Eighteen children represented our school at this event, which is organised by HCC. Whilst there the children took part in various track and field events and came sixth in the competition. All the children enjoyed themselves and were super ambassadors for our school. Huge congratulations!



### Y6 visit to Young at Heart:



Year 6 had a lovely afternoon visiting Young at Heart. They took their chosen book and spent time reading and enjoying the book in the company of members of our community. They then enjoyed a game of ocean bingo and bird bingo followed by hang man – one word chosen was deforestation (good listening during geography lessons).



### 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 3:

Little Punnetts: George    Beech: Isaac    Hazel: Matthew    Oak: Daisy    Elm: Maisy

#### Week 4:

Little Punnetts: Zephyr S    Beech: Eli    Hazel: Bradley    Oak: Evelyn    Elm: Levo

Thank you for being the best you can be!

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

*C. Kinsella*



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

Term & Week	Date	Event
T3 W6	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day of term
T3 W6	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	INSET (closed to all pupils)
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February – HALF TERM</b>		
T4 W1	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	First day of term
T4 W3	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day – details to follow
T4 W5	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Y2 Little Sing at Cross in Hand – details to follow
T4 W5	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> – Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Book Fair – details to follow
T4 W6	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Last day of term
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April – Easter holidays</b>		
T5 W1	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	First day of term
T5 W5	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATs week – details to follow
T5 W6	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Class photos
T5 W6	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Last day of term
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May – HALF TERM</b>		
T6 W1	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	First day of term
T6 W1	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June – Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Y4 Multiplication Check – details to follow
T6 W2	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1 Phonic Screening – details to follow
T6 W4	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 at HCC & Whole school change around day
T6 W7	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term
T6 W8	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> & Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	INSET (closed to all pupils)
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Summer Holidays</b>		