



## Newsletter 15 – 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023

### ‘Transforming lives through inspirational learning’

As we head into another bank holiday weekend, we are in the midst of planning for a very busy week next week for all our pupils which begins with the Royal Coronation this weekend. The ceremony ahead is steeped in tradition and usually involves music and a lot of pomp and ceremony. Our pioneers will be learning more about this important event in our country's history next week culminating in our celebration on Friday.

#### The Royal Coronation

Despite the rather unsettled weather prediction ahead we are still forging ahead with our Friday celebration!

We are inviting children to attend school in their party/smart clothes (no football kits please or make-up) and they will be taking part in several whole school events. This will be a double celebration for our Year 6 who complete their final SAT's the same day (there will be separate information provided for Year 6 nearer the time).

At the end of the day, we would like to invite all our families to join us (from 3pm) to hear our Coronation Singing Celebration in the playground (weather permitting).

We are also delighted to announce our ‘Coronation Crown Competition’! Children are welcome to design, make and wear a crown to wear on the day.

#### Year 6 SATs

Next week, our Year 6 students will be taking their SATs (Standard Assessment Tests). These tests assess their skills in reading, writing and maths, and are used to measure their progress and to identify areas where they may need additional support as they move through their educational journey. SATs can be a bit nerve-wracking for students, but we are confident that our Year 6s have been well-prepared and will do their best.

We encourage parents to help their children by ensuring they get plenty of rest and a good breakfast on test days. Most importantly, we want our pioneers to remember that SATs are just one small part of their education, and that their value goes far beyond a test score. We are proud of all our Year 6s, who have always been the oldest children at The Pines, and we wish them the best of luck!

We would also like to thank the PFA for organising the SATS breakfast club to see that the Year 6's are fully fuelled for the day ahead.

## The Red Roses!

Some of our Year 5 and 6's had an amazing opportunity to attend the Six Nations Women's Rugby Final at Twickenham Stadium.

The game was played with skill and determination by both teams, but the England players showed great teamwork and resilience to secure the victory. The final score was 38-33, with England displaying excellent sportsmanship throughout the game. We are proud to celebrate the achievements of our female athletes and hope that this inspires our students to pursue their passions and work hard to achieve their goals.

Our group also demonstrated great Citizenship throughout the very long day and were a credit to the Pines. A special thanks go to Mr Cocks and Ms Nickerson for organising and accompanying the children and to Ian Jackson at Forest Heath Sports Partnerships for arranging the trip.



## School Dinner System

We must make you aware that our caterers, Innovate, have requested that in order to improve efficiency, they will now manage the lunch ordering through their own online system. This means that the school office will no longer be able to order your child's lunches for you, and this will need to be done directly with Innovate.

They will be switching us over to their ordering platform for week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> May (the week before half term). Details of how to set up your account with them will follow very soon, and please be aware that lunches for the week must be ordered no later than Saturday of the preceding week.

We are unable to transfer any debt over to Innovate's ordering system so all outstanding balances will need to be settled and any credits will be refunded to you.

## Wraparound care at The Pines

Premier Education are conducting a survey to look at the viability of running a before and after school provision at The Pines. We have tried to launch this previously but there wasn't enough demand. There is more information on our webpage [here](#). A link to the survey can be found in the letter sent out earlier this afternoon.

## Library Club

We are really excited that Library Club is gaining in popularity and that so many of our children are coming together to celebrate their love of reading in this beautiful engaging environment.

Library Club takes place at lunchtime on:

Thursday: KS1 and Reception

Friday: KS2

We have several children volunteering as library assistants and are really grateful for Mrs Scott and Mrs Niola who run these sessions alongside our very professional pupil library assistants.

Our aim is to create a welcoming and inspiring environment where children can share their love of reading and develop their literacy skills. The club is a great opportunity for pupils to discover new books, meet like-minded peers, and get involved in the wider school community as well as accessing activities such as Origami and Mindful Colouring.

Our pupils are really demonstrating great Citizenship and Collaboration and we are proud that they are treating our library with respect. We hope that you will encourage your child to join our library club and make the most of this fantastic opportunity.



## Dates:

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Bank Holiday – King's Coronation

Coronation Celebration Day

Y5/6 Residential Trip

New school dinner ordering system starts

Half Term

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## Headteacher Awards

Our latest proud recipients:

