



Newsletter 18 – 23rd June 2023

‘Transforming lives through inspirational learning’

The rain held off! The children ran, kicked, threw, putted, weaved, jumped and threw water in buckets and a good time was had by all. A huge thank you to Mr Cocks for organising another memorable sports morning with the support of the team. It was fantastic to see the 6 Cs being demonstrated throughout all of the varied activities taking place.

We would also like to thank all the spectators who showed such unwavering support throughout the long morning.

The final scores have been checked and verified, and are as follows:

4 th Place:	Yellow Team	84 points
3 rd Place:	Blue Team	87 points
2 nd Place:	Green Team	89 points
1 st Place:	Red Team	102 points

September 2023

We are happy to announce our staffing for next academic year and are especially pleased to welcome a very experienced KS2 teacher, Hannah Levene, to the team.

Year	Teacher(s)
Reception	Mrs L Scott/Mrs S Burgess
1	Mrs L Poynter (nee Duker)
2	Mrs H Stopps
3	Mrs M Cocks
4	Mr B Weller
5	Mrs C Warwick (nee Stewart) (Mon,Tue) Mrs H Levene (Wed,Thu,Fri)
6	Mr I Sloane

Multi-Sports Morning

On Thursday Year 3 took part in a multi-sports competition against 7 other local primary schools, organised by Forest Heath School Sports Partnership. The event was hosted by Newmarket Academy and sponsored by Newmarket Rotary Club. The children had a go at rugby, tennis, athletics and more, and although they didn't bring back any winners' trophies this time, they all demonstrated wonderful attitudes, great sportsmanship, and represented The Pines impeccably.



Back at school some special awards were presented to some of the children who took part:



School Dinners

This is just a reminder that we are unable to remove/add school dinners as this is all controlled centrally by Innovate (the catering company). We will notify you as we become aware if you have not ordered a school lunch so that you are able to bring in a packed lunch. If you need to make any changes please contact Innovate directly:

✉ primary@impactfood.co.uk

☎ 0204 542 7211

Our neighbours

Unfortunately, some of our neighbours on Russet Drive (especially around the coppice area) have experienced problems with our children running over lawns and gardens on the way to school (and in some cases potentially causing damage). We know that the majority of our school community is extremely considerate of people's private property so please can you remind your children to stay on the pedestrian paths if required.

Important Safeguarding Concerns

Unfortunately, despite regular reminders some parents are still not supervising their pre-school children at pick-up in the school playground at the end of the day. Children are being allowed to play on the equipment which is not designed for small children and even more worryingly, parents are allowing children to get into our forest school area (which is fenced off and locked due to the risks associated with unsupervised access in this area). These instances have now increased in frequency and are observed regularly by staff from their classrooms. Failure to adequately supervise children will be logged according to our safeguarding policy.

Attendance Reminder

Attendance at school is a legal requirement and we therefore are unable to authorise holidays during term-time. The Pines school attendance is monitored by our governing body, trust, Suffolk local authority as well as by the Department for Education. Unfortunately, under the legal guidance Covid related holiday issues are not considered to be 'Exceptional Circumstances' and therefore cannot be authorised.

If you need to travel abroad for visa and/or passport issues, please attach evidence to your leave request form.

We have a legal obligation to follow the attendance policy to help promote positive attendance.

More information on our attendance policy and the leave request forms can be found [here](#).

Headteacher Awards

Our latest proud recipients.....



Dates:

Thursday 7th July
Tuesday 18th July
Thursday 20th July

Reception Class Sports Day (morning)
Move-Up Day
Last Day of Term