



Newsletter 3 – 6th October 2023

‘Transforming lives through inspirational learning’

The nights are drawing in, the leaves are on the turn and we have a lot of exciting events coming up at The Pines!

New Website

We are pleased to announce The Pines Primary School’s new website will be launched on Thursday 12 October! The site will contain all key policies and documentation, information on the curriculum taught and exciting news from the school and wider community. Also, be sure to check the calendar for key dates and upcoming events. We will announce on our social media pages once the website is ready to be accessed at www.pinesprimary.org.

National Poetry Day

The children were inspired by a visit from a published author this week when Lottie Mills presented an assembly on her journey to becoming a creative writer. As a disabled person she shared with the children how her writing opened up opportunities that she wouldn’t have had otherwise. The Pines Pioneers asked really insightful questions and couldn’t wait to learn more in the class-based workshops. Many thanks to Mrs Levene for organising this amazing opportunity.

We need you...

On the subject of reading we would love it if you could spare a regular time each week to help support our children’s reading. Relevant training will be provided and we can supply lots of enthusiastic Pines readers! If you are interested, please contact the office for the volunteer paperwork.

Cross-Country and Football Events

Our Year 5/6 cross country team showed excellent character and collaboration when they took part in the inter-schools' competition last week. We were so proud of the way they supported one another over the 1 mile cross-country course at Newmarket. Well done Team Pines!



The year 5/6 football team were at Great Heath Primary Academy alongside 20 other schools competing to win the championship. The way the team showed excellent citizenship throughout was fantastic and they really were a credit to us.

PFA Events

We are delighted to announce that there are a series of fabulous events planned by our wonderful PFA (including a Winter Fair and Christmas Disco). Please check out their Facebook page for more information: [The Pines PFA](#)

October PFA dates for your diary

DATE	EVENT	NOTES
13/10	Pre-loved costume sale before and after school. On the playground.	Donations needed. These can be left in the bin outside the office. Prices will range from 50p -£2. Cash only please.
20/10	Halloween dress up day. Snack sale AFTER SCHOOL ON THE PLAYGROUND.	<p>Please send your child to school with a £1. This can be handed to your child's class teacher.</p> <p>Donations of baked goods are needed. Prices will range from 50p-£2. We will have some new treat buckets, cookie cutters and accessories for sale as well. Cash only.</p>

Parents' Consultations

We will be running our parent consultation sessions the week before half term. Information on how to book has been sent out as separate communication and the booking system will open this evening.

Coming Into School...

Please can we remind you that there is no access to the classrooms for parents unless you have an appointment with the class teacher. Our safeguarding policies ensure that for the protection of our community all visitors must be signed in at our front office and a lanyard issued.

Library Wish List

Thank you for everyone that has purchased items from the Amazon Library Wish List. We are absolutely delighted with the books, beanbags and all the other fabulous enhancements for our reading space.

Early Years Open Evening

If you have a child due to start Reception class in September 2023 we will be holding our Open Evening on Wednesday 1st November (5-6pm). There will be opportunity to hear a brief introductory talk followed by the opportunity to meet the staff and have a look around the Early Years classroom.

Headteacher's Awards

This week's proud recipients.



Dates

Thursday 12th October
Tuesday 17th & Thursday 19th October
Friday 20th October
Friday 1st December
Tuesday 19th December

Harvest Celebration
Parent Consultations
PFA Halloween Dress-Up Day
PFA 'Winter-Fest'
Christmas Disco