



## Newsletter 4 – 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023

‘Transforming lives through inspirational learning’

This half term has flown by in a whirlwind of learning opportunities for our pioneers who have thrived on the challenges. All our Six C’s learning values of character, citizenship, communication, collaboration, critical thinking and creativity have been clearly demonstrated by all in their approach to school life and we remain very proud of them.

### Spooky season at The Pines

Our fantastic PFA have held a highly successful Halloween bake sale, costume sale and dress-up day. Thank you so much to everyone who contributed their baking creations, time and money to make the day such a success. It certainly is a very surreal experience bumping into such an array of wonderful characters around the school!



## Sporting Achievements

We are so proud of our Year 3/4 mixed and our Year 5/6 girls football teams who have really exemplified the Pines values of Character and in their recent tournaments. Both teams won several of their matches and all demonstrated excellent team work.

## Bikes, Scooters and Sheds

Unfortunately, we still have children and siblings who are riding their vehicles around the school site which unfortunately has resulted in several collisions. Luckily, none of these accidents have resulted in serious injuries such as those that have happened in the past but with the sheer volume of people accessing the site this is a serious health and safety issue. It is everyone's responsibility to keep our community safe.

In addition, now that we have 7 classes it is important that children use the correct bike sheds. If your child is in Reception to Year 2, the bike shed near the main entrance is the most suitable and for Years 3 to 6 the bikeshed at the back is designed for the older bikes and scooters.

## Communication with staff

As our numbers have grown once more and continue to do so, it may be helpful for you to have an update on ways to talk to us. We aim to be around as much as possible to support our community and you will often see Mrs Darby out on the gates in the morning for a quick chat.

If you have a concern please always talk to the class teacher in the first instance as they are best placed to help. Sometimes this can be done at drop off or collection or you can email [office@pinesprimary.org](mailto:office@pinesprimary.org) (please check that you are using this address and not our old one) or telephone the school office and we will ensure that they get the message as soon as possible. Lots of information can also be found on our new website [here](#).

If after talking to the class teacher you feel that you would benefit from further advice/support, the following staff can also be of help:

Racheal Cox:	Family Well-Being Lead
Mrs Scott:	Deputy Head and Early Years Lead
Mr Weller:	KS2 lead
Clare Warwick:	Sendco

We do try and respond to your messages as soon as possible but please feel free to give us a nudge if you haven't heard back when you expect to.

Please also help us to keep you updated by keeping your contact details up to date on 'My Child at School'. It is especially important that we have upto date contact numbers for you.

## Reading at The Pines

We have been celebrating our Pines Readers this week with our 'Stars in the Jar' recipients. We are really pleased to see what enthusiastic readers our pupils continue to be.



Our Reading Buddies really enjoyed their latest session and it was fantastic to see our older readers sharing their love of books with our younger cohorts.

## Headteacher Awards

This week's proud recipients:



## Dates

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October  
Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

PD Day (school closed to pupils)  
Pupils return to school  
PFA 'Winter-Fest'  
Christmas Disco