



Newsletter 14 –3rd May 2024

‘Transforming lives through inspirational learning’

The sun finally shone this week allowing for lots of opportunities for some outdoor learning fun. Although Forest School is not running this term we are still making plenty of use of this area through our gardening program led by Miss Saunders, with the help of Racheal and Ms Nickerson. This will be an ongoing project where we hope to involve all the children when it is more established. If any parents wish to volunteer with our gardening projects please do contact the office for more information.

Year 6

As you may be aware, across England every Year 6 pupil has this week undertaken their SATs. While taking tests can never be described as fun, all our pioneers demonstrated our 6Cs in abundance and we couldn't be prouder of all their hard work, dedication and smiling faces!

No doubt Year 6's positive attitude was helped by enjoying a super breakfast each morning which was organised by the wonderful PFA. The delicious breakfasts have been kindly sponsored by The Panty Newmarket, Thoroughbred Bread Doors Royston, Newmarket Tesco and The Lodge, Red Lodge. Every single pupil enjoyed the chance to socialise over bacon rolls, pancakes, waffles, pastries and much, much more and we wish to wholeheartedly thank all the people, staff and companies who contributed to make the 'breakfast club' such a success.

Year 6 celebrated the end of the tests with a non-uniform day and afternoon tea party to really end the week in style. Well done Year 6, we are so proud of you!

Green fingers

We are delighted to announce that our new Gardening Club has already achieved the RHS Level 1 award. The group certainly embraced the 6 Cs this week as they dug over the ground and planted in Thursdays torrential rain, proving that there is no such thing as bad weather in the world of gardening!

To achieve the Level 1 Award we have demonstrated children understand the benefits of gardening through:

- ❖ Learning about the environment and the importance of biodiversity and sustainability
- ❖ Improving emotional wellbeing through an increased connection with nature
- ❖ Improving physical wellbeing through increased activity and eating more fruit and vegetables

And much more!



Ouch!

On the theme of landscaping, we have some designated wildlife areas at The Pines which are a valuable part of our eco-system. These areas (such as those behind the bike sheds) are naturally left to 'go wild' and as such contain nettles, brambles and loose logs which means that these areas are not safe for children to play in. Please support us in keeping our community safe by not allowing your children into these areas before and after school.

PFA

The Pines Parents and Friends Association is so pleased with all the fundraising we have been able to do this school year. We have had great success, with your support, on our recent events such as the sweet shop, pre-loved book sale and our events in the community.

As summer draws near we are excited to offer some more exciting fundraising opportunities.

On the 10th of May we had our doughnut sale. As the weather gets warmer we're going to be having ice lolly sales and our last big event will be our Summer Fair.

We have also been hosting Year 6 SATs breakfasts with the support of a few local businesses. We appreciate all the support we get from the local community. We couldn't do this without you! We're always welcoming volunteers so if you're happy to help please contact us via e-mail at pfa@pinesprimary.org.

Lastly, we are looking forward to being part of the Red Lodge Music and Beer Festival. The Red Lodge Millennium Centre is raising money for several charities, The Pines PFA being one of them. We will receive a percentage of the proceeds that will benefit the pupils at The Pines.



Sporting events...

Although the Year 2 cricket event this week may have been postponed due to a water-logged pitch we still have high hopes that the KS2 netball tournament at Great Heath will take place as planned. Fingers crossed for some more sunshine!

Sharing Shed

CAN YOU HELP US?

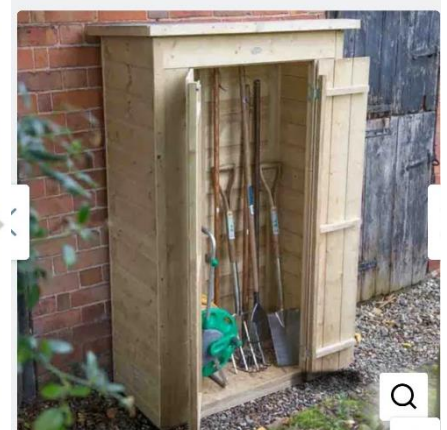
With the cost of living rising and food waste at an all-time high, we would like to support our school community by providing a 'sharing shed'. A space where people can donate food items but also pick up some basic essentials if they need to.

Our vision is to create a sharing space that everyone can use, no questions and no judgements, just simply a place to leave what you can (if you can) and take what you need as and when. Initially this will be predominantly non-perishable items, with opportunities when our garden is more established, to offer herbs, home-grown vegetables and maybe even plants.

In order to help us turn this vision into reality, we are reaching out to see if anyone from our parent community knows anyone who could build us a little shed, similar to that in the pictures, or have any contacts for a company/business that might like to fund/donate us a shed for this purpose.

If anyone thinks they may be able to help or can signpost us in the right direction, please drop me an email at rcox@pinesprimary.org.

Thank you in advance !!!



Headteacher Awards

This week's proud recipients:



Dates:

Wednesday 22nd May
Thursday 23rd May
Monday 27th – Friday 31st May
Thursday 6th June

Y5+6 Netball Tournament
Y6 Parents' Information Evening
Half Term
PHSE Celebrating Difference Day