

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 6

22ND NOVEMBER



‘Transforming lives through inspirational learning’

As Thanksgiving approaches, we would like to extend our warmest wishes to all our American families. We hope you have a joyful and restful holiday with loved ones.

Please note that on Friday 29th November, the school will be closed to pupils as our entire staff team will be participating in training for our exciting new Phonics program, Rocket Phonics!

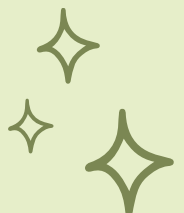
We wish you all a wonderful long weekend when it arrives.

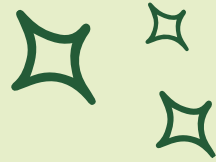
HI-LIGHTS OF THE WEEK!

Year 6 shared their incredible experience at the Pony Academy, an event made possible through the generous support of the British Racing School and our Parents & Friends Association (PFA).

During this exciting program, our pupils not only learned the essentials of horse care but also had the opportunity to ride. Each morning, the British Racing School arranged transportation for the students and provided all necessary equipment.

Their skilled instructors guided the children through various aspects of horse management, including grooming, feeding, and mucking out. The weeks culminated in a thrilling gymkhana every Friday, where our Pines pupils showcased their newly acquired riding skills





'SPECIAL YOU, SPECIAL ME' EVENTS

Lottie Mills, an accomplished author, joined us on Thursday to share her inspiring journey of overcoming adversity and challenging preconceived notions.

On Friday, our classes delved into the themes of differences and diversity, culminating in a special themed assembly. Each student crafted a unique leaf that represented their individuality, which together formed our beautiful Pines tree in the library.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone involved, especially Mrs Kuckelhaus who generously dedicated her time to support this initiative.





OPAL PLAY

Thank you for all the generous donations for our OPAL Bingo!

We are excited to share that preparations for our launch are well underway, with the entire school participating in the creation of our Play Charter during our weekly assemblies. The creative ideas from our pupils are truly inspiring and play a vital role in helping us develop and enhance our provision.






CHOIR



What an incredible performance our Pines choir delivered on Thursday afternoon! The hall was filled with a delightful medley of tunes that captivated both the pupils and the parents who joined us to enjoy the musical experience. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended, watched, sang, and offered their support, with special appreciation to our outstanding choir master, Mrs Kuckelhaus.

Please remember that spaces in Choir club are limited so if your child no longer wants to attend please let the office know so that a child from the waiting list can enrol.



Please remember that there will be no choir practice on the 13th December.

WELLBEING

Over the last term our Year 6 class have been offered a 'time to talk' slot on a Wednesday lunchtime. This is purely a space for them to chat, discuss and talk about things that matter to them in a safe space.

Whilst the uptake from the boys is low, the Year 6 girls have fully embraced this time and have made good use of having the space, offering topics for discussion and requesting guided meditation practice.

Time to Talk

with
Rachael

For Year 6 Girls

Wednesday lunchtimes

12-12.25pm

Every other week
starting
Wednesday 2nd
October



Time to Talk

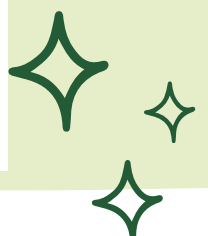
with
Mr Weller

For Year 6 Boys

Wednesday lunchtimes

12-12.25pm

Every other week
starting
Wednesday 25th
September





Christmas Crafternoon

Save
the
Date

for parents & carers

1-3pm

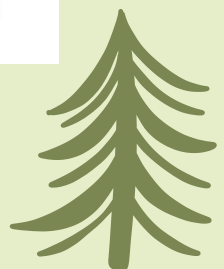
Wednesday

27th November

All craft resources provided

Suggested Donation £2 (towards the PFA)

Coffee
and mince pies



FOREST SCHOOL WORKING PARTY

We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the parents who generously dedicated their time and resources to enhance our forest school and garden area. Thanks to their hard work, numerous tasks were completed, resulting in a fantastic outdoor learning space for our children.

Your contributions have made a lasting impact!

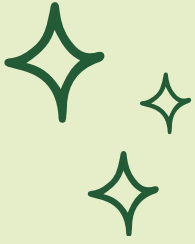


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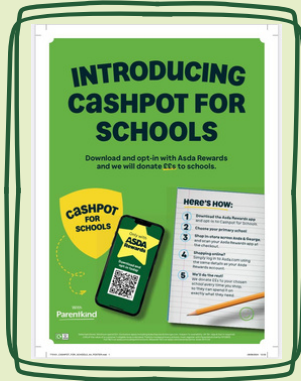
All our updated GDPR information can be found on our Trust website however we would like to draw your attention to the 'Pupil and Parent Privacy Notice' which can be found [here](#).

CONTACT DETAILS

Please make sure that all contact details are up-to-date on MCAS including addresses and phone numbers. If you require any support with this please do not hesitate to contact the school office.



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The Pines Parents and Friends Association

WINTER FAIR

Experience the joy of the season with a delightful array of games, treats, and entertainment for the whole family

6TH DECEMBER
3:30-5:00

Free entry
Game cards to play games £3
Raffle, drinks, snacks and cakes for purchase will be available.

WINTER FAIR Raffle Prizes

Here are just some of the amazing prizes for our raffle!

- Family ticket to Jimmy's Farm
- Hair cut at Gentelman's Crew
- Dragonfly Reflexology Treatment
- GREGGS gift card
- MOT at B15
- Webbs Sandwich Shop Voucher
- Photoshoot with Dion

And many more!

WINTER FAIR

Tombola prizes needed :
if you have any new unwanted gifts, gift sets, etc please bring them in and drop off at the PFA donation box. Additionally we are also in need of new bottles of wine.
Thank you!

THE LITTLE RECYCLERS

CERTIFICATE

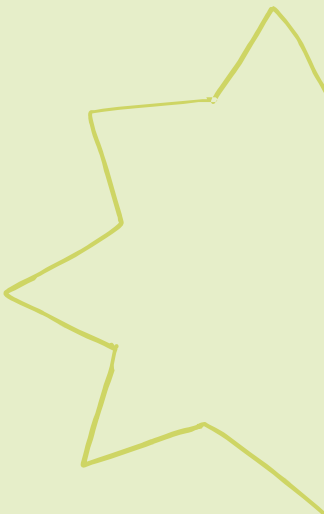
This certificate is presented to:

Pines Primary School

for participating in The Little Recyclers school fundraising programme. Through clothing donations, you helped to divert textile waste ending up in landfills.

Date: 13/11/2024
KG collected: 292
Funds raised: £160.6

THE LITTLE RECYCLERS TEAM



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



27th
Nov

Christmas Crafternoon in the hall

29th
Nov

PD Day - No pupils on site

6th
Dec

3.30 - 5pm PFA Christmas Fair

11th &
12th Dec

Reception nativity

17th &
18th Dec

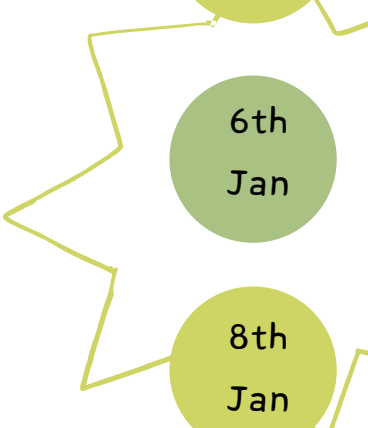

Y1 & Y2 Nativity Performance

19th
Dec

Christmas Dinner Day
Christmas Jumper Day

20th
Dec

Last day of term



6th
Jan

PD Day - No pupils on site

8th
Jan

Y2 Trip to Duxford