

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 5









Transforming lives through inspirational learning'



A warm welcome back after half term!

We've had a busy start across all year groups as we introduced our new learning themes. Throughout the school, we have focused on nurture and mindfulness activities to support children in returning happily and confidently after the break. Last week, all classes enjoyed their 'Engage and Empower' days.

Here are some highlights of what we got up to...

HEDGEHOG CLASS: "I WONDER HOW TO BE A HERO?"

The children returned to school to discover that one of their class mascots, Fred, had been captured by none other than the Evil Pea! They joined Hero School, where they completed an obstacle course, built up their super strength, and even designed and made their own costumes. Throughout the day, they solved clues, rescued Fred, and returned the Evil Pea to the freezer - where he belonged!





SQUIRREL CLASS: "WHO WAS THE LADY WITH THE LAMP?"

To introduce their new theme, the children learnt about how nurses care for people when they are unwell, and they even had a go at role-playing as nurses and treating one another's imaginary injuries. They explored the life of Florence Nightingale, discovering how she improved hygiene, hospital care, and medical practice. The children also discussed her influence on modern nursing today.



RABBIT CLASS: "WHAT HAPPENED TO THE TITANIC?"

Rabbit Class enjoyed a fantastic adventure into the past! The children - and Mrs Stopps - came dressed as passengers aboard the Titanic and waved goodbye as they set off on their voyage. This immersive day included learning dances and tasting food similar to what passengers on the lower decks would have eaten.

NIGHTINGALE CLASS: "CAN WE LIVE IN THE ANTARCTIC?"

The children became geographical explorers, learning how penguins look after their eggs. They investigated different materials to find out which were best for keeping eggs warm and developed their scientific language and enquiry skills. They also completed the famous blubber experiment, covering their hands in "blubber" to test how it felt in icy water - helping them understand how animals survive in the Antarctic.



FOX CLASS: "WHAT DID THE ROMANS DO FOR US?"

Fox Class became historians for the day, examining Roman artefacts and exploring what they might have been used for.

They researched the true purposes of these items and were fascinated to discover the many innovations the Romans created that we still use today.



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"DESERT DETECTIVES: CAN ANYTHING SURVIVE HERE?"

Owl Class demonstrated excellent critical thinking as they collaborated to decide which items would be most useful for desert survival. They not only created a plan of what to take but also justified their choices clearly. The children also produced beautiful artwork showing how desert animals camouflage themselves within the dry, dusty landscape.

STAG CLASS: "CRIME AND PUNISHMENT"

Stag Class drew on communication, citizenship, and critical-thinking skills to discuss challenging questions such as: "Is it okay to steal if your family is starving and you have no money?" The children shared thoughtful, respectful opinions. They then carried out a mock trial, complete with a judge and jury, debating appropriate punishments.





POPPY DAY REMEMBRANCE



We were proud to attend the Red Lodge Remembrance Service on Sunday to honour those who have served and sacrificed. It was a meaningful opportunity to reflect and pay our respects as a school community.







Our school piano is in need of a tune, and we would be grateful for any support. If you are able to tune a piano, or know someone who can help, please get in touch with the school office.





PFA NEWS



Thank you for helping us raise over £120 at the last Tuck Shop! Please do remember to use the bins or take your rubbish home with you as sadly we are seeing lots of wrappers in the grounds after tuck shops.

The PFA are in need of volunteers to help at events. If you are able to spare some time please email pfa@pinesprimary.org





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Hello Everyone!

We just wanted to say a big THANK YOU to everyone who has supported the PFA's fundraising efforts so far. We hope your children are enjoying the activities and events this term as much as we are enjoying the planning and running of them!

Recap

The Tuck Shops this term have been well received and the Halloween Disco was a great success. We've raised nearly £1000 since September thanks to you, which is brilliant! This means we've helped the school purchase 5 much needed iPads. In addition, £750 of last year's fundraising efforts helped fund Y6 Pony Academy.

Still to come

We've much to look forward to before Christmas, including the 'My Child's Art' Christmas Cards, so keep an eye out for the leaflet your child will bring home. The PFA will receive a portion of the sales!

In addition, we'll be having 'This is Me Day' on Thursday, 27th November.

The children are invited to attend school dressed in their favourite colours in exchange for an item that can be donated to the Winter Fair Raffle (see poster below). Finally, our biggest event this term, the Winter Fair on Friday 5th December 3:30 – 5:30!

How can you support?

- Teddies and Tiny Toys! We are currently looking for donations of these to repurpose as prizes for the Winter Fair. Please bring to the Office marked for the PFA.
- Volunteers! We are always on the lookout for volunteers to help at our events. If you can spare any time to volunteer at the Winter Fair, please let us know.

Keep up to date!

We have 2 Facebook pages, one is public where we do a lot of promotion, the other is private purely for our families. Feel free to join the group on Facebook 'The Pines PFA Private Family Group' at the link below and be first to see our updates!

https://www.facebook.com/share/g/1Gaex3ez74/?mibextid=wwXIfr



PFA NEWS





Thursday 27th November

Come to school wearing your favourite colour in exchange for an item for our Winter Fair Raffle!

We would love to create colour theme hampers, so donations of items that are red, green, blue, gold and silver would be gratefully received!



Thank you for helping the PFA raise funds for the school!



PFA NEWS





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



14th Nov

PFA Parent Quiz - CANCELLED

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Y3 Trip to Polar Museum

21st Nov

PFA Tuck Shop after school

27th

PFA "This Is Me" Day - See flyer above

28th

PD Day - No pupils in School

5th

Dec

PFA Winter Fair

11th Dec

Virtual Dance Festival

15th Dec

9.30am Y1 & Y2 Christmas Performance
2.30pm - Reception Nativity



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



16th Dec 9.30am Reception Nativity
2.30pm Y1 & Y2 Christmas Performance

17th Dec Christmas Jumper Day
Christmas Dinner Day
KS2 Carol Performance After School

19th Dec

Last Day of Term

5th Jan

PD Day - No pupils in School

6th Jan

Pupils Return to School



