

Pippins Weekly News

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SEE TOMORROW GROW

Dear parents and Carers,

It has been an absolute pleasure having all the children in this week!

Thank you to all the parents who met with the teachers this week; excellent home school engagement! Thank you. On my daily learning walk, It is indeed a pleasure watching the children engage in their learning. I welcome all the new children and parents who have joined us this term. Please can I reiterate my wish to personally with all new parents; please contact the office and arrange to meet with me.

As a school, there is now a push on oracy and presentation skills across our learning. The children's workbooks are already looking fabulous, as we launch our new strategic project 'The Pippins Way'. This academic year, across the whole school, we are going to establish and develop consistency through our heightened expectations, to ensure our children get the very best education they deserve. This will range from how they speak and treat others in school, to all the learning they undertake in their workbooks and other platforms. I am very excited to push forward with our long-term strategy: 'Good today. Outstanding tomorrow' this academic year. All staff are currently engaged in assessing where the children academically in relation to age related expectations, to then set targets and begin a bespoke mode of learning for their classes.

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details to be confirmed

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As a headteacher, I feel incredibly delighted to be welcoming such passionate new staff, who are already shaping our wider community engagement. Miss Punja is going to develop our social media presence across the many platforms, whilst Mr Jawandha has already begun a sporting relationship with all the other schools in Slough; do watch this space as we see tomorrow grow. In between, Mr Khalid has introduced a whole school new English scheme of work, on which the children and staff are already hooked, and we have tweaked the manner in which we now deliver maths lessons, as a result of Miss Kang's mathematical knowledge! The future is looking rather bright 😊.

We continue to monitor the RAAC situation at school. I have on several occasions met with Slough BC, along with the DfE this week, for updates. We had a contractor and structural surveyors in on Tuesday to better understand the bracing, which we will require. I reiterate again from my conversation and reassurance from the contractor, the school is not in any immediate danger of collapsing (and or the affected areas). I am pushing for the mitigation works to be completed as soon as possible. No child's educational experience is/or has been compromised in the process. I will keep you updated with further progress reports from the DfE. In the meantime, I wish to thank all the parents who have come forward with their words of kindness and support. I would like to acknowledge our benevolent neighbours, Heathrow Airport, who have come forward with their incredible generosity. Please join me in thanking Nigel Milton and his team at Heathrow.

Please go ahead and book your tickets for the bath trip, as we have sold more than 20 tickets this morning! You will soon receive a letter informing you of our whole school trip in November, to see watch a pantomime! Oh yes, it is going to be a great fun filled term!

Places are filling fast for the extracurricular clubs on offer and breakfast club! Please book early to avoid disappointment!

Have a wonderful weekend, and I very much look forward to seeing you at the school gate on Monday morning.

Mr Jalaf

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NURSERY

Dear Parents, we have had a busy week in nursery.

This week we have been settling in and getting used to our new routine.

We have enjoyed exploring the nursery environment and have had fun playing outside in the sunshine.

Next week we will be beginning to learn all about ourselves and our family.

If you have not supplied us with a baby picture and a family picture, please could you do so by Monday.

Thank you, have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Fowler.



YEAR 1

It was lovely to meet you at the Meet the Teacher meeting on Tuesday. If you have of the items below and no longer need them then please send them in.

Corks, small cardboard boxes, kitchen roll/wrapping tubes, CDs, paper plates, material, fabric, buttons and curtain rings. Alternatively if you have other items you think we would be able to use such as utensils, saucepans, cable drum reel, old notepads then please feel free to donate them. All items will be warmly received.

In English, Elstar class have been writing about what makes them unique and what they like about themselves. In maths we have been using counters and ten frames to show different amounts up to 10. We have been learning about a book called What Makes Me a Me and part of the story has a volcano in it. On Friday afternoon we saw a volcano erupt. It was so exciting!!!

Miss Purdy

YEAR 3

This week we have been looking at acrostic poems in English.

The topic of our poems is based on a book we read this week called "What makes me, a me?" We have enjoyed exploring how we are all unique and different.

Mr Khan

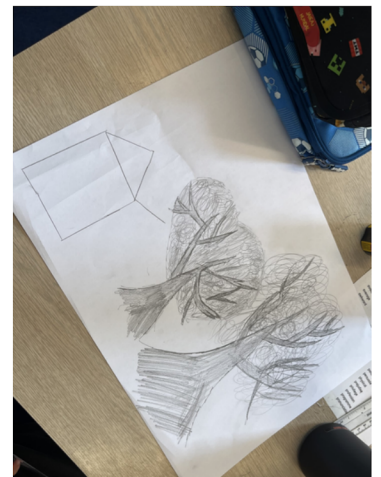
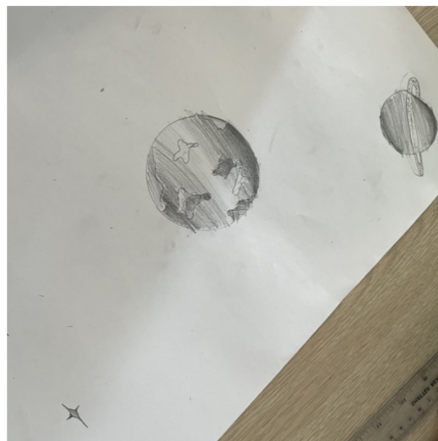


YEAR 5

We have had a great a really positive week. Lots of children have worked on new vocabulary with new meanings which has been wonderful to see. During humanities we looked at oracle bones and the history behind them of where they originated from.

In English a variety of pupils have shown lovely pieces of writing about "what makes them who they are". We had a lovely morning on Thursday with Heathrow Engineering. The children were able to design and make their own rollercoaster, demonstrating skills including teamwork, problem solving and communication.

Mr Jawandha



DANCE CLUB



CHRISTMAS MARKET, BATH

Dear Parents and Carers,

Due to the high volume of interest in the trip before covid struck, we can now confirm that the trip to the Bath Christmas Markets is going ahead this year! We have managed to secure a very good deal for the school. The cost of the trip is £15 per seat. Please note, the tickets are non-refundable, once purchased. You may bring along as many people as you like!

The date of the visit is Saturday 2nd December 2023, with the coach leaving school at 8.15am sharp. We will stop off on the M4 Reading services for a short comfort break, hoping to arrive in the historic city of Bath for approximately 10.30am. We will be dropped off in the main town centre, where, at your own pace, you can explore some amazing World Heritage sites, along with the Christmas markets. It truly is a magical place in December! We will all meet again at the spot where we are dropped off in the morning, for 5.30pm, to return to Colnbrook. Subject to the traffic on the M4, we hope to be in Colnbrook around 7.30pm.

Tickets will go on sale, from Friday 15th September, in the school office. Seats are strictly limited, so please make your purchase early! Please complete the slip and return to the school office.