

Pippins Weekly News

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SEE TOMORROW GROW

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to the second half of the autumn term! It is set to be a very busy half term, with so much happening.

I begin by thanking you all for your support and kind words during the last few weeks concerning RAAC. I am delighted to inform you that all parts of the school are now fully functional, as all RAAC panels have been safely braced. Please join me in thanking GP Lewis contractors for the great good work they undertook at our school. Additionally, Heathrow have been our life line in ensuring the continuation of high quality face to face teaching; through funding additional resources.

We had the great pleasure of welcoming the new CEO of Heathrow at Pippins today, Mr Thomas Woldbye! We ought to feel incredibly privileged, as we were the only school he visited, to gain a better understanding of community cohesion. I can absolutely reassure you, that we are building very strong links with Heathrow, to support our school, and curriculum. On this note of community engagement, we are participating in more sporting events in Slough: a group of pupils are off on a fencing experience next week, along with a selection of Year 6 pupils representing Pippins at an Interfaith Conference at St Marys Church on Thursday!

Have a wonderful weekend, and I look forward to seeing you on Monday morning.

With all good wishes,
 Mr Jalaf

Dates for the Diary

6th November - School Pictures

6th November - Fencing Festival

10 November - Come Read with Me workshop: nursery 830-915, KS1/2 900 - 945

10th November - Diwali Dress Up

13th November KS1 and KS2 school church visit

16th November Y3 and 4 Heathrow workshop

29th November panto trip

15th December last day of term 1:15pm

Attendance

Rec 90%
 Y1 95%
 Y2 90%
 Y3 89%
 Y4 89%
 Y5 92%
 Y6 92%

URGENT NOTICE!

Please make your payment of £22 through Arbor for the Aladdin trip by 10th November latest as we have to confirm numbers and pay by the 11th.

DIWALI AT PIPPINS

Dear Parents, we will be having a dress up day on Friday 10th November to celebrate the festival of Diwali.

Children can come to school wearing either cultural clothing, colourful or sparkly clothes.

In return, we kindly request that you donate one pound to the school to go towards R.E resources.

Thank you,
Mrs Fowler.



REMEMBRANCE MERCHANDISE

Available to buy at the office from 50p to £2. All donations will go to support the poppy appeal.

Many thanks,
Miss Hundal



THOMAS WOLDBYE, CEO OF HEATHROW VISITS PIPPINS



PIPPINS READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the superstars for completing their reading challenge over the half term! The child who read the most in each class has been celebrated in assembly this week and have been given a gift voucher for their efforts:

Year 1: Aad

Year 2: Emma

Year 3: Olivia

Year 4: Rory

Year 5: Gergana

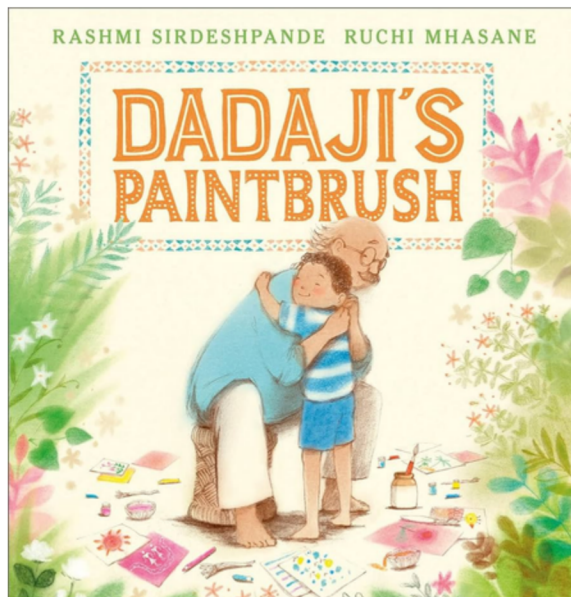
Year 6: Shravya

I am so impressed with the children's resilience and stamina to read as many books as they have. On that note, please be reminded that you can see the ambitious reading spine on our website where you can see all of the books that the children will be reading this academic year. Please see below a few examples of the books available in our bespoke curriculum for your children:

We chose this book for a Literary Leaf as it is a detective story with a twist: Darkus's quest to find his dad is supported not only by his two best friends – Bertolt and Virginia – but also his new pet beetle, Baxter. And Baxter is no ordinary beetle. Baxter is huge (the size of a hamster), has the intelligence of a human, and several hundred friends hiding next door just waiting for the call to action.

As a reader we immediately warm to Darkus who – despite losing both parents, spending time in a truly horrible foster home and facing the bullies at school – doesn't complain. Instead he focuses on finding his dad and saving the beetles in the house next door. The characters are simply brilliant, they spring to life off the pages, but perhaps the character who stands out the most is the evil antagonist, Lucretia Cutter.





Dadaji's Paintbrush by Rashmi Sirdeshpande the children develop reading skills of prediction and inference, have the opportunity to practise use of basic sentence punctuation and create compound sentences before learning about apostrophes for omission and possession. The children then create a fact file where they incorporate the learning they have experienced over the course of the first stage of the sequence of learning. Finally, the children plan and then write their own version narrative, focusing on using verb endings correctly; using statements and commands and sequencing sentences to form short narratives and beginning to develop coherence.

This beautiful book will help children discover that bereavement can be a beginning, not an ending, as we follow the inspirational story of one boy's grief when he loses his beloved grandfather. Dadaji loves to teach others to paint, especially his grandson. But after Dadaji passes away, the boy can't bear to use the favourite paintbrush his grandfather left for him. When a little girl knocks on the door, the boy discovers how many lives Dadaji touched with his art, and finds a way to continue his legacy.

Parents book club!

Mr Khalid and Mr Jalaf would like to start a parents book club once a week. Would you be interested? If so, please get in contact and we will make this dream a reality! We look forward to hearing your thoughts.

TWELVE15 UPDATE

3rd November 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Twelve15 is writing to update you as the school catering provider at Pippins Primary School.

Twelve15 is currently experiencing significant staff shortages and absences; this has resulted in a required adjustment to the standard service provision.

As an interim measure a cold packed lunch was provided to pupils this week, this adhered to statutory guidance and accommodated vegetarian and special diets. From Monday 6th November a simplified hot meal service, which again accommodates vegetarian and special diets, will be available. This will include filled jacket potatoes, pasta options and fish and chips on Fridays. There will also be seasonal vegetables, a mixed salad and bread served daily, alongside dessert.

Some of the recruitment challenges being faced are presently reflected across the Hospitality sector. Twelve15 apologises for any inconvenience caused, it will continue to keep you updated on developments regarding your regular catering provision and recruitment.

Twelve15 is working alongside Pippins Primary School to resolve these issues as quickly as possible, its focus remains on resuming a full regular hot meal service as a priority.

Twelve15 is committed to the health and wellbeing of schoolchildren and continually providing delicious, fresh and nutritionally balanced meals which strictly adhere to the [UK Government Food Standards for Schools](#). Please rest assured despite this adjustment there will be no break in service provision, throughout this temporary period pupils will continue to receive school meals which meet statutory guidance on a daily basis.

Thank you for your patience and support.

Kind regards

The Twelve15 Team

NURSERY

Dear Parents,

The children in nursery had a fun time this week doing lots of spooky activities, such as making magic potions and wands, singing, dressing up as scary characters, dancing and having a party!

Best wishes,
Mrs Fowler



YEAR 1

There have been some strange things happening in Elstar class this week! On Monday we found huge footprints on our classroom floor.

Miss Purdy's snacks and drink had also disappeared. After a lot of investigation, we think the Terrible Beast from our story 'Billy and the Beast' is to blame.

Have a lovely weekend,
Miss Purdy

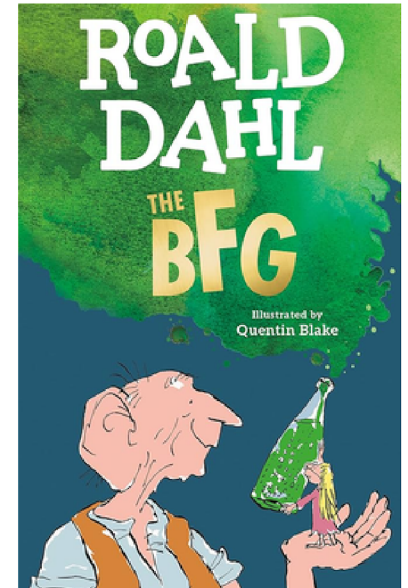


YEAR 3

Hello Bramley Parent's,

I hope everyone had a great half-term break! It was lovely to meet and chat with parents during the recent parents' evening. This week, we welcome Miss Banjo to Team Bramley! As many of you may know, Mr. Chavda has left, and Miss Banjo will take over as the new classroom TA. The children have spent this week getting to know Miss Banjo, and she has already fit in well with the class. I speak for all of us when I say that we wish Mr. Chavda the best in his new adventure. He will be greatly missed.

This week, the students at Bramley have been transported into the world of giants, including some fearsome characters such as The Blood Bottler, The Fleshlumpeater, The Bonecruncher, and The Butcher Boy. As part of their writing lessons, the children have been reading *The BFG* and thoroughly enjoying it so far. They have been using their creativity and writing skills to develop descriptions for their own giants, using similes to describe their sounds and overall appearance. I have been impressed by their enthusiasm and how quickly they adapted back to school life this term.



I look forward to seeing more of their brilliant work.
Mr Khan

YEAR 5

This week we have been writing our own play scripts and scenes from *The Tempest* (William Shakespeare).

Children have acted out and used different dialogue to elaborate on their writing.

Have a lovely weekend.
Mr Jawandha

