

Pippins Weekly News

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SEE TOMORROW GROW

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a great week so far!

It is quite scary to think that we are nearing the mid-way point in our school year! Not long to go now before the February half term break ... As you will have noted from the inserts each week, every class is busy in some form or shape, in progressing with their learning. The wonderful teachers at our school work hard in ensuring the curriculum is accessible to all the children, exciting and engaging, very much hoping you can see that on a weekly basis. I reiterate the delight in having seen many parents in school last week, who joined us for the math workshop.

I would strongly urge as many parents as possible, to attend the forthcoming workshops on reading at home. Mr Khalid has a real passion for the teaching of reading and writing, so let us draw strength from his knowledge and expertise. Please keep an eye on forthcoming workshops. Following on from my newsletter last week, I invite parents and carers to come forward, who would like to join me for a whole school assembly on sharing with our children, what it means to be a self motivated learner and the value of awareness.

Earlier this week, I attended a conference on leadership, which included a key note speaker, who shared her insights into self reflection and better understanding our thought processes. There was an amazing handout we all received at the end. If you would like to know more about this, and or see the handout, please speak to me.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Jalaf

Dates for the Diary

2nd February - Wellness Day

8th February - PTFA disco after school - £5 entry

8th February - End of Spring 1

9th February - Inset Day

19th February - Spring 2 Begins

Attendance

Pips 85%
 Pixie 97%
 Elstar 93%
 Honeygold 98%
 Bramley 92%
 Crispin 91%
 Waltz 85%
 Jazz 92%

Please can parents be reminded we will not release your child to you at pick-up if you are on the phone.

URGENT NOTICES! - PLEASE READ

Uniform - Please can all parents/carers ensure that children are appropriately dressed in school uniform for winter. This means **all children must be wearing a jumper and have a coat**, if they do not they will not be allowed out at playtime and will be sent to see Mr. Jalaf. Girls must be wearing **appropriate shoes (no heels and no boots). No trainers unless it is P.E. day.**

Parents - please ensure all contact details are up to date on Arbor. Make sure to look at the after-school club schedule.

Child off sick - If your child is ill, unwell, or sick you must call and **give all details of the illness** as we need them for our records. If your child is off ill for 5 or more days we require a **valid/up-to-date doctor's note.**

Appointments - If your child has an appointment during school hours you must give **at least 24 hrs notice** and **proof of appointment.**

Drop-off and Pick-Up - Parents/Carers please ensure **all phones are away** in pockets or bags **when collecting children** at pick-up as having them out or taking phone calls is against GDPR regulations for the school.

EXCITING WRITING WEEK

Last week was all about exciting writing! The children had an in-depth study of WORDS and the impact they could have on others.

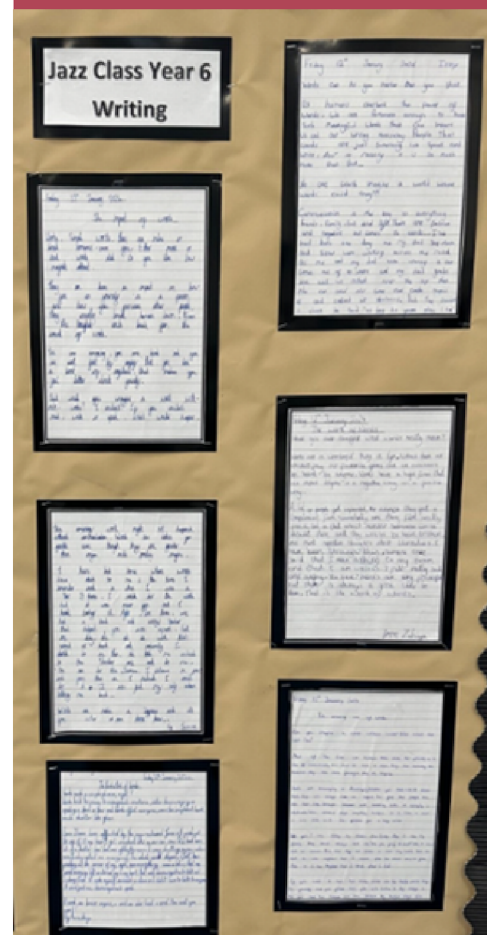
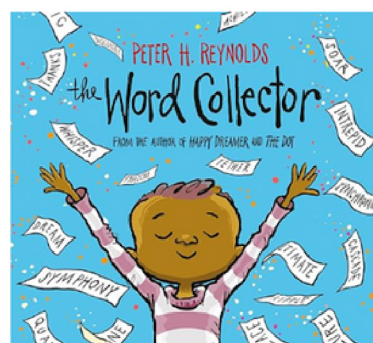
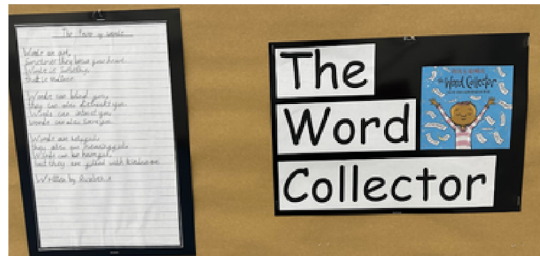
Some children wrote recounts on the impact words have had on them personally while other year groups wrote poetry and other genres of writing.

The book that the children based their writing on was called: The Word Collector by Peter H Reynolds.

The teachers thought of ways to get the children excited including some teachers covering themselves in words!

All of the writing is on display for parents and pupils to appreciate! Don't forget to have a look next time you're at Pippins!

Mr Khalid



COME MATHS WITH ME

It was amazing to see so many parents attend our come work with me for Mathematics.

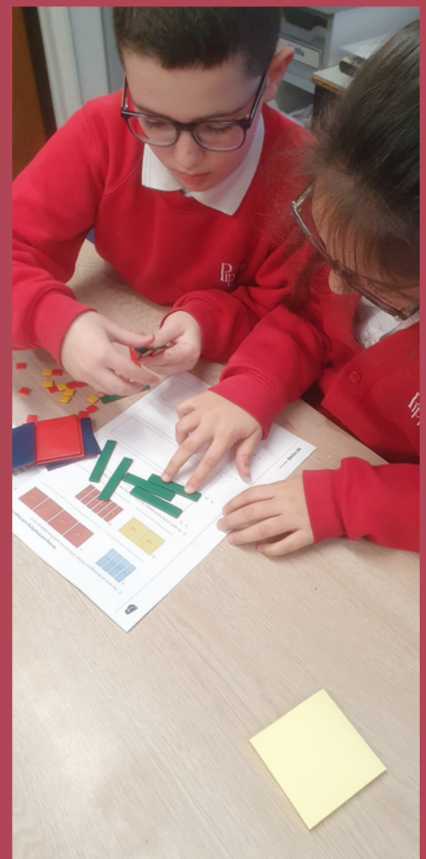
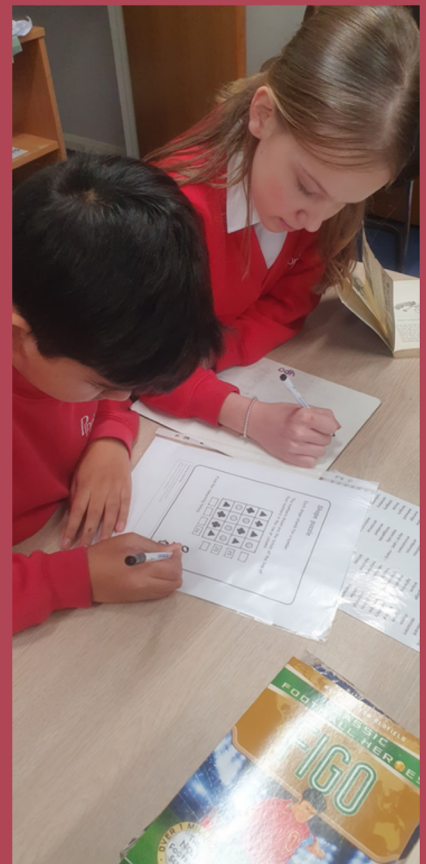
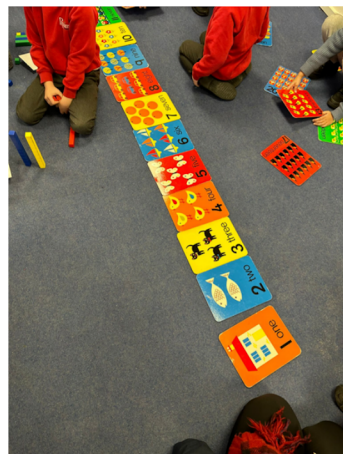
Our theme for the morning was problem solving, each class were showcasing a range of skills to solve problems linked to a variety of themes and topics.

These may have included being able to calculate mentally, using written methods or even being able to work systematically and logically.

Problem solving allows our students to apply and practice their number fluency. By being problem solvers, this will strengthen our skills and knowledge of mathematics and allow our students to apply this to their own everyday life.

It was lovely to see parents engaging children to help solve those problems and we hope you had a great time.

Miss Kang



The menus for this term are now on the website just click 'Autumn Winter Menu 2024'.

Next week's menu will be WEEK 3.

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See Tomorrow Grow

We're going on a summer holiday!

Friday 5th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

With great pleasure I wish to inform you, that we have organised a whole school trip to the seaside this year! Following on from the success of the Bath trip, how can we not take the Pippins party to be beside the sea? ☺

We are off to Brighton this year. With so much to do for adults and children alike, you will be guaranteed an excellent day out. We will be dropped off in the town centre, from where you can roam along the sea front, enjoy a spot of lunch in the suave restaurants, or shop till you drop in the Lanes. The list is indeed, endless.

The date of the visit will be Saturday 6th July 2024. We will set off at 8am sharp, so as to avoid the traffic on route, and leave Brighton for 5pm.

The cost of the ticket will be £15 per seat. Please make sure to book your seats early, as availability is limited. Tickets will be made available for sale in the school office, on **Friday 26th January 2024**. Yet again, we have negotiated a heavy discount with the coach company, which we have passed onto you.

If you have any questions, please do address them with the office, in the first instance.

With all good wishes,

Mr Jalaf
Headteacher



M & M Book Club

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR THE M & M BOOK
CLUB.

IT IS HELD EVERY THURSDAY FROM 3:30
PM.

WE WILL BE LOOKING AT A RANGE OF
EXCITING BOOKS AND SHARING IDEAS
BASED ON DIFFERENT THEMES EACH
WEEK.



NURSERY - PIPS

In Nursery we were very lucky to have a special visitor 'Jan' in from the Newbury and District Agricultural Society.

Jan talked to us about eating a healthy breakfast and showed us how to make some delicious porridge and tasty smoothies.

We all helped to make them! We learnt about how different cereals grow on the farm and planted our own oats, wheat and barley seeds.

We also learnt where the milk comes from and had a go at milking a cow, it was so much fun!

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Fowler

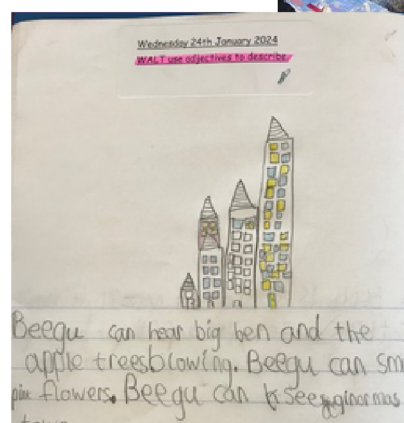


YEAR 1 - ELSTAR

There has definitely been some strange things happening in the playground last week!

Elstar class went to investigate outside in the playground and found a space ship had crashed in our playground! After lots of investigation work we found that it belonged to Beegu (book character). We know that Beegu is now safe and is with her mum and dad back in space. We really have enjoyed reading this book in our English lessons.

Have a lovely weekend.
Miss Purdy



YEAR 5 - WALTZ

The last few weeks in Science have been really interesting for Year 5.

They have been learning about life cycles of different species, including humans, amphibians and mammals.

It has been really pleasing to see students highly engaged and even coming up with their own life cycles of different animals. Well done to Year 5.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mr Jawandha