

**Newsletter Number 5 – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2021**



What a busy first week back!

The children have been learning all about COP26 and the importance of protecting our planet. There have been lots of different visitors to school, including Atomic Tom and a magic show all about recycling. Our oldest children unfortunately had their trip postponed to the wind farm, but we will be rearranging this as soon as possible. A huge thank you to Miss Hadley and Miss Latham for all of their hard work in arranging this week.

**School Value – Determination**

Our value for this term is determination, which we have linked to looking after the planet with the importance of COP26. We are also looking at how the children can continue to be determined with their learning to do their very best at school.



Well done to Year Two who filled up their bird feeder last term and are now looking forward to making and then eating pizza!



Linked to our school values, we are so proud of Mia in Year Two who smashed her target for The Little Princess Trust by raising over £1000. Well done Mia!

We're always really keen to know about how the children are showing our values outside school just like Mia, and therefore please let us know if your child has shown them.

### **Beat The Street!**

We came fifth in the whole of Northamptonshire! This is a huge achievement and thank you to all of our families who took part. We will receive £75 worth of book tokens from Waterstones and will be presented with a prize very soon.



### **Worldly Wise Day - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November.**

Each term we will get together as a whole school to celebrate equality and diversity, not only around the world but also much closer to home and within our fantastic community. As a culmination of our discussions and learning last term during Black History Month, we decided to focus our day around important and influential people in black history and popular culture.

Year One and Two will come together to examine the patterns, paintings, printing and textiles work of the artist Lois Mailu Jones and will use her influence to create their own pieces which we hope to exhibit around the school.

We have also been lucky enough to make contact with "Primary Workshops for Children" who will visit us with a range of African drummers and dancers. They will work with each class to compose and perfect a whole range of routines which we hope the children can perform for each other at the end of the day.

We cannot wait to compile all our knowledge from the day and add to our already fantastic display which celebrates diversity within our community at Pineham.

### Disco

A huge thank you to the PTA and all the staff who gave up their time to support the school disco. The children looked fantastic, very spooky and had a wonderful time!

### LAB

Our LAB members are very keen to gather the views of our parents with regards to the children's reading experiences at our school. They will be at the entrance to the school on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November. Please pop along and say hello, it's important that we gather your views, so that we can improve reading at our school.

### Children In Need

As you maybe aware, Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November is Children In Need day. To support the charity, the children are able to wear non school uniform on the day for a suggested donation of £1. Any donations, can be brought to school on the morning and given to the class teachers.



### Reading Picnics

We were really disappointed to have cancelled our reading picnics due to increased cases of Covid last term in the wider community. As you are aware we have made the decision to cancel all reading picnics as we want to make sure you are fit and well to enjoy Christmas with us. We will reschedule these for the New Year.

### PTA AGM

Parents are welcome to join our PTA for their annual general meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at school at 7pm.

During the evening, parents will be able to find out how they can help fundraise for the school and get involved in the different events that our amazing PTA organise. We hope to see lots of you there!

## Christmas

We are busily preparing for our Christmas events this year and are looking forward to celebrating Christmas with our families as we haven't been able to for such a very long time.

We want to ensure that families have plenty of notice to ensure that you can all join us. Further information about tickets will be provided to families later in the term.

- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Nativity for Reception and Year One at 9:30am and 2pm
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December – ABM Christmas dinner  
Christmas jumper day  
Nativity for Reception and Year One – 9:30am  
Christmas Carols and Crafts for Year Two & Three (this will be in the afternoon – time to be confirmed)
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December – PTA Breakfast with Santa for Reception, Year One and Two
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Scrooge! Years Four – Six at 2pm and 6pm.
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Party Day

## Environmental Art

The Pineham Planet Protectors and other classes will be working with an artist to create a very special piece of art linked to our planet. If you have any of the following, please can you send them into your child's class teacher by Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

Bottles	Bits of old toys
Carrier bags	Soles of shoes
Plastic packaging	Wheels from toys
Buttons	Plastic packaging
Bottle tops	Biros
Old felt tips	Flip flops



If possible, we are looking for items that are blue and green. We need any items sent in to be relatively light weight and able to be glued to a surface.



**Dates for your diary**

- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November - Flu Vaccinations
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Have a lovely half term!