



# Pownall Green

## Newsletter

Love learning, love life!

21st January 2022.

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a fantastic week we have had in school. Our basketball year 6 won the Stockport Schools Basketball finals. Year 1 have been making bird feeders and have enjoyed watching robins come to visit. Reception have been learning colours in French. Year 4 have demonstrated amazing teamwork when using Glockenspiels in music and Year 6 have made a great start to their history topic on Quarry Bank Mill.

Today we have had very special visitors in school along with the Premier League Trophy. The children enjoyed a whole school assembly and then year 5 and 6 were treated to a talk from Author Dan Freedman and were each given a signed copy of his book 'Born to Play'. Thank you to everyone involved in making this event happen and congratulations again to Rico.

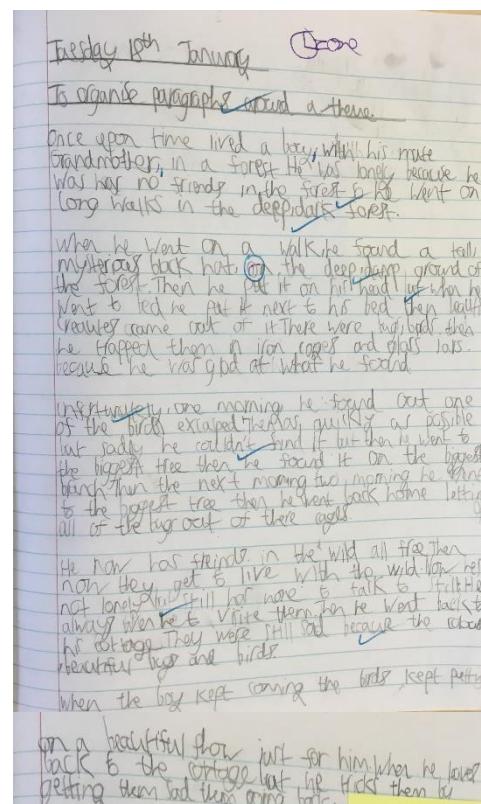
In the next two weeks we have termly Governor Committee meetings focussing on curriculum and resources. This gives an opportunity for our Governors to consider future plans for the school. Our Governors are a mix of parents and others who bring a great mix of experience and skills to the group and we want to thank them for the time they give to support and challenge school leaders. The commitment given to these voluntary roles is much appreciated. One of the actions in these meetings is to approve term dates for 2022-23 so these will be published in the newsletter and on the website soon after the meetings.



### Writer of the Week

At Pownall Green Primary, we encourage the children to reach beyond their comfort zone and put themselves in the learning zone across the curriculum. The children are supported to create their own success criteria and to use it to create work that reflects their increasing independence as writers as they move through school. We strive to give the children the creative freedom to display their work in their own way, and showcase their ever increasing knowledge and understanding.

This week, Marmaduke (3NS) wrote an amazing retelling of The Black Hat using simple, compound and complex sentences. He also amazed Mrs Seymour Smith with his use of subordinate clauses. Well done Marmaduke!



## **Sports Update**

### **Basketball**

Pownall had two teams, year 6 and year 4 in the Stockport School Basketball finals. Our amazing year 6 team won the competition but we are equally proud of our year 4 team who held their own against a number of year 6 teams. We had a 'derby' fixture on the night where both our teams played each other and the year 4 took an early lead before year 6 eventually won. Well done to all involved!

### **Cross Country**

It was the 5<sup>th</sup> and penultimate Stockport primary schools cross country league race of the season on Saturday. The children were fantastic and we had 3 top ten finishers! Well done to Matilda, Felix and Theo. The year 5/6 girls team are still in with a chance of a podium finish at the end of the season and several of our runners will finish with an overall top 10 certificate for the season after the final race in February.

### Race 5 Results

Year 3/4 girls – 22<sup>nd</sup>, Clara, 23<sup>rd</sup>, Ava, 27<sup>th</sup> Erin, 34<sup>th</sup> Jessica

Year 3/4 boys – 11<sup>th</sup> Josiah, 38<sup>th</sup> Ben, 97<sup>th</sup> Joe

Year 5/6 girls – 10<sup>th</sup> Matilda, 15<sup>th</sup> Nyla, 18<sup>th</sup> Cara, 40<sup>th</sup> Sophie, 43<sup>rd</sup> Autumn

Year 5/6 boys – 5<sup>th</sup> Theo, 7<sup>th</sup> Felix

A big thank you to all the parents who managed the teams on the day. If anyone new would like to take part in the last race on 26<sup>th</sup> February please contact Mr Carroll. Full results are [Stockport Harriers Schools Cross Country League 2021/22 : Race 5 Results](#)

### **Access to school for lost property/toilet before or after school**

We just wanted to clarify expectations for parents and carers around being able to access school. For safeguarding reasons, any parent accessing the school building at any time must come via the school office not through classrooms / other doors.

If a child has forgotten something or needs the toilet after school, you can either ask for the child to go back in via their classroom (unaccompanied) or if this is not possible, please go to the school office. Parents are not able, at any time, to use the toilets designated for children but children can of course pop back in if nature calls and parents can use the staff toilets accessed via the office.

Lost property is put in the outdoor classroom every Monday but if you need to look for something at a different time please go via the office.

### **Half term holiday Camp**

NK Camp is back again during the February Half Term Holidays from Monday 14th February to Thursday 17th February.

To reserve your child's place contact Mr Kirk on 07791354877 or via email at [nkcamp@mail.com](mailto:nkcamp@mail.com)

### **Reminder: Covid Guidance**

The latest isolation guidance is that children who test positive for Covid-19 can return to school on Day 6 provided they have a negative lateral flow test on day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature.

We are pleased that children now miss less school but we do need everyone to continue to be vigilant for symptoms and take PCR or LFT tests in line with national guidance to help keep our community safe. Covid is still circulating in our community and this week we have had one class who have needed to operate in a bubble due to the number of cases in that class.

The latest government guidance for parents can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/step-4-update-what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges>

**Reminder: Dress to Express Day – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February (supporting Children’s Mental Health Week)**

Students and staff can wear their favourite colour or a unique outfit to express how they’re feeling, it can be as simple or elaborate as you like! **Dress to Express** is an opportunity for self-expression and celebrating a diverse range of emotions. The day also provide a great opportunity to be open about mental health and start conversations within our school community. If you are able to make a £2 donation to Place2Be through our Just Giving page, this will help to support young people across the UK who need mental health support. To make a donation, please follow this [link](#).

**Reminder: ‘Growing Together’ Art Competition**

We are inviting children to design their own piece of art work linked to children’s mental health week. This art work could represent:

- Growing Together
- different emotions
- expressing ourselves
- importance of taking care of our mental health

You might consider the different tools we use in school to support our mental health and wellbeing, including the five ways to wellbeing, the zones of regulation or the balls of emotions. A winner from each year group will receive a prize and a selection of the art work will be displayed in school. Please send your completed art work in with a £1 donation by **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February**.

**Reminder: Flu Vaccinations**

If your child has not had a flu vaccination this season you can contact Intrahealth at [gmschoolflu@intrahealth.co.uk](mailto:gmschoolflu@intrahealth.co.uk) to book in an appointment at one of their catch up sessions.

**Diary Dates**

Please note that events below are subject to change dependant on Covid prevalence in our area. We very much hope we are able to run all the events below.

7.2.22 – 11.2.22	Children’s mental health week
11.2.22	“Dress to Express” day
1.3.22	Open morning for existing parents- 8.30 – 9.00
8.3.22	Poet Visit to school
23.3.22	Parents evening 3.30 – 6.30 (Virtual)
30.3.22	Parents evening 5.00 – 8.00 (Virtual)
31.3.22	PTA Easter Egg Hunt (after school)
23.4.22	PTA Ball
9.7.22	PTA Summer Fair

Mrs J Kersh

Headteacher

## ***Golden Book For Week Ending 28/1/22***

- REW Heath W is our Golden Child this week! Heath has done a brilliant job of being a self-manager. Heath has stayed focused and tried his best will all of our learning, he has listened to instructions carefully and been a kind and caring friend to others. Well done Heath, what a superstar you are!
- RHW Isla K has really amazed us with her phonic knowledge, she has become an incredible independent reader, remembering so many of the tricky sounds and words we have been learning. We were also recently impressed with her writing skills, she wrote her own fairy story and then confidently read it to the rest of the class! Wow!
- 1FP Maryam C was a star this week during our DT lesson. She listened carefully to instructions and had brilliant concentration during her sewing task. Well done Maryam, we were all impressed with your great sewing!
- 1HH Tristan L is this week's golden child because of his motivation and positive attitude towards his learning. Every day this week, he has come into school with a smile and has been a role model both in and out of the classroom. Keep up your hard work Tristan!
- 2FN Ava-Rose S for always making us smile. You have a really positive attitude to everything we do and can be guaranteed to cheer anyone up if they are feeling sad. Thanks Ava-Rose!
- 2GJ Aayush S is in the golden book this week because he is an excellent self manager. Aayush is always ready to listen and learn. This week he wowed us in both maths and French. Keep up the great work Aayush!
- 3NS Darcey B In PSHE Darcey set herself 3 goals she would like to achieve over the next few weeks. One of the goals was to become more active. In PE Darcey was very proactive, pushing herself during multiskills. She worked hard on her speed and agility. Well done Darcey!
- 3SP Betsey F for an incredibly thoughtful and mature piece of story writing that made her teacher very proud!
- 4BK Seb G - we have been so impressed with Seb's attitude to learning this week; he has worked so hard on re-drafting his Greek myth, and should be rightfully proud of it! Well done Seb!
- 4MV Maisie W-H is an excellent self manager and impressed us with her attitude in French this week. Merci Maisie!
- 5BC Zac F is our golden child this week for his fantastic attitude towards his school and his kind and polite manner. He is a real asset to 5BC.
- 5DC Alice R has been a hard-working and helpful member of our class this week. It has been wonderful to see her focus on her learning and also help the other children on her table. Well done, Alice. I am very proud of you.
- 6DK Sasha S always works incredibly hard. I really liked her piece she did this week in computing. Her choice of presentation is always of a high standard. Well done Sasha.
- 6VL Caitlin D is the golden child this week for working hard in maths every day. She has a growth-mindset and keeps going even when new learning is challenging. Well done!