



4/3/22

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was lovely to see so many parents and families at this week's open morning. The children really enjoyed sharing their books and thank you for all the positive comments on the day.

This week our focus has been very much on reading with the 25th anniversary of world book day on Monday. We encourage the children to read diverse texts and to support this, Mrs Finch took the school council to Simply Books to select new books for the library covering topics including race, disability and diverse role models.

We had a visit from Yellow Brick Road in Reception who enjoyed learning about traditional tales through drama.

Another topic important to so many of us is climate change and we held a meeting of our environmental council this week. Look out for updates on how we are working to reduce our impact on the planet.

There are lots of events coming up this term and both school and the charities we support really value the difference you as a school community can make. We do also realise that there are increasing financial pressures on families so please do not feel you have to contribute to every cause. The activities planned for the children will go ahead for all children.

On Monday the Girls football team are representing Stockport County at the regional finals of the Premier League Primary Stars Football Tournament. Good luck to the Girls! We will let you know how they get on.

Website

We have a new school website! Please take a look here: www.pownallgreen.co.uk and update any bookmarks/favourites you have for school.

Parents Evenings

The next Parents evenings will be on 23rd March (3.30 – 6.30) and 30th March (5.00-8.00). We will continue to hold parents evenings virtually but if there is any reason you cannot access a virtual meeting please email admin@pownallgreen.stockport.sch.uk. The booking system will go live at 4pm today (4th March) and can be accessed here <https://pownallgreen.schoolcloud.co.uk/> using the contact email school holds for you.

World Book Day



We have had a fantastic day celebrating reading in school. All children have been given a £1 voucher which can be used in local bookstores either for a world book day book, or towards any other book. The children took part in special assemblies holding a parade to share their costumes and books, shared stories with another class in school and have done a range of book related activities. We loved seeing all the children and staff in their creative costumes and comfy pyjamas.

This week the School Council went to Simply Books to choose books linked to diversity for our library. They were excellent representatives of Pownall Green and thoughtfully chose books to enhance our range of books.

Poet Visit 8th March

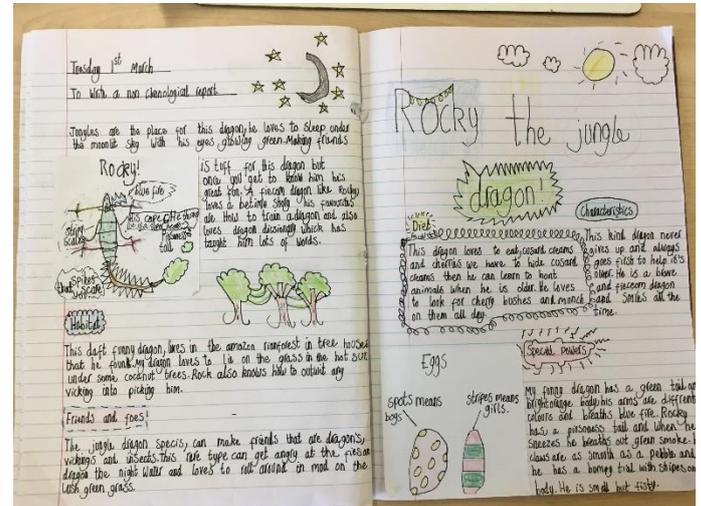
We are really pleased that Poet Matt Goodfellow is returning to school on Tuesday 8th March. We know on his last visit, Children were keen to have the opportunity to purchase one of his Poetry books on the day. Please send in £7.99 in cash in a named envelope on the day if you wish to purchase a book.



Writer of the Week

Hannah H (4BK)

Year 4 all wrote excellent non-chronological reports about dragons this week, with good presentation and interesting ideas about their own dragons. Hannah really shone with her excellent ideas and presentation. Well done Hannah!



Climate Action

This week we held our second Climate Action meeting for KS2 and elected a Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary. We were really impressed with the powerful speeches the children had prepared. Congratulations to our Chair **Emily 6VL**, Vice Chair **Eva 6VL** and Secretaries **Cara 5DC** and **Chloe 6DK**

We discussed several initial ideas on how we could reduce our carbon footprint at PG. Children wanted to create a new garden with raised beds so that we could learn about growing and planting our own food, watching it grow and then harvested. The children talked passionately about how much they had enjoyed this with the church gardening club. School is looking at potential grants to fund this as we think it is a great idea! We also discussed how to improve recycling in school.

Cross Country

It was the last cross country race of the season on Saturday and the children looked fantastic in their new vests! Big congratulations to all of the runners this season for all their hard work and we are looking forward to the medal presentations on the 19th March.

Race 6 Results

Year 3/4 girls – 21st Jessica, 30th Ava, 40th Erin, 48th Clara

Year 3/4 boys – 12th Josiah, 47th Bertie, 64th Oliver, 63rd Ben, 108th Joe

Year 5/6 girls – 7th Nyla, 11th Matilda, 40th Sophie, 41st Autumn

Year 5/6 boys – 9th Theo, 13th Alex, 44th Monty

A big thank you to all the parents who have managed the teams all season. Full results are [Stockport Harriers Schools Cross Country League 2021/22 : Race 6 Results](#)

British Science Week - Bubbleworks

We will be celebrating British Science Week at Pownall Green on **14th- 18th of March 2022**. British Science Week is a great opportunity to raise awareness, spark enthusiasm and celebrate science, engineering, technology and maths. The theme for 2022 is **'Growth'**!

To celebrate this important week, we have booked a Science experience for the children. **'Professor Bubbleworks'** will be visiting on the 16th and 17th March to deliver an assembly and a 'hands on' science workshop to each class. The company have created a memorable visit to cover the theme 'Growth'- taking the children on an exciting journey to see how life on earth grew from bubbles of gas trapped in rocks that kick-started the human race. They guarantee plenty of wow moments!

We are asking for a contribution of **£3.00** per child to cover the cost of this workshop which can be paid on Pay360 (under "Events" called "Science Week") or by cash/cheque in a named envelope to the office.



Sunflowers for Ukraine

We are aware that children and young people may be feeling anxious or worried about the conflict in Ukraine which is in the news. Below are links to advice and guidance which you may find useful.

BBC Newsround has produced a really good video, information and tips for children and young people:

[Advice if you're upset by the news - CBBC Newsround](#)

Save the Children has good advice for adults on how to talk to children who may be feeling worried or anxious about the conflict in Ukraine:

[How to Talk About War and Conflict with Kids, According to a Child Counselor | Save the Children](#)

Similar advice has been shared by The British Psychological Society:

[Supporting children to manage anxiety over war, conflict and crises | BPS](#)

In school we want to give the children the opportunity to do something positive in support of the people of Ukraine. Sunflowers are the national flower of Ukraine so between 14th and 18th March each child will be planting a sunflower seed to bring home as a fundraising activity for Save the Children. If every child was able to contribute £2, as a school we would be able to provide over 75 "school in a bag kits" or support 12 families with a month's worth of food. You can support this fundraiser on Pay360 under events as "Sunflower"



If your family is impacted by the events in Ukraine please contact school so that we can ensure children are supported as well as possible in this difficult time.

Comic Relief: Friday 18th March



This year for Red Nose Day we will be joining in the fun with **'The Red Nose and Spoon Race.'** Similar to the presenters from BBC 1 taking part, we are going to create our own races. Each class will be carrying out their own Nose and Spoon Race in their house teams. Each class will complete different races and the winning house from each class will be given a certificate. We ask children to bring in a suggested donation of £1 to support this charity on Friday 18th March.

During the week beginning the 14th March we will also give children the opportunity to buy a red nose during school drop off time of [8.45-9.am](#). These noses cost £1.50 each.

We thank you in advance for helping us support this charity and we are looking forward to having lots of racing fun!

PTA Easter Egg Hunt 31st March

Just a reminder of this upcoming event. Cost is £2.50 per child and the hunt is also open to younger siblings of children at Pownall. If you want to take part please pay on Pay360 (or send cash in a named envelope to the office). Please sign up by Weds 23rd March so the PTA can ensure sufficient prizes. The hunt will continue until 4.45 so children who are at after school hobbies will be able to take part after the clubs finish. If your child will be taking part but has dietary requirements (e.g. dairy free) please email admin@pownallgreen.stockport.sch.uk by Wednesday 23rd March.

PTA Ball 23rd April

Just a quick reminder that the deadline for submitting table requests for the ball is fast approaching. It is **11th March 2022** so don't delay, if you would like to join the 200 guests that have already secured their places then please get booking!!!

We have some amazing raffle prizes but we need your help to secure some extra auction prizes.

Could this be you...

- A gardener or painter & decorator who could offer their services
- A music teacher or tutor or who would offer introductory lessons or course of lessons.
- A building firm who might donate a handyman for a day of helpful jobs.
- Do you have a holiday home or caravan that we could auction for a family weekend break?
- Could you or your company buy a kindle, scooter, smart speaker or TV that you could donate as a prize?

If any of these ideas resonate with you, please get in touch via email to pownallgreenball@gmail.com. The more exciting the prizes the more funds we will raise for the PTA to invest in our children's school experience.

Finally don't forget about the amazingly affordable corporate sponsorship that we are offering this year. For a small fee of £50.00, you can have your businesses' logo and details showcased on multiple TV screens throughout the venue all night. There is also an option to provide us with leaflets or business cards to display at the venue for guests to take home with them if they are interested.

New School Meal Menu

Thankyou for making choices for our new spring menu. The new menu will commence on 14th March.

Diary Dates

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

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
22.6.22	Music Soiree
9.7.22	PTA Summer Fair

Mrs J Kersh



Headteacher

Golden Book For Week Ending 04/3/22

- REW **Sofia R** is our Golden Child this week! Sofia has been a fantastic role model to the rest of the class. Sofia has been recognised by other teachers for the way she conducts herself around school. She is always kind to others, uses her manners and listens first time. Well done Sofia, what a superstar you are!
- RHW **Maya C** is a super self-manager, she is amazing at looking, listening and following instructions and we were very proud of how she listened and took part in our 'Fairy Tale' workshop this week. Maya always works really hard in our learning zone, remembering and using all the skills she has learnt, well done Maya, you are a superstar!
- 1FP **Grace W** has flourished during our gymnastics lessons. She can create a sequence including jumps and travelling in different ways. She is able to apply the learning she has gained in her gymnastics lessons outside of school. She enjoys all dance and gymnastics, with excellent effort in all of these PE lessons. Keep up the good work Grace!
- 1HH I have been blown away by **Dexter M's** attitude towards his learning in Science! We have recently been learning about different types of animals and during learning time, Dexter challenged himself by drawing and labelling different carnivores, omnivores and herbivores. Well done for your amazing work Dexter.
- 2FN **James W** for being a super team worker all week! James worked brilliantly in maths with his partner to sort SD shapes and did some fantastic reading with his Y5 partner on world book day.
- 2GJ **Evie H** is a pleasure to teach. She is an excellent self-manager and tries her best with all her learning. Keep up the great work Evie!
- 3NS **Lydia O** has worked so hard on her facts about Pyramids. She thought carefully about her sentence structure and remembered to add lots of detail! Well done!
- 3SP **Rowan B** - for really impressing me with his coding skills in our ICT sessions. He is so enthusiastic about 'Kodu' and did a great job inputting algorithms - well done, Rowan!
- 4BK Our Golden Child for this week is **Tristan S** who has excelled with his writing this week! He was so proud of his report about Dragons which was beautifully written and illustrated. Amazing work, I can't wait to read your next piece Tristan!
- 4MV **Joe O** you are the golden child because you took so much time and care with your report writing last week. You showed an excellent growth mindset and attitude towards improving your work and we are all proud of you!
- 5BC **Summer D** is our Golden Child for her fantastic attitude towards her learning this week. She has shown real focus and determination and we are all very proud of her in 5BC. Keep up the hard work Summer!
- 5DC I have been very impressed with **Frankie M's** attitude to learning. He worked extremely hard in our assessments and produced some fantastic writing on the solar system.
- 6DK **Riah B** is 6DK Golden Child for her writing. Riah has really developed as a writer and we loved her Wikipedia writing about Phillipe Pefit. Well done Riah!
- 6VL **Olivia F** has impressed me with her commitment to our new directed reading book "wonder". Her questions have been of an excellent quality.