



# Peafield Pride

Newsletter 29th November 2024

## **Citizenship, Responsibility, Aspiration, Enjoyment**

I hope this newsletter finds you well and warm as we embrace the festive season!

It was so lovely for me to see and feel the excitement of the KS1 pupils this week as they posted their Santa letters - a beautiful tradition here!



This week, we had the pleasure of welcoming our local police officers to Peafield Lane Academy. Years 1-6 attended a special assembly, and our younger children enjoyed their own interactive session with the officers. We also held a Safeguarding Assembly where our pupils explored who they consider to be their trusted adults both in school and at home. These invaluable discussions included recognising worries and knowing what steps to take if help is needed.

The children also spoke about Miss Trolley and myself, Andrea Commins, as the Designated Safeguarding Leads, along with understanding the difference between our staff and visitors in school. The insightful conversations demonstrated our pupils' impressive understanding of how to stay safe and reach out if they need assistance.

We are extremely proud of the way our school feels like a family, coming together to support each other and meaningful causes. Our recent events have shown just that:

- Macmillan Coffee Morning: Raised £210.33
- Poppy Appeal: Raised £130.10
- Halloween disco Raised £373.00

These efforts reflect the kindness and generosity of our wonderful community. Thank you for all your support. As we move into the run up to Christmas, we will be doing some acts of kindness to

care for our community. One of these is to make up hampers to support our families. If you would like to bring along a donation of Christmassy food or treats that would work well in a hamper, please do. (No alcohol thank you!) We will be collecting in the school Reception from Monday. Thank you all so much.

The Friends of Peafield Lane met this morning to plan the Craft Afternoon which was previously shared as being on December 13th. In order to make it easier for staff to attend and support, we have moved it to Thursday 12th December - the same day as Christmas Jumper Day. There are some delightful activities lined up for the children to create festive keepsakes. I recall a star that my daughter Rhiannon made in nursery which still graces our Christmas tree 13 years later! (Precious memories!) Tickets for this event are £3.50 and include snacks and drinks. They can be purchased on Squid straight away! We hope the children will join us for this festive fun.

Don't forget that Monday marks Peafield Lane's Official Christmas Tree Day! Please feel able send your child with a bauble to hang on our school tree. This could be homemade or purchased – if it's labelled, we'll ensure it is returned before the holidays. If children do not come with a bauble, we will ensure they have one to hang!

Thank you all for your continued support and engagement with our school community. Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

Warm regards,

Andrea Commins

## **Class Capers**

### **Early Years**

#### **Nursery**

This week has been another busy one. We have been doing lots of singing ready for when parents come to watch us in a couple of weeks, our Christmas tree has now one up too with everyone helping to decorate it. On Thursday we had an exciting visit from some police officers and they showed us their van, as well as telling us all about what they can do to help us.





## Acorns

The children are busy rehearsing lines, singing and dancing. We can't wait to show you our performance!

This week the children have also had a visit from the police... we got to hear their loud sirens, the speed gun they use and what they use their walkie talkies for. We even got to hear the officers talking over the walkie talkie.

The children were in uproar that the police arrested Miss Allison (apparently she didn't put a full stop on the end of her sentence - hehe!) We've had a really buzz for learning in the classroom, the children were really keen to write about their visit from the police.

In maths, children are still practising one more and one less, we have been using apparatus to support their learning.





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## Year 1 and 2



### **Feeling Christmassy!**

This week KS1 we had a big surprise! We got a very special message delivered straight from the North Pole - from Father Christmas himself! The timing was perfect - just before we posted our letters that we had worked so hard to write. Next we watched a Christmas film and enjoyed a steaming cup of hot chocolate.

We have been working hard on our nativity and we cannot wait to show it too you all! We also had special visitors when police officers from Mansfield came to talk to us about safety, it was so interesting!



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## **Year 3 and 4**

### **Persuasive at Peafield Lane!**

Year 3/4 have continued their English work on persuasion this week, where we are writing a letter to Mrs Commins to convince her to let us have a Christmas party! The children have been very excited by the challenge and have come up with some really great ideas.



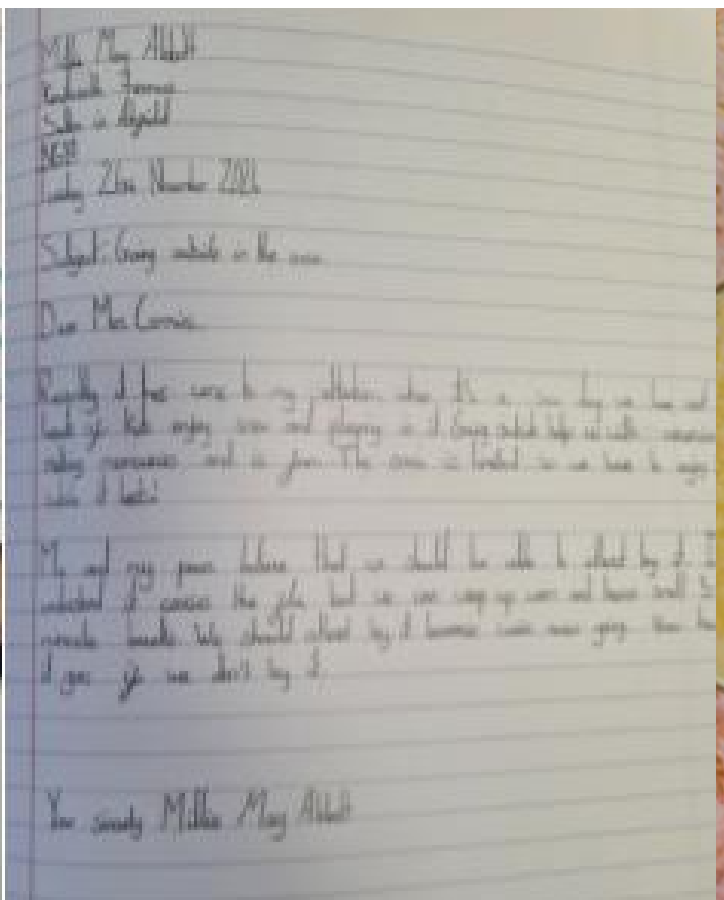
In maths, we have moved on to multiplication - looking at not just the times tables but how they link together and link to division. In science, the children have really enjoyed this terms topic on light, and understanding how light reflects of different types of surfaces.



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## Year 5 and 6

This week Year 5 and 6 have been writing persuasive letters about an issue that is important to them. We have seen letters convincing Mrs Commins to introduce non-uniform Monday, arguments for extra break time, persuading Mr Micklethwaite to arrange more girls football matches and reasons why playing in the snow should be a necessity at school! We are so impressed with their well thought out reasoning and their convincing vocabulary. Watch this space!



## 🌟 Celebrating the Week 🌟

The whole range of school values was covered in the reasons why our amazing pupils got the GOLD awards this week - Well done to each of you who received your awards in family assembly for your personal achievements!

## 📖 Reading Superstars 📖

Well done to all those who received an award for being a Reading Superstar - all reading superstars have their names put into a pot and winners are drawn for Infants and Juniors. The winners are able to choose a new book to keep.

## 🏆 PRIDE OF PEAFIELD 🏆

Pride of Peafield Awards are given to children for showing pride in their work, or for something truly exceptional. This might be for trying really hard or reaching a milestone in handwriting and presentation, or might even be through a piece of spoken work, music or drama. We want the children to be proud of themselves! Well done all winners this week!

## A Special Achievement

### Elsie's Gymnastic Excellence

Elsie in Birklands has achieved highly in her hobby of Gymnastics. She trains hard each week to maintain her high standards and to compete at an exceptional level. We are so proud of you Elsie!



## Attendance this week

Whole School - 95%

If you are struggling with attendance, please do get in touch - we will support you in any way we can.

## Who has been here this week?

The cheers went up for Dukeries Class this week who claimed Be There Badger with a super 98%

## Lateness

Please do try to be on time each day for school. We have noticed an increased number of children getting here after the gates close. Thank you all!



## Save the Date Lots coming up!

### Ready for Nursery Session - 2pm Thu 5 Dec

Looking forward to seeing you!

### 🌲🌲 Whole School Tree Day - Monday 2nd December 🌲🌲

We invite you to send your child with a small bauble for the school tree - if this is named clearly, we will return it before we leave for the Christmas Break. This can be home-made or one you already have. Please avoid glass baubles. Thank you.

Tree Day means that each class will take turns to bring their baubles and put them on the tree whilst we play festive music. This marks the beginning of our Christmas season in school. If children do not have a bauble, we will provide them with a simple one so that no child is left out.

### Nursery Christmas Crafts for Parents and Carers - Tuesday 10th December 2pm

We look forward to welcoming parents and carers of pupils in Nursery.

Lots of fun and glitter!

### Early Years Open evenings

11th December

### Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day Thu 12th December

Children are invited to come to school in their Christmas jumpers or a nice top with school uniform. Christmas dinner will be served at lunchtime.

### Nursery Nativity - 3.30pm Thursday 12th December



Parents and carers are invited to this special performance. Please await further information.

## **Friends of PLA - Christmas Crafts Evening for Children - THURSDAY 12th December**

3.15pm - 4.15pm Acorns and Years 1 & 2

4.30pm - 5.30pm Years 3 to 6



**Book your tickets on Squid now - £3.50 including all crafts, snacks and drinks**

## **Rock Steady Concert for Parents and carers - Friday 13 December 10am**

Parents and carers of children in Rock Steady are invited to hear their wonderful work in a concert.

## **KS1 Dress rehearsal - Mon 16th December**

Detail to be shared by class teachers

## **Acorns Dress Rehearsal - Tuesday 17th December**

Detail to be shared by teachers

## **KS1 Performance for parents / carers of A Christmas Recipe - Tuesday 17th December 2pm**

More details to follow.

## **Acorns Nativity for families - 10am and 2pm Wednesday 18th December**

Further detail to be shared by class teachers

## **KS1 Performance for parents / carers of A Christmas Recipe - Wednesday 18th December 5pm**

More details to follow

## **KS1 Class Parties Thursday 19th December am**

More information to follow

## **KS2 Class Parties - Thursday 19th December pm**

Further information to follow

## **Coffee, Cake and Carols - Friday 20th December 1.30pm**

Join the school choir and the juniors around the tree for some festive treats and a good sing along!

## **Chilly days ahead**

Please ensure that children have a coat at school now that the weather is getting chilly. Thank you!





