



Peafield Pride

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Citizenship, Responsibility, Aspiration, Enjoyment

We have had another learning-packed week here at Peafield Lane Academy!

I was particularly impressed with our School Council, including a number of new members. This week, they have been involved in interviewing for both Deputy Headteacher and Midday Staff. At each set of interviews, they have behaved with maturity, kindness and passion - to get the right people in place in our beautiful school. They asked questions and answered those of the candidates with clarity, confidence and care. Thank you to them all for this super contribution to school life. I have ordered official badges for them - we will give them out in assembly soon. We are soon going to begin our lunchtimes project with the children, and we will keep you updated.

Whilst we were successful in filling our lunchtime vacancies, sadly, we did not find our Deputy Head this week. We had a very thorough day with four strong candidates, but we didn't find the one for Peafield. Staff and pupils all had involvement on the day. This is a shame, but it also demonstrates the Partnership's commitment to getting this appointment right. We will go out to advert again soon to find the right person for September.

On a positive note, however, I am thrilled to let you all know that Mr Jordan Annable is returning to the school as full-time class teacher as of the 17th March. He will be teaching Harlow class for the rest of the year. He is "over the moon" to be coming back to join us on a permanent basis. The children and staff too are keen to welcome him back.

Have a lovely weekend

Warm regards,

Andrea Commins

Class Capers

Early Years



Nursery

Nursery this week have been learning about exercise and how it affects our bodies. We have shared photos of what we do at home to keep healthy including riding our bikes, going swimming and playing football.

We are continuing with learning about healthy foods and how important it is to drink lots of water throughout the day to stay hydrated.

We have given out lots of certificates for children who have completed our teeth cleaning challenge to brush out teeth twice a day.

In our maths we have been learning all about number 5 and looking at different ways we might see 5 in our environment.

Well done Nursery.



Acorns

We have been celebrating Chinese New Year this week! We have discussed the story and learnt about all the animals that took part in the race to have the new year named after them!

In PE we took part in Dragon dancing and enjoyed making the music with instruments as we moved up, down and around!

We have also enjoyed some yummy food to support our enquiry! Here we are tasting spring rolls, rice, noodles and prawn crackers!





Year 1 and 2



Learning Lots! 🧐

Our children have worked so hard this week! Please ask them about some of their learning. 😊

In English this week we have started writing in a new genre of persuasive writing. We have tasted two pancake toppings and are collecting vocabulary to help sell our favourite topping.

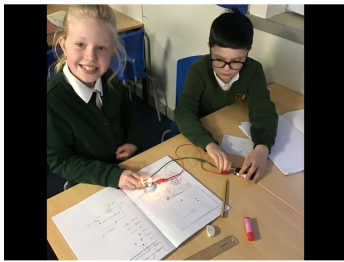
In maths we have been adding across a 10 using tens frames and number lines. The children have worked really hard!

In Science we have learnt that seeds grow into new plants.

In history we have read Samuel Pepys diary entry about the Great Fire of London. The children are enthralled in this!

In geography we have learnt about the different characteristics of the countries in the UK.

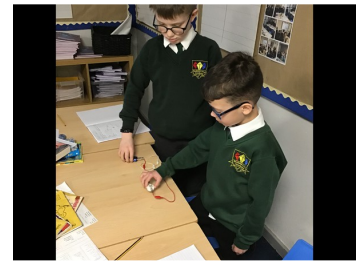
Year 3 and 4



Working together



Happy days



Focused!

Cracking arguments!

This week in Year 3/4 we have been finalising our debate writing skills!

The children have worked hard to use new skills to ask relevant questions and gather important information. They have then used those skills to Hot Seat our special pupil guests!

All the children were excited to discuss reasons for and against school uniforms with some cracking arguments coming through! Can you believe that they all agreed uniform makes us a strong school community?! Brilliant!



We've dived straight into 'assessment week' this week and the children have been amazed at how much they know and remember!

The children have been polishing their Bangrah dance moves, trying to synchronise with each other.

We've been using the scientific model to help us plan a scientific enquiry- 'Does adding more batteries to a circuit affect how bright the bulb is?' the children loved setting up and testing their hypothesis.



🌟 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!

Good luck Freya!



Freya Roberts is going to be competing at Alton Towers Freestyle dance championship this weekend! We wish her all the very best of luck!

You will be amazing!

🐾 Be there Badger 🐾

Be there Badger says, please be there ~~12:12~~ on time!

Just a quick reminder:

- The school gate is opened at 8.30am each morning for pupils to make their way to class.
- School starts at 8.45am when registers are taken.
- All class registers must be completed by 8.55am, children will be marked as late with the L (Late) code if they arrive after the register is completed.
- Registers will be closed at 9:15am. Children will be marked as late with the U code (Unauthorised absence) if they arrive after the registers close.

If you need to see the class teacher in the morning, please do consider these routines as they want to be there to listen if you need them, but are required to complete their registers on time. The best thing is to come in at 8.30am or to ask for a time that works for both of you so that we can offer our total focus to you.

- Afternoon registers are taken at 1.00pm.
- A full day counts as 2 attendance sessions.

Our full attendance policy can be found on the school website, or if you need sight of a paper copy, please ask the office.

Attendance this week

Whole School - 93%

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 will be going up for **Welbeck Class** this week who have claimed **Be There Badger** with an outstanding 100%!



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