

## **Portfields Post**

We had a fantastic week this week. It has been so nice to see so many classes utilising our school grounds now the weather has improved. There were science lessons, art lessons, world book day themed orienteering and lots of playtime fun.

This week included one of my favourite days of the year - World Book Day. It was wonderful to see so many parents come in to read with their children in the morning and to see all the amazing outfits across the school. It was lovely to hear about the children's favourite books and share in their infectious love of reading!

I had the difficult task this week of helping choose the winning entry for the sustainability competition. A huge well done to Aryan for his winning entry. The whole judging panel loved his entry. You can watch it for yourself here!

This week also included an opportunity for our wonderful Year 6 children to take part in a round of Mock SATs. We are so proud of how far they have come and the amazing progress they have made.

We finished the week by taking part in the national initiative "Let girls play" where every girl in school took part in a football session. It was great to see.

Next week we have lots going on, with Year 3 trips to the Roald Dahl Museum and a Year 5 trip to the National Space Centre. We also have our EYFS/KS1 introductory orienteering sessions and lots more fantastic learning opportunities.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunshine.

Mrs Folkard.

## **Notices**

### **House Competition**

A huge well done to Green House who won the house competition for last half term and have earned themselves a non-uniform day next Friday (14th March).

### **Let Girls Play**

A huge thank you to Newport Pagnell Town football club for coming in and running sessions with our girls today. If it has inspired your daughter to take part in football, please see the attached flyer from the football club about girls football sessions.

## **Vacancy**

We currently have a vacancy for a Teaching Assistant role. If you, or anyone you know, may be interested in this position, please see the linked advert for full details. <https://www.portfieldsprimaryschool.org/about-us/vacancies>

### **Science Poster Competition**

In assembly this week, the children were notified about a poster competition for British Science Week. This year's theme is 'Change and Adapt' and primary-aged children are invited to enter by creating an informative and exciting poster which fits the theme. Each school can submit 5 entries for the national competition but we will be awarding house points for all amazing posters.

More details about the competition and examples of last year's winning posters can be found [here](#). Please have your child hand their poster to their class teacher by Monday 31st March.

### **Cross Curricular Orienteering Launch Days (EYFS / KS1 / Y3)**

A reminder that on Monday, EYFS, KS1 and Y3 will take part in their orienteering session. Please make sure your child wears a pair of trainers they can go on the field wearing. Chameleon & Crocodile, don't worry, we haven't forgotten you. Your sessions will be in a couple of weeks.

### **Chartwells Hot Lunches**

If you order hot lunches for your child, please can you check your bookings for the beginning of April as there is a theme day, which sometimes causes bookings to be cancelled on parentpay.

Please ensure all meals are ordered at least two weeks in advance to make sure your child will be on the register.

### **FOPS Special Lady Stall**

Last chance to purchase a ticket for your child to attend the Special lady day stall on Friday 28th March.

The children will be taken to the stall during the school afternoon to allow them to pick a gift for their special person. Only children who have a ticket can attend. No cash will be taken.

All gifts are suitable for mums, grandmas, aunties or anyone else they want to make feel special on Sunday 30th March. If you want your child to select more than one gift, please book additional tickets. Tickets are £3 each.

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofportfields/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=93807&IsProductGroup=1> **Closing date is the 8th March.**

To keep up to date on FOPS activities Follow us on our Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/share/g/EQNeaw535evstvoa/?mibextid=K35XfP>

## **Dates**

### **New dates in red**

Mon - 10.3.25 - Chameleon & Crocodile Trip to Roald Dahl Museum  
Mon - 10.3.25 - OAA Launch Days  
Mon - 10.3.25 - Newt Using Forest School (Science Lessons)  
Tue - 11.3.25 - Y5 Space Centre Trip  
Wed - 12.3.25 - Frog Using Forest School (Science Lessons)  
Thu - 13.3.25 - Toad Using Forest School (Science Lessons)  
Thu - 13.3.25 - Iguana & Gecko Trip to Roald Dahl Museum  
Wed - 19.3.25 - Easter Rocksteady concert - 09:30am & 1:45pm  
Thu - 20.3.25 - Class and Leavers Photos  
Fri - 21.3.24 - Red Nose Day - Non-uniform (optional red nose)  
Sat - 22.3.25 - National Primary School Cross Country Finals  
Tue - 25.3.25 - Parents Evening  
Tue - 25.3.25 - Y5 First Aid Day  
Wed - 26.3.25 - Y5 First Aid Day  
Thu - 27.3.25 - Parents Evening  
Fri - 28.3.25 - FOPS Special Lady Stall  
Mon - 31.03.25 - Owl & Kingfisher Forest School Day  
Tue - 01.04.25 - Heron & Swift Forest School Day  
Tue - 1.4.25 Disco (3:30 - 4:30 - EYFS / 4:45 - 5:45 - Y5)  
Wed - 2.4.25 - EYFS Spring Hat Parade - 2pm - 3pm (Lagonda Hall)  
Wed - 2.4.25 Disco (3:30 - 4:30 - Y3 / 4:45 - 5:45 - Y6)  
Thu - 3.4.25 Disco (3:30 - 4:30 - Y1/2 / 4:45 - 5:45 - Y4)  
Fri - 4.4.25 - Last Day of Term

### **Dates (Summer 1)**

Mon - 21.4.25 - Bank Holiday  
Tue - 22.4.25 - Children Return  
Thu - 24.4.25 - KS2 Music Roadshow - Aston Hall  
Mon - 5.5.25 - Bank Holiday  
Wed - 7.5.24 - Y1 Trip to Herring Green Farm - TBC  
w.b 12.5.25 - Y6 SATs  
Mon - 19.5.25 - Learning Journal Session - Oak Class - 2pm - 3pm (Lagonda Hall)  
Tue - 20.5.25 - Learning Journal Session - Chestnut Class - 2pm - 3pm (Lagonda Hall)  
21.5.25 - Y4 Trip to Synagogue (2 Classes AM, 2 Classes PM)  
Wed - 21.5.25 - Learning Journal Session - Elm Class - 2pm - 3pm (Lagonda Hall)  
Fri - 23.5.25 - Last Day of Half Term

## **Celebration**

### **House Point Totals**

1st - Green

2nd - Orange

3rd - Purple

## Star of The Week

### **First Assembly**

Shark - Georgie-Ray  
Seahorse - Bodhi  
Toad - Giuliana  
Frog - Motunrayo  
Chameleon - Joy  
Crocodile - Aura  
Stegosaurus - Jezreel-John  
Brachiosaurus - Oliver  
Owl - Charlie  
Heron - Tre  
Dolphin - Annaleigh  
Meerkat - Sophia

### **Second Assembly**

Elm - Alice  
Chestnut - Oscar  
Oak - Artemis  
Starfish - Rosie  
Newt - Zach  
Iguana - Elizabeth  
Gecko - Jack  
Triceratops - Demi  
Velociraptor - Graham  
Kingfisher - Kristupas  
Swift - Nicholas  
Rhino - Alexis  
Jaguar - Ernie