



# Newsletter

March 2022



## Step into Spring

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our March newsletter. We are looking forward to meeting with you on the 22<sup>nd</sup> (year 6), 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> March for our parent/carers evening. We will be offering a face-to-face evening session and a zoom session. Sign up will be **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March from 8am**. Please book early so that you get the time/method you prefer. We will not be able to change the method of delivery on each evening. The teachers have been assessing where the children are and we will share this information with you.

This year we are focusing on developing **Oracy skills at Pinner Wood**. Research shows that high quality oracy intentions in school can add up to six months progress to a child's development [EEF Research](#)

This month our teachers are undertaking an oracy action research project with [Voice21](#)

They will be exploring ways to develop children's oracy skills in their classroom or group. The aim is to develop practice that will really enhance oracy at our school. Each teacher has selected a group of pupils for their study. If your child is involved you will receive a consent letter – please read, sign and return ASAP if you are happy for them to take part. I am developing oracy assemblies! We will share some of our findings once our projects are complete in the summer.

We are excited to be celebrating 'World Book Day' on Thursday. Miss Thomas has an action - packed day planned based on the book *Incredible You* by Rhys Brisenden. It should be fun and remember; children can dress up as their favourite book character, if they wish. An optional theme is 'book characters that you identify with.' We look forward to seeing all the costumes.

Miss Sarah Marriott

## Polling Day

The council have asked Pinner Wood to host the Polling Station on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022**.

Due to the nature of this event, school will be closed to most children on this date.

Year 6 will be in and the teachers will plan a revision day ahead of the SATS. This will run from 8.50am - 3.10pm. There will be no breakfast/after school club on this day. Children will need to bring a packed lunch.

Optional online projects will be set on this day. We understand that some of your families will want to have a family day and/or childcare will not allow learning to be done.

## Coffee Mornings

Thank you to everyone who attended our recent oracy meeting – we hope you found it useful.

This half term we will be hosting:

- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 1.30pm – Year 6 SATs and PGL meeting [click here to sign up](#)
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March – Playground Evening- CANCELLED
- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 9am The Den – Playground Launch [click here to sign up](#)
- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Music Concert –details to follow shortly
- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 5pm – Phonics test (year 1) and SATS (Year 2) [click here to sign up](#)





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## Welcome to Our New Chef Manager- Pabulum

Pabulum and Pinner Wood are delighted that Linda Dawson has become the new Chef Manager.

Linda joined Pabulum in a supporting role in 2019 and was valuable in her tireless work through the Covid Pandemic.

The opportunity to find a happy home at Pinner Wood School, where Linda can use her knowledge and skills to provide delicious food for the children is great!

We want to ensure that lunchtime is a nutritious and happy time at Pinner Wood. Linda has been building a fabulous new team and is working on the menu for after Easter.

Linda and Louise (Area Manager) led an assembly on 'sugar intake' yesterday – it definitely made us all think!

On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March (from 3.30 - 5.30pm at our parents/carers evening) Linda will be showcasing samples of the menu choices – please visit if you can.

We would like to encourage your children to either take up or continue eating school lunches, as our menus deliver great healthy choices and are packed with nutrition.

Linda is always around for a friendly chat or discussion on our food.

Your views matter:

<https://www.pabulum-catering.co.uk/primary-survey/>

Please take time to fill in our survey – we will use your views to ensure we are providing the best lunch service at Pinner Wood.



## March Dates

### See March Dates Below

Please see the list of spring dates attached.

**Please note: There will be no teacher led clubs in the week beginning 21st March due to the parents evenings. All outside provider clubs will continue as normal.**

## Congratulations

**Congratulations to Mrs Heritage who is expecting her second baby in the summer.**

**We will soon be recruiting for her maternity cover – Mon- Wed in Nursery.**

## Global Goals Week

Next week is Global Goals week where we will be focusing on the 'Climate Action' goal. There will be lots of different activities throughout the week to explore this goal. Key stage 2 will be taking part in BP's Ultimate STEM challenge where we will explore ideas to come up with a net zero plan for our community.





# Newsletter The PW Values

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**Our values**

"Be thoughtful, considerate, forgiving and generous. Treat people how you would like to be treated. Be understanding, empathetic and go out of your way to help others. Be kind to yourself; make sensible and healthy choices to enable you to live life to the full."

**Barney Badger**

**Choose kind**

**Our values**

**Heart of our community**

**Betty Bee**

"Celebrate being part of our diverse community and contribute what you can to make Pinner Wood a special place to be. Know you belong to our community, all of us together as one."

**Our values**

**Bonnie Bird**

**Dream big**

"Be ambitious and interested in your future. Be curious, dedicated and unstoppable. Aim to create an exciting and beautiful world for us to live in together. Reach for the stars!"

**Our values**

**Strength through positivity**

**Hari Hedgehog**

"Be resilient in mind and body. Keep going when things get tough. Be optimistic and know that you can overcome challenges. Be solution focused and forward thinking. You can do it!"

**Our values**

"Have fun whilst enjoying learning – wonder at the discovery of new things and delight in having new experiences. As we grow we learn – and as we learn, we grow."

**Ozzie Owl**

**Enjoy Learning**

**Our values**

**Sammy Squirrel**

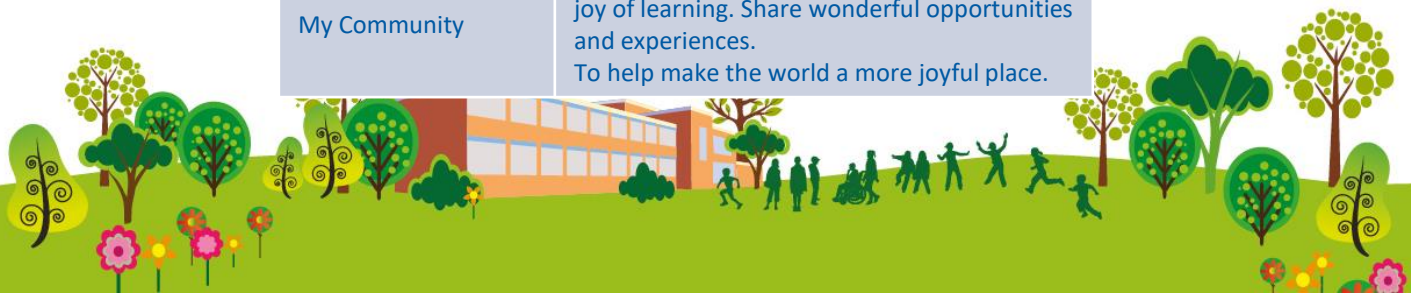
**Step up**

"Be you! Be proud of who you are! Take responsibility for your actions, stand by your ideas and support our school. Go the extra mile to make Pinner Wood a better place – because of you."

## Enjoy Learning

This half term our value is 'Enjoy Learning' something we like to promote every day at Pinner Wood.

Enjoy Learning Spring 2	
Myself	I enjoy my learning and strive to learn new things.
Others	Encourage others to find joy in learning. Work as a team as part of projects. Make a positive contribution to class learning.
My Community	Look for opportunities to help others see the joy of learning. Share wonderful opportunities and experiences. To help make the world a more joyful place.





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## Pinner Wood Step Challenge

Please sign up and join us for the Big Friends of PW 'Step into Spring Challenge!'

Each week challenges will be posted for the children or the whole family can complete.

All Funding will go towards our Year 5 and 6 Playground Project.

We are launching the plans next week – join us on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 9am to hear all about them.

More details will be sent on Parent Mail from the FPW.



### A reflection on the News

The news is upsetting, challenging and difficult to comprehend at the moment. We know that some children are picking up on this and want an opportunity to discuss what they are hearing.

These are the resources that we are using:

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

[Help for teachers and families to talk to pupils about Russia's invasion of Ukraine and how to help them avoid misinformation. - The Education Hub \(blog.gov.uk\)](#)

School Council will be discussing ways that Pinner Wood can show support – further details will follow.

### A Message from our Head Squad

Dear parents and carers,

What an exciting month it's been! We started the term with our Year 3/4 production auditions and our amazing girls football team winning 9 –1.

Another great thing is our TfL talk with our brilliant year 6's (if your child is above the age of 10 and 9 months they can apply for a zip card).

Bringing back more sport, we've had our netball team playing in many matches- and winning the majority of them! Finally, we would like to thank the year 4 team for taking the students swimming.

Can't wait for another spectacular month!

From your Head Squad: Adam, Hala, Odette, Aarush, Jake and Maya.





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## Spring Dates- Value: Enjoy Learning

Date	Event	Notes
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Sagano (Year 4) Class Swimming starts – two weeks.	
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	World Book Day – children are welcome to dress up.	
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 PGL and SATs meeting 1.30pm- Zoom	<a href="#">click here to sign up</a>
w.b. 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Global Goals Week	
w.b. 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Daintree Class Swimming – 2 weeks	
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent/Carer Evening Sign Up 8am	
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Coffee Morning for Year 5/ 6 playground – In the Den	
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Music Concert – Details to follow	
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	5pm Year 1 phonics test info and Year 2 SATS info – in person.	
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Sherwood Class River Trip	
w.b. 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Sherwood Class Swimming – 2 weeks	
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Digital Detox – Easter/Spring themed – Details to follow. Daintree and Highgate River Trip	
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Year 6 Parent/Career Evening – Face to Face Nursery Parent/Carer evening – Face to Face	3.30-6pm 9-11am and 1-5pm
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Parent Carers evenings – Reception– Year 5 - Face to Face Nursery Parent/Carer evening - Zoom	3.30-6.30 pm 3.30 - 6pm
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Year 6 Voice in a Million	
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Carer Evening – Reception to Year 6- Online	3.30 - 6pm
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	RE day – whole School	
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Birthday Bunch -Children and staff with birthdays from 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb - 18 <sup>th</sup> April – can come in party/ own clothes	
w.b 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Bonnet - Egg Rolling Competitions – detail to follow	
29 <sup>th</sup> March, 30 <sup>th</sup> March and 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 3/4 Show - times to follow	
1 <sup>st</sup> April	Term Ends at 1.30pm Non-Uniform Day	<b>Please note we cannot authorise any term time holiday requests</b>