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THE PINEHURST PRESS

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A weekly newsletter to share the news of Pinehurst Primary School

Teaching and  Learning



National Curriculum Art and Design is a vital part of your child's education and involves exploring the properties of materials and their textures, experimenting with different effects, and having the freedom to create. Creativity is an important part of the national curriculum, as it encourages children to work independently.

A less obvious benefit of art learning is that it takes children to other worlds, cultures and times. Children explore ideas and meanings in the work of artists, craftspeople and designers and they learn about the diverse roles and functions of art, craft and design. Children learn more about how people lived in the past by looking at their art and artists. The Egyptians, for example, surrounded themselves with colourful buildings painted with scenes of everyday life and their gods. The paintings were meant to be realistic: in the tombs they represented the life which the deceased had led.

So there's a lot more to Art than just having fun with paint!

Leading Art and Design at Pinehurst is Miss McBride

Weekly Attendance at Pinehurst

Year Group	Class	Attendance %
R	Ash	92.50%
R	Oak	92.50%
1	Cherry	87.17% ☹️
1	Elm	97.24%
2	Fir	95.93%
2	Yew	95.87%
3	Cedar	94.00%
3	Hazel	91.25%
4	Chestnut	97.33%
4	Holly	96.34%
5	Maple	98.13% 😊
5	Sycamore	95.68%
6	Birch	96.70%
6	Willow	95.18%

Attendance this week... Well done to the 6 classes that had days this week of 100% attendance. Overall school attendance this week has been 94.39%. Remember that our target is AT LEAST 97%.



Reception

Today school places for Reception in September 2021 are being offered by Liverpool City Council.

If you would like to accept your place at Pinehurst please email:

admissions@pinehurstgs.co.uk

Please include parent's / carer's name and child's name and DOB. Thank you.

School Contact Number 07858 739336 for Emergencies

A Message from our Eco Council



Our Planet, Our Priority!

Recently, we have started the journey to becoming an international, Green Flag Award Eco-School. The programme is designed to raise environmental awareness amongst young people and in England it is run by environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy.

Each class has taken part in an Environmental Review to discuss ways in which we can develop our school environment. Our new school Eco-Council have decided the three projects we are going to focus on, which are: reducing single use plastics, reducing paper waste and keeping the area litter free.

We will keep you updated on our progress as we embark on our Eco-Adventure!



From Monday 19th April we will be taking part in the Sustrans Big Pedal.

We have the opportunity to get involved and win lots of prizes. So help us by cycling, walking, wheeling or scooting to school from 19th -30th April.

If you live too far away, park up further from school and walk the last 10 minutes or get off one stop earlier on the bus.

COVID Safety Reminders for this Half term

IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT WE ALL WORK TOGETHER AND FOLLOW THESE COVID19 REMINDERS

Please ensure that you **distance** from other adults and families at drop off and pick up. **One** adult per child at drop off / pick up please. Once you have dropped off or collected your child please **leave as quickly as possible**. We need to avoid congestion at the gates and on the playground. Your cooperation with this is much appreciated. **Face coverings MUST BE WORN** at pick up / drop off please.

Staggered drop off and pick up and access points

Gate	EYFS Reception	Little Pine Cones	Little Acorns	Rear Playground Main Gate	Side Playground Usually for Kitchen access
8.40 / 2.55	Reception				
8.40 / 3.00			Year 2	Year 1	
8.45 / 3.30		LPC	LA		
8.50 / 3.20	Year 6			Year 5	
9.00 / 3.30				Year 4	Year 3

No unnecessary items including large school bags or pencil cases in school at this time please. Please ensure that your child on brings a **SMALL** bag on book return and issue days.

Pinehurst **PE Kit to be worn 1 allocated day** per week.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 4	Year 5 and Year 6 Reception and Year 1		Year 3	Year 2

Please bring a **named water bottle** to school each day.

If your child has a **COVID symptom** of a cough, high temperature (above 37.8 degrees) or a loss of taste or smell they **must stay off school** and get tested for COVID19. The same applies to children **if a household member has these symptoms**. The whole household must self isolate and the children must stay off school.

Once the test results are in, **school must be informed IMMEDIATELY**. If it is during school hours please call the office 0151 263 1300, if it is outside school hours please call or text 07858 739336.

In the event of a school bubble having to isolate notification will be by text, tweet and letters will be published on our website. **Please ensure that you check your phone for such messages.**



Maths Challenge: Word counts

Pick your favourite book, estimate, then count the number of words on the first page of the book that you've selected. Try counting the number of words on a line, multiplying that amount by the number of lines of page 1. This should give you your estimate. Then you need to get counting! Maybe you could challenge someone in your family to see who estimates closest to the actual number of words.