



Putteridge Primary School

Newsletter Issue No. 3

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

I do hope that you are well and managing to stay as warm as possible amid the plunging temperatures.

A very brief note from me this time, as there are lots of items that need to be read and digested in the newsletter. Please make sure that you do read all of the different sections – we have much to celebrate and some of the sections contain important information for the coming weeks, particularly the section that entitled '**Weather watch**'.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible next week at the various different performances across the school.

Kind regards,
Colin Pickard
Headteacher



Remembrance Day

Thank you to everyone who purchased a poppy to mark this occasion – as a school we raised **£340.62**. Examples of the work produced by the children can be found on the school website in the Galleries tab – please have a look if you haven't already done so.



Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who took part in our spots & stripes non-uniform day on Friday 17th November to support Children in Need – your generous donations helped us to raise **£724.53**



Foundation Stage 2024 applications

If you have a child due to start Foundation stage in September 2024, please ensure that your application is submitted online by the deadline of **15th January 2024**. Any applications received after this date will be classed as 'late' and there is no guarantee that the first choice of school will be given.



Christmas post boxes

From Monday 4th December, the Christmas post boxes will open in both EYFS/Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. If your child is sending a Christmas card, please make sure that they put the recipient's class on the envelope not just the name of the child it is being sent to.

Values Programme

The value for the month of December is

'Compassion'

Anti-bullying week (13th – 17th November)

Throughout the week, the children took part in assemblies and other activities aimed at raising awareness around the effects of bullying and how to cope if it is happening to them. The week kicked off in style with some fancy footwear with Odd Socks Day taking place on Monday 13th and some photographs of pupils (plus pets) can be found in the Galleries tab on the website.



Attendance Figures



Well done to our weekly attendance winners for the month of October, who are listed below:

Week ending

10/11/23
17/11/23
24/11/23
01/12/23

Key Stage 1 & EYFS

Blue Class (99.60%)
Orange Class (96.67%)
Green Class (97.86%)
Bronze Class (97.46%)

Key Stage 2

5T (98.00%)
3Z & 6N (99.33%)
5T (99.67%)
5T (98.15%)

Weather watch

As snow is predicted to fall in parts of the UK over the coming days, we would like to remind you of the procedures we have in place should we have snowfall.



Should we have **significant snowfall**, and it becomes necessary to close the site (which is a decision that is not taken lightly) or adjust start/finish times then:

- the school website will be updated accordingly on the scrolling banner that runs across the top part of the home page www.putteridgeprimaryschool.org.uk
- a message will be sent via ParentMail – this will be sent as early as possible, usually around 7am
- we will also inform Luton Borough Council who will update their website: <http://www.luton.gov.uk/schoolclosures>

If nothing is reported on either of the websites, or you do not receive a ParentMail message, the school will be open as normal.

Please ensure that you are connected to ParentMail and if you have changed your mobile number or email address, the school office has been informed of this.



Art Exhibition

We would like to thank everyone who was able to attend our children's Art Exhibition last week. The children were very excited and proud to be able to share their artwork with their grown-ups and the event was a great success. Not only did you help to raise money for the school but most importantly, the children had the opportunity to see their masterpieces professionally framed and displayed and we hope you will agree that the children's work looked absolutely fantastic. Once again, a huge thank you to all the children and staff for their hard work and to you, the parents, for coming along to support the children.

Sports Corner



Athletics Competition – Year 4

On 8th November, a group of athletes from Year 4 took part in a competition at Inspire sports village. The children ran, jumped and threw as far and fast as they could and achieved an amazing third place finish. The third-place finish means not only do they get shiny bronze medals, they qualify for the Luton School Athletics Finals which take place in January. Lots of practice and training to be had before then, but for now the children, teachers and grown-ups at home can be very proud!



County Table Tennis - Year 5 & 6 - 21/11/23

Putteridge Primary School is incredibly proud to announce that we have the 2nd best girls table tennis team in the whole of the county. After doing so well in the Luton competition, the girls and Mr Horton travelled over to Kempston to compete against schools from Bedfordshire. They played so well, winning all their games in their groups without dropping many points. The girls won the semi-final and then were beaten in the final by a very good Hillborough Junior School team. The girls have progressed so far in such a short space of time and Mr Horton hopes they will continue to enjoy playing and inspire the next generation of table tennis players.

Sports Festival - Years 3,4 & 5

On the 22nd November, a sports festival took place at Inspire where some children from Putteridge Primary School took part in a carousel of fun and engaging activities led by two of the local high schools. These activities included table cricket & table tennis, blindfolded games & goalball, curling and golf. The children had a lovely morning, had lots of fun and tried their best with all of the activities and even got a shiny medal to show for their efforts. Thank you to the parents, class teachers and Mr Pickard for allowing the children to take part in such a memorable experience for them.

PE curriculum update – Netball & Gymnastics

This half term in KS2 PE, the children at Putteridge Primary School have been learning skills associated to the Sport of **Netball** including ball skills, passing and moving, shooting, attacking and defending principles, as well as an interclass tournament to showcase their learning. In addition to the netball skills, the children in this key stage will be learning skills associated with **Gymnastics** including rolling, balancing, travelling, jumping, vaulting & sequencing. All the children have been trying their best, having fun and learning lots of new skills, and when and how to apply them.

This half term in KS1 PE, the children have been learning skills associated with **Athletics** including running, jumping and throwing. Children have been playing a variety of games to further develop their listening, teamwork & problem-solving skills. The children have had lots of fun and are enjoying the range of skills, games and activities that are on offer to further develop their bodies and minds.

In Foundation Stage, the children have been doing so well playing a wide-range of **listening games** and have been looking at **tagging** and **teamwork** games to really extend the children in a safe and fun environment. The children have been developing their gross-motor and fine motor skills through play and travelling in a variety of ways during their learning.