



# NEWSFLASH

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

## REMINDER – MIDDAY SNACK

We are part of the government's Free Fruit Scheme for our infant children. Junior children are asked to bring in their own fruit or vegetable snack. Unfortunately, we are seeing a number of children bringing in other snacks, such as biscuits, crisps and chocolate filled crepes. **Please can we remind you snacks must be FRIUT AND/OR VEGETABLES ONLY.** Thank you for your support with this.



## PTA NEWS

We have had a brilliant start to the year...kicking off with our fantastic **Happy Bag** haul raising **£371.80** and ending with our **Junior Disco** last night, which by all accounts was a huge success. Whilst it was very much about the children having fun, it was equally about raising money and we look forward to sharing the total with you after the holiday! We'd like to **thank the** overwhelming number of **volunteers** who helped yesterday - we were staggered by the support we received 😊. We have also been busy planning our events and initiatives for the rest of the academic year - **thank you to all of our volunteers and reps for their support with this to date!** A **special mention to the staff** who were an incredible support in making sure the event went well.

## Design a new logo competition:

You may have seen yesterday the launch of our **logo competition!** If you are looking for something to entertain the kids next week then look no further, please see yesterday's ParentMail for all the entry details and T&Cs.

## So what else is coming up next half term:

Thursday 22nd February - **Break the Rules Day** - as always £1\* per rule broken, donations to be given in to the teachers.



Thursday 29th February: **Mufti Day** in return for donations\* towards our **Wonderful Women Day** sale (which will be held on Friday 8th March) - more details to follow!

Thursday 29th February: Tickets are now available for our first ever **Fashion Show** - a chance for you to purchase some of the latest



trends from the High Street at discounted prices - and a great excuse to get together with friends and enjoy a drink after the catwalk show - click here for tickets: [www.pta-events.co.uk/worplesdonprimarypta](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/worplesdonprimarypta)  
Wishing you a fun Half Term, your PTA x

\*as always our mufti / BTRs days are fully inclusive - everyone is invited to participate even if they are unable to donate.

## EARLY BIRDS & NIGHT OWLS

This week at Night Owls we have focused on a couple of different themes. Our first theme was linked to Chinese New Year which is this weekend. It is the year of the dragon so the children made dragon pictures out of cupcake liners and paper. We also made online safety posters, linked to internet safety week, which the children will hang up around the school to remind everyone how to stay safe while using the internet. Our final focus was on mental health week. We spoke to the children about how important it is to keep our minds healthy as well as our bodies. The children were given mindfulness colouring sheets to colour in to relax and calm their minds.

We had some children use our rubber band boards to create some colourful designs as you can see from our pictures. We also had our peg boards out as well this week and the children had great fun creating different patterns. Our junk modelling is proving very popular at the moment, so much so that we have run out of materials. I will get collecting over half term but if any parents have any cardboard boxes, yoghurt pots, plastic bottles etc, please feel free to drop them in to us, they will be greatly appreciated.

We hope you all have a wonderful break and we will see you in a weeks time.



## BERTIE BOOS' NEWSFLASH

What an amazing half term we have had. I (Bertie O'Brien) have continued reading with Swifts and Swallows on Thursday and Friday mornings. After the story, all of the children have been invited to come and say hi and to give me a stroke if they feel happy to. Seeing some of the more nervous and reluctant children asking to pet me shows how much they have grown in confidence around me, which is delightful to see. I am so proud!

I have spent time in Penguins focusing on our strengths, eating my snacks, building Lego, playing the piano, singing and so much more. The children can add to this jar daily as their strengths grow and change.

We have also spent time looking at Self Esteem and this will be ongoing when we come back from half Term.

I would like to give a huge shout out to all of the children in Woodpeckers - you are all super stars, I have loved coming in to see you and spending time with you all, in little groups. Thank you.

Bertie and I want to wish all of you humans big and small a Very Happy Half term.

Bertie and Bertie  
xxxx

## AN OPEN LETTER FROM GUILDFORD BROWNIES/RAINBOWS

Please consider giving up some of your spare time during the weeknights to help out & maybe even become a leader with a unit of Rainbows, or Brownies as they really appreciate your time and you as an adult will have fun too and what better reward than to see those smiling faces? Why not bring a friend along too? We currently have a pressing requirement for a Rainbow and a Brownie leader on a Monday, although if you are free on another day please contact us so we can take some of the many girls off our long waiting to join lists. No experience is needed as full training is given. All that's required is a sense of humour, organisational skills, imagination and some patience!

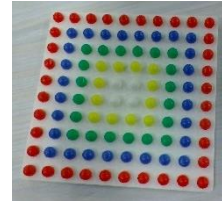


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I look forward to hearing from you very soon and you could be helping within the next few weeks.

Thanks.

Natalie Tugwell: Recruitment adviser for Girlguiding Guildford



Eco Committee Poster competition for Fairlands Community!

Draw a poster about, litter picking, not parking on grass verges, picking up dog poo, not leaving car engines on or joining the walking bus, to improve Fairlands.

- Make your poster bright and colourful
- Focus on one or two main subjects
- Draw vibrant pictures that will attract attention
- Name and class on the back
- GET CREATIVE



The posters will be judged on the 15th of Feb by the Eco Committee and the best few will be put up around Fairlands. Good luck!

## GUILDFORD PANCAKE RACES

11am 13th February  
Guildford High Street

### WE NEED:

- ✦ Race Sponsors
- ✦ Participants
- ✦ Volunteers



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## Treasure island

Half Term children's workshop 2024

**SIME**  
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A fun-filled afternoon of art and crafts based around the work of local artist Sidney Sime. Suitable for ages 4-12, but siblings welcome

Activities include

- Clay creatures
- Press printing
- Woodland hats
- Block printing
- Biscuit icing
- Face painting
- Quiz
- And more...

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2 – 4pm

Worplesdon Memorial Hall, Perry Hill, Worplesdon, Guildford GU3 5RF

Free parking Toilets Refreshments

Located close to children's play area

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