



PRESTON BULLETIN



'I have come that they may have life and have it to the full' John 10:10

Friday 24 February 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you all had a pleasant and restful half term. It has been a busy start to the half term, with lots of events planned for the coming weeks. This week, Year 5 and Year 6 at Saxlingham have completed their Bikeability Training, and the first group of Year 5 swimmers will be visiting Riverside on Friday morning. Coming up in the next few weeks, Year 5 and Year 6 at Preston will also be undertaking their Bikeability and we will be finalising arrangements for the Hilltop Residential.

We also have some exciting events planned for British Science Week, and we have organised some two experience days linking to Hinduism which will involve all classes across the Federation, with opportunities for collaborative learning between our schools. The first of these is an Indian Dance workshop, which FOSS and FOPPS have kindly agreed to fund for their respective schools. The second is a 'Hinduism Experience Day', which has been funded by our Culham St. Gabriel Grant, as part of our ongoing project 'Our Multi-Faith Society.' Many thanks to all the staff who have been involved in organising these exciting opportunities for our children.

We wish you all a restful weekend!

Yours sincerely,
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PRESTON STARS OF THE WEEK

- Ladybirds: **Genia** for having excellent knowledge about sharks and writing a super fact file.
- Bumblebees: **Summer** for showing super enthusiasm for learning during lessons this week.
- Grasshoppers: **Molly** for asking some wonderful questions during when we had an RE visitor this week.
- Caterpillars: **Locran** for his excellent vocabulary choices when writing a myth.
- Dragonflies: **Emily** for an excellent attitude to all learning.



BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING 'I have confidence in my own ability.'

- Ladybirds: **Harrison**
- Bumblebees: **Mia**
- Grasshoppers: **George**
- Caterpillars: **Ewan**
- Dragonflies: **Izzy**



TOP 3 IN BATTLE OF THE BANDS:

- Year 2: Cordelia
- Year 3: Freya
- Year 4: Eliza
- Year 5: Charlie
- Year 6: Ava

Reading Areas

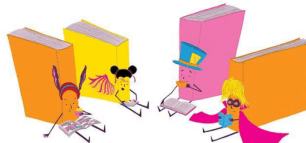
We are going to be re-designing our class reading areas to make them as inviting and interactive as possible for the children. Our theme is going to be our current topic, 'Our Wonderful World'.



Librarians

During World Book Day, year groups will be invited to the library by our school librarians to take part in a reading activity they have planned.

We have some new books in the library which the children will be invited to read together.



Non-uniform Day/Book Sharing

During World Book Day, the children will be invited to come into school dressed as their favourite book character and/or bring in their favourite book to share with their class. The teachers will be sharing their favourite books too!

Reading Cafes

Next half term, we will be inviting you all in to a reading café run by your child's class. This will be a lovely opportunity for you to see the changes we have made to our reading areas and will provide us all with the time to share books and activities around reading.



DIARY DATES

27 February	Meeting for parents/carers regarding Hilltop, 3.20pm
2 March	World Book Day
W/C 6 March	Parents Evenings
Sign Up sheets available in school from Monday 27 February	
13-16 March	Bikeability (Year 5/6)
W/C 13 March	British Science Week
14 March	Year 5/6 to Long Stratton Library
20-22 March	Year 5/6 to Hilltop
Friday 24 March	FOPPS Easter Bingo
Monday 27 March	Federation Indian Dancing Workshops
Tuesday 28 March	Year 2 to Tas Valley CC
Wednesday 29 March	R/Y1/Y2 to Time and Tide Museum
Thursday 30 March	Federation Hinduism Day

**Save the date:
FOPPS Disco
Friday 12th May**



LEGO VOUCHERS

We are collective Lego Educational Equipment vouchers which are being published in the local newspapers. Please bring any vouchers to the school office.





New Badminton Sessions

Framingham Earl Sports Centre on Saturdays
starting 25th February 2023

10.00 – 10.55 am - For children aged 9 to 11 (Primary School Year groups 5 & 6)

Learn how to play in a small group includes coaching and fun games.

11.00 – 11.55am - For children aged 9 – 14 improvers.

Develop skills and game tactics.

12.00 – 1.00pm - For women and girls aged 14 + years.

A sociable session with coaching, practice and games

Coached by Sarah Farquhar, Badminton England Registered Level 2 Coach, DBS checked

Contact: Sarah@dodifferent.co.uk mobile 07740983275



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NEU STRIKE: WEDNESDAY 1ST MARCH

Across the Federation, the majority of our teaching staff are NEU members. Within the Federation, the majority of NEU members have indicated that they intend to strike.

Whilst the situation could continue to change up to the very last minute, it seems highly likely that we will have insufficient staff to open the schools as normal on Wednesday 1st March, and consequently I would ask you to start to consider your own contingency arrangements for your children.

At the present time, I anticipate that Hedgehog Class and Owl Class will be open but all other classes across the Federation are expected to close.

We appreciate the inconvenience this will cause for some families, but thank you for your continued support and understanding in respecting the right of individuals to strike at this difficult time.

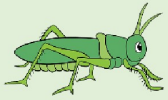
Please be aware that the NEU have planned further strikes on Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March.

LONDON MARATHON

One of our fantastic teachers, Mrs Elliot, is running the London Marathon in aid of Alzheimer's Society.

As a school community, we are keen to support her. If you would like to sponsor Mrs Elliot, please see her JustGiving page:
<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/emmaelliot2023>





Grasshopper News



This half term, we have been looking at what Muslims believe about God. We have previously looked at how being a Muslim impacts daily life. Linking in with these two units, we were very lucky to have a parent visitor who told us all about her Muslim faith.



We found out that Ramadan starts on the 23rd of March this year. Each year, fasting dates change in line with the lunar cycle. Ramadan is a time for fasting, prayer, reflection and community. It is one of the five pillars of Islam - sawm.

Eid is a special festival that takes place after Ramadan. During this time, special foods are eaten to celebrate. We were lucky enough to try some homemade food. Everyone had a good try and enjoyed the delicious flavours and spices.





The prayer mat must face east. There are many ways you can check which way is east - some prayer mats have a compass built in.

