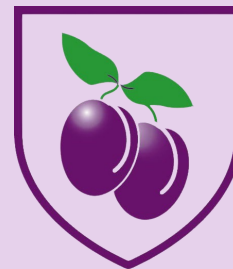


# Plumcroft Primary School

## Summer 2 Newsletter 2024



Thank you for a brilliant year. Thank you to all the children who have worked incredibly hard. We would also like to thank parents and carers for their continued support. Enjoy reading about all the exciting lessons and trips. We wish you a restful summer.



### Fun Run!

On Thursday 20th June we held our annual Fun Run. We set ourselves our toughest challenge to date of collectively running 'Pole to Pole' - 8585 miles! To meet this target, each class took part in at least 10 regular daily miles between 3<sup>rd</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> June, with a final big push on Fun Run day. The sun was shining and everyone put in a tremendous effort. We would like to extend a very big thank you to everyone who donated. We raised £533.00 which will go towards our school fund and enable us to subsidise school trips and top up resources.

Well done to everyone who took part!

### Sports Day

Many thanks to everyone who came along to support our various Sports Days this year. There was a wonderful atmosphere and the children took part with great enthusiasm and determination. It was great to see so many parents joining in as well!

### Vincent Road Singing Concert

Well done to our KS1 children at Vincent Road for a wonderful Summer Singing Concert. Their singing and dancing were brilliant. Many thanks to Mrs Percy and the KS1 staff for supporting the children in performing so wonderfully. Well done, and keep on singing!

### Chickens at Plum Lane

Plum Lane now have 5 chickens. They are settling in well and laying plenty of eggs.





## Reception

Reception have been busy this half term preparing for the Olympics. The children painted flags, made medals, Olympic torches and gymnastic ribbons for their display. In maths the children have enjoyed working on weight and capacity!



## Natural Disasters for Year 4

Year 4 have been learning about 'Natural Disasters.' In particular, we have been focusing on 'Earthquakes and Volcanic Eruptions'. The children have thoroughly enjoyed these sessions and are becoming experts on how to deal with the duration and aftermath of these disasters. To consolidate this learning, Year 4 visited the Natural History Museum and watched a show called 'Emergency! Earthquakes and Volcanoes'. During this show, they developed their understanding of the layers of the earth, what causes an earthquake and what causes a volcanic eruption. They also got to visit the museum's earthquake and volcano section and stand on the earthquake simulator to experience what tremors feel like. Despite the heat, Year 4 had a wonderful experience.



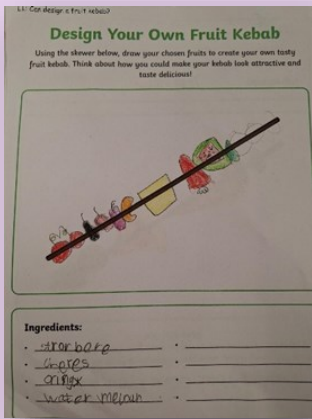
## Year 5

Year 5 pupils had a taste of North America this term as they rolled up their sleeves and got cooking. Under the guidance of their teachers, students whipped up a variety of dishes from the region: cookies, cornbread, fajitas and veggie burgers.

In small groups they followed recipes - measured ingredients, mixed batters and chopped vegetables. Once the dishes were complete, the students were able to sit down and enjoy a tasty meal together.

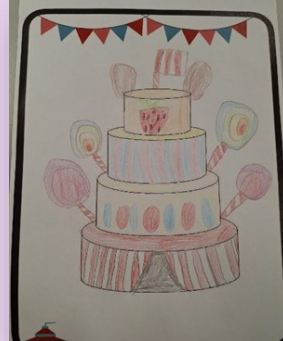
Overall, the cooking lessons were a fun and educational experience. Not only did they learn about different cuisines and cooking techniques, but they also got to enjoy the fruits of their labour. Hopefully, this experience will inspire some of them to continue experimenting in the kitchen and trying new dishes from around the world.





## Circus for Year 1

In Design & Technology Year 1 having been learning about the circus. The children made trapeze artists, designed and made delicious fruit kebabs as a circus snack and designed circus themed cakes! The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the circus and themed crafts.



## A trip to Eaglesfield Park

Orchard Class had a wonderful time on their trip to Eaglesfield Park. The children practised their road safety skills on the journey there and back. Then, they had a fabulous time developing their gross motor skills by climbing, swinging, running and kicking the ball together. Also, the children worked on their communication and social skills by asking each other for help, pushing their friends on the swings and working together to work the roundabout. Finally, they finished the trip with a lovely walk through the woods on the way back to school - luckily they weren't caught by a Gruffalo!



## Ocean Animals

This term, Year 2 have been learning about the oceans and all of its wonderful creatures from the deep. Each class had the opportunity to create their own rainbow fish out of clay and then paint them beautifully once they were dry. Each one made was magnificent and unique just like the rainbow fish from the story. Some spectacular rainbow fish Year 2!



## Year 6 Trip to Broadstairs

Friday 5th July dawned...rainy, grey and frankly, a little miserable; perfect for a day at the beach! With some trepidation (mostly the adults) Year 6 set off for Viking Bay in Broadstairs. The children were in good voice on the coach, singing songs from their production, "What a Knight!" with a general air of excitement.

On arrival, the weather began to brighten up and the children spilled onto the beach enthusiastically – there was a sand sculpture competition to be won and games of cricket and football to be played.

Lunchtime meant the opportunity to buy chips – and dodge the seagulls, alert for any opportunity to swoop down on any unsuspecting children. After a paddle in the sea (where Miss Lawson and Mrs Burton took a tumble thanks to a rogue wave), it was time for ice-cream and slushies, or hot chocolate for those wanting to warm up.

Prizes were then handed out to the competition winners, before a band of tired, but happy, children made their way back to the coaches for the journey back to school. Viking Bay 2024 was a fantastic day; the children had a ball and showed themselves to be wonderful representatives of our school and community.



## Windrush Day

Year 3 marked Windrush Day with lively celebrations under a shining sun, aboard our very own HMT Empire Windrush! The day kicked off with the children singing Caribbean songs and waving flags, helped along by Mr Slate on the ukulele. Drama activities based on *Coming to England* by Floella Benjamin brought the Windrush story to life, showcasing the children's empathy and creativity. A delicious Caribbean lunch followed and the day ended with a captivating steel band performance, which had everyone bopping along to the rhythmic beats. The celebration was a vibrant tribute to the Windrush generation, leaving the children with a deeper appreciation for this important part of British history.



# The Royal Horticultural Society

## Campaign for School Gardening Level 4

The school has just been awarded the level 4 gardening awards by the RHS. The award is given to a school that can show that a school garden & allotments are kept and maintained by staff and students. That the school actively promotes gardening and communicates with the local community.

Here is the evidence we submitted

We now have a plant pot recycling area

We have regular plant sales that fund the garden activities

We have composting areas to reduce waste

We provide our kitchen with produce we grow every term

We have an established garden club

We have growing area across both sites (including Orchard)

A big thank you to the staff and children who keep the gardens alive and to the whole school community for buying our plants and donating money and tools.



# HOME LEARNING

There are many ways that you can support your child's learning at home. Below are some details about our online learning platforms. If you need help with logging in please speak to your child's class teacher.

 myOn



Ensures all students can engage in frequent, high-quality reading practice with unlimited, access to thousands of enhanced digital books and age-appropriate news articles.

## Whizz Maths



Maths-Whizz is an online virtual maths tutor that can be accessed on any device, anywhere. After an in-depth assessment it automatically prepares a unique learning journey to address your child's specific gaps. Using your child's unique learning profile, Maths-Whizz's powerful Artificial Intelligence tailors teaching with engaging lessons that are perfectly matched to your child's needs and is aligned to the 2014 UK National Curriculum up to the end of Year 8.

## Reflective Learning



Reflective Learning assess not only which concepts a learner struggles with but how far back they need to go in order for them catch up. It then provides individualised programmes, helping learners build on and strengthen their understanding of those concepts from exactly where they missed out.

## Purple Mash



Purple Mash is an award-winning cross curricular website for primary school children, enabling them to explore and enhance their knowledge in a fun and creative way. Cloud-based, it delivers an exciting mash-up of curriculum focused activities, creative tools, programs and games.

**Your child will be able to access their weekly spellings via Purple Mash**

## Times Tables Rock Stars



TTRS is an award-winning maths learning platform where children can practise their times tables like a rock star!

The question-based games automatically adapt to each child's unique learning needs, helping them to recall their times tables in record speed. Accessible on any device, via the app or browser, children can play anytime, anywhere.

## Attendance

We aim for all pupils to achieve an attendance of 96.5% across the academic year. We acknowledge that there are times when genuine illness or extenuating circumstances prevent pupils from attending school, but do ask that they make every effort to attend every day they are able to.

Attendance	Days of Education	Days Absent
100%	190	
97%	184	6
95%	180	10
90%	171	19
85%	161	29
80%	152	38
75%	134	47

If a pupil achieves an attendance of 85%, they will have missed almost the equivalent of 6 weeks of learning - or half a term - over the course of an academic year! This amount of missed learning is detrimental to their progress and success. Likewise, we have high expectations of our pupils' punctuality. Our school gates open at **8.40am**. Pupils that arrive at 9am, whilst not late, will have missed 20 minutes of learning time; equivalent to almost 14 days during the course of the year!

Minutes Late Per Day	Equivalent Days of Lost Learning	Equivalent Lessons Missed
5 minutes	3.4 School Days	17 Lessons
10 minutes	6.9 School Days	35 Lessons
15 minutes	10.3 School Days	51 Lessons
20 minutes	13.8 School Days	69 Lessons
30 minutes	20.7 School Days	104 Lessons

We are committed to supporting all pupils to achieve their best and go on to be successful and fulfilled adults. Attendance and punctuality are vital in ensuring they have access to high-quality lessons and develop healthy routines that will stand them in good stead for the future.

# Book Recommendations

Year Group	Book		
Nursery			
Reception			
Year 1			
Year 2			
Year 3			
Year 4			
Year 5			
Year 6			





## PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2024



[moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free](https://moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free)

### LAS IGUANAS

Join 'My Las Iguanas' via the App & Niños eat free with every adult main

### ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

### SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

### PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

### THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

### TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase an adult's main meal (App needed)

### PUREZZA

Children under the age of 10 get free pizza at Purezza with every adult meal purchased

### TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

### IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

### SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

### BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

### PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

### MORRISONS

Spend £4.49 and get one free kids meal all day, every day.

### TESCO CAFES

1 Free Kids meal with every 60p Spend. Available from July 1st Scotland and NI - from July 22nd England & Wales

### GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

### YO! SUSHI

From Monday 1st July - Friday 30th August 2024, kids eat free all day Mondays to Fridays at YO! Sushi (min adult spend £10).

### WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

### BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

### COCONUT TREE

One child (aged 10 and under) eats free per paying adult. Valid Daily, 12pm - 6pm from Monday 22nd July to Friday 6th Sept 2024.

### DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

At Dobbies, for every adult breakfast or lunch purchase, kids eat for FREE. Every Day!

### TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

### HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

### FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.

## **Happy Retirement Jacqui**

**Thank you for all your hard work and dedication.**

**You will be missed.**

For Jacqui, with love from all of us here,  
Thank you for your kindness and your cheer.

Twenty-four years you've worked with care,  
In our school office, always there.

Your warm smile and helpful ways,  
Brightened up our school days.  
Now it's time to rest and play,  
Wishing you joy in every way.

Enjoy your retirement,  
have lots of fun,  
You've earned it, Jacqui,  
for all you've done.  
Though you'll be missed,  
it's plain and clear,  
We'll see you again soon,  
of that there's no fear.



### **Good luck and goodbye to...**

Mr Hetherington, Miss McHugh, Ms Ahmed, Ms Iqra, Mrs O'Malley, Miss Carruthers, and Miss Jenny.

We wish you all lots of luck and happiness for the future.

### **A warm welcome to...**

Miss Allison -Campbell, Miss Williams , Mrs Joko-John and Miss Kalusi, who will be teaching at Plum Lane.

Miss Diaz, Ms Rodriguez, Mr Day, Mr Young and Ms Mansouri – Johnson, who will be teaching at Vincent Road.

**We hope you have a wonderful summer break.**  
**We look forward to seeing you on**  
**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September**