



PEARESWOOD PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

Dear Families,

Thank you if you were able to attend our recent Pride Time event, which was held to celebrate the incredible achievements of our children during this half term.

It was indeed a wonderful occasion, and your presence added so much warmth and support to our school community. We were thrilled to see our school filled with not only the smiling faces of our students but also the faces of parents and our school governors. Your active participation in the event showcases your dedication to your child's education and your commitment to fostering a strong and inclusive school environment. It's a testament to the strength of our school community, and we are grateful for your ongoing support.

I would also like to extend our gratitude for the generous donations made to our school fund today. Your contributions will play a significant role in supporting our upcoming plans for a pantomime for the children in December.

We are excited about this opportunity to provide a magical experience for our students, and your contributions make this possible.

Looking ahead, after the half term break, our dedicated House Champions have organised a pumpkin decorating competition.

We eagerly anticipate receiving the imaginative and artistic entries from our children, and we can't wait to see the wonderful creations they come up with.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to reach out to us.

We value your input and insights, and your partnership with us is greatly appreciated.

Wishing you a restful and enjoyable half term break, and we look forward to seeing you back at school after the break.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Ferla and the Peareswood Team



Upcoming Events

30th October
First Day of Term

8th November
Flu Vaccinations- Expiry date 2nd Nov



Mr Campbell and Mr Hills are delighted to have their new sports leaders on board, helping with all things PE from introducing new games into the playground to having discussions as a Group about all things PE and what they are currently enjoying and giving feedback from their class!



Congratulations!
We hope you enjoyed your well deserved Hot Chocolate!



SAFEGUARDING

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about EA SPORTS FC 24

After two decades of holding the official FIFA licence, EA Sports' phenomenally successful football video game series has embarked on a solo run at goal. This season's iteration marks the debut appearance of a new name: EA Sports FC 24. Popular features such as Ultimate Team™ return to EA Sports, meaning that potentially costly in-game spending is still among the line-up of risks that parents and carers should be aware of.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- RECURRING RELEASES**: EA Sports FC 24 effectively picks up the EA Sports licence from EA Sports FC 23, an annual release cycle that has become a tradition for EA Sports. EA Sports FC 24 is a new game, but young fans of the series are likely to be familiar with it. EA Sports FC 24 is a new game, but young fans of the series are likely to be familiar with it.
- OFFENSIVE VOICE CHAT**: EA Sports FC 24 introduces voice chat, which allows players to communicate with each other in real-time. This can be a risk for young players who may be exposed to inappropriate language or behavior.
- IN-GAME PURCHASES**: EA Sports FC 24 features in-game purchases, which allow players to buy virtual items such as player cards, kits, and stadiums. These purchases can be costly, especially if players are encouraged to spend money on items that are not essential to the game.
- CONTROL SPENDING**: EA Sports FC 24 includes features that allow parents and carers to control their child's spending. These features include setting spending limits, disabling in-game purchases, and requiring a PIN for purchases.
- DEFEND AGAINST SCAMMERS**: EA Sports FC 24 includes features that allow players to defend against scammers. These features include reporting suspicious activity and blocking scammers.
- AVOID EXTRA TIME**: EA Sports FC 24 includes features that allow players to avoid extra time. These features include setting a time limit for the game and pausing the game when needed.
- SHOW TOXIC CHAT THE RED CARD**: EA Sports FC 24 includes features that allow players to show toxic chat the red card. These features include reporting toxic chat and blocking toxic players.
- CELEBRATE THE VARIETY**: EA Sports FC 24 includes features that allow players to celebrate the variety of the game. These features include unlocking new content and achieving in-game goals.

Get your ultimate team

Meet Our Expert

NOS National Online Safety #WakeUpWednesday

This free online safety guide profiles EA Sports FC 24, the spiritual successor to FIFA which is likely to be a similarly spectacular hit among young football fans.



ELSIE



Elsie is looking forward to a sofa day. She wishes you all a lovely half term!



Peareswood Primary School
Our School Values
Pride Ambition Kindness Creativity Collaboration

NHS
Bexley CAMHS Mental Health Support Team

A specialist team will be coming into Peareswood Primary on Friday 3rd November 2023 at 9am-10am.

This is open to Reception and year 1 parents and guardians ONLY

Why Young People's mental health matters?
Taken from the Green Paper, Transforming children and young people's mental health provision (Dec 2017)

- 1 in 4 children aged 5-16 likely to have a mental health problem
- 30% of all adult problems start by the age of 16
- 5 children in a class of 28 are likely to have a mental health problem
- 75% of young people with MH issues aren't getting the help they need
- 54% of those referred to MH services are not accepted into treatment
- Early help with difficulties promotes positive mental health and makes it less likely that difficulties continue or get worse

Oxleas NHS
Empowering Lives

Bexley CAMHS Mental Health Team!

For reception and Year 1 Parents.

Friday 3rd November!



ATTENDANCE

School Target- 96%

Current Attendance - 92.4%

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| Nursery AM 95% | Nursery PM- 91% |
| Poplar - 93% | Lime - 93% |
| Bay- 90% | H/Chestnut- 93% |
| Box- 86% | Bamboo - 93% |
| Ash - 91% | Cypress - 96% |
| Palm- 90% | Acacia - 91% |
| Holly- 94% | Myrtle- 96% |
| Eucalyptus- 94% | Willow - 93% |

Green=met the minimum attendance rate

WELL DONE!

Ready

Respectful

We are...

| Class | Peareswood Champion |
|---------------|---------------------|
| Nursery AM/PM | Emma/Remi |
| Lime | Anjola |
| Poplar | Emily |
| H/Chestnut | Pearl |
| Bay | Joshua |
| Bamboo | Rory |
| Box | Roman |
| Cypress | Alvin |
| Ash | Thalia |
| Acacia | Aydin |
| Palm | Azerel |
| Holly | Fabijan |
| Myrtle | Reet |
| Willow | Anayah |
| Eucalyptus | Justine |

Safe

SCHOOL VALUES

EYFS- Nursery and Reception really enjoyed their Stay and Play sessions this week, showing their adults all the learning that they have completed so far. What an amazing first term you have all had!

KS1- Year 1 welcomed their adults in to the first Pride Time, sharing the learning they have completed in their books and on Showbie so far, as well as making their own beanstalks with a special place they would like to visit at the top. Year 2 were excited to share their hard work and high expectations of themselves in their learning, as well as experiment with different materials how they could build a wolf-proof house. Surprisingly, the wood house in Bamoo was the strongest!

KS2- Years 3 and 4 had a lovely time sharing their learning with the families, making some Stone Age tools in Year 3 and creating electrical circuits linked to their Science learning in Year 4. Years 5 and 6 got creative too in their Pride Time sessions, making Tudor Roses using a variety of craft materials and creating punk pop art portraits of Shakespeare, including some of his famous quotes they have learnt throughout the term.



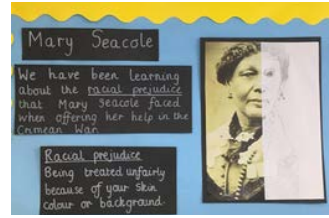
Celebrating Pride time

Thank you to all of our families for coming in to the children's Pride Time this week, it was lovely to see so many faces and we hope you are just as proud of the children as we are!





Black History Month



Year 1 & 2 - Year 1 & 2 have been learning about Rosa Parks and how she stood up for what was right. They acted out her famous bus ride and discussed their thoughts on this. We then looked at artwork from Alma Thomas and created our own pieces of art.



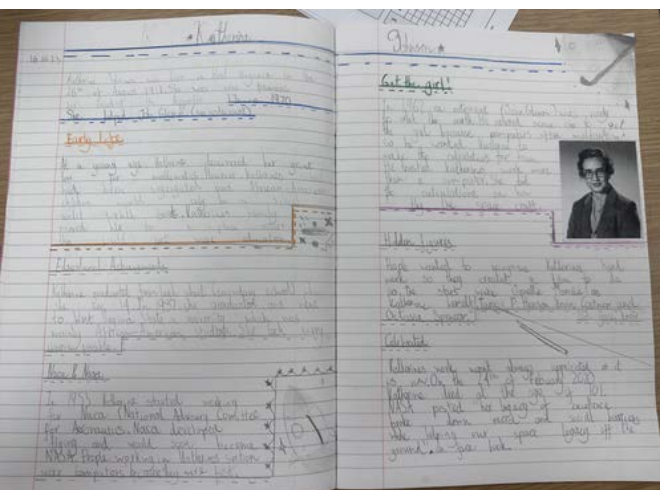
Year 3 - Year 3 have been focussing on portraits inspired by Chris Ofili, creating portraits of one another in the classroom.



This month has been black history month and year 4 celebrated it by researching all the actors who performed in the Lion King. We made Lion King Masks as part of our art work



Year 5 have been learning about the athlete Nicola Adams, exploring her life, work and commitment to sport. They were given the choice to create a biography, fact file or acrostic poem to present their learning.



For Black History Month, Year 6 have been celebrating the achievements of different black people throughout history, including: Floella Benjamin, Katherine Johnson and Chadwick Boseman. We have created biographies, collage portraits and double page spreads.