



# PEARESWOOD PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

Dear Families,

Our incredible children continue to amaze us with their enthusiasm for learning and positive behaviour choices. Here's a glimpse of the exciting happenings from this week:

### Launching Sora:

We're thrilled to announce the launch of our new online reading library, Sora! This platform allows children to access a wide array of books from home, encouraging shared reading experiences with you. We encourage you to ask your child about their experience with Sora.

### Year 4's Trip to the British Museum:

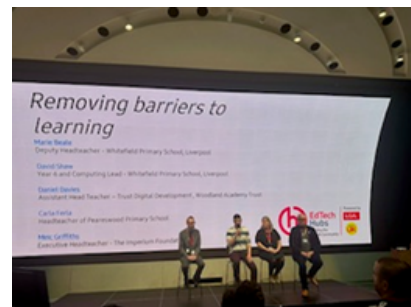
Our Year 4 students represented the school admirably during their recent visit to the British Museum. Armed with their iPads, they gathered a wealth of information and images to support their future learning.

### School Football Team's Dedication:

Despite not achieving the desired result in their first Bexley football league game, our school's football team exhibited unwavering dedication, giving their all on the field. Their conduct was exemplary, reflecting the values we instil in our students. We couldn't be prouder of their efforts.

### Showcasing Our Children's Learning:

Our Trust Digital Lead, Daniel Davies, and I had the pleasure of showcasing our children's remarkable learning journey at an event hosted at Samsung Kings Cross this week. We highlighted their passion for learning and their innovative use of technology to solve problems and present their work creatively. In addition, we would like to congratulate Mrs Caldwell and Mr Benham who have been accepted onto the Apple Coaching Programme, the first ever cohort in England- well done to them both.



### Upcoming Parent Consultation Meetings:

A reminder that next week marks our parent consultation meetings. Please ensure you've scheduled an appointment or requested a phone call if you're unable to attend in person. We eagerly anticipate these meetings and value your involvement in your child's educational journey.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community. We're immensely proud of our children and look forward to seeing you during the consultation meetings.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Ferla and the PWP Team



## Upcoming Events



29th and 30th November  
Parent Consultation.



1st December  
Christmas Fair & Santa's Grotto

7th December  
Flu Vaccination

11th December  
EYFS Nativity  
Lime & NAM- 9:15am  
Poplar & NPM - 2pm



Thursday 14th December  
Children's Christmas Lunch

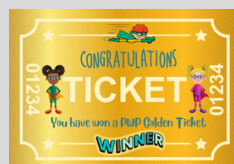


We have started our lunches with the pantry this week which have been successful. If you are having any issues with your account please contact the pantry

Email- office@thepantrycatering.co.uk  
Telephone- 0208 813 7040



Congratulations to our kitchen staff forgetting 5\* on their hygiene rating!



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



## SAFEGUARDING

**What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SMART TVs**

Smart TVs connect to the internet without the need for a set-top box or streaming device, giving users access to a range of features through the TV set itself. These features include internet access to apps, devices and streaming services such as Netflix, as well as connecting to smartphones and other wireless devices. While these features are a great way to enhance your TV viewing experience, they also present risks to your child's safety. This infographic provides advice on how to keep your child safe when using smart TVs.

**WHAT ARE THE RISKS?**

- AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT:** From Netflix to YouTube to Amazon Prime, there is a vast range of content available on smart TVs. Parents should be aware that some content may be inappropriate for their child's age. Parents should check the TV's parental controls and ensure they are set up correctly.
- UNCONNING SECURITY:** An internet of things (IoT) device, smart TVs can be hacked. This can lead to your child's personal information being accessed, or your child's TV being used to access other devices on your network.
- A SILENT SPY?:** Some smart TVs already collect data on your viewing habits and can be used to target advertising. Some smart TVs also have microphones and cameras, which can be used to listen to your child's conversations or take photos of them without their knowledge.
- CONTACT FROM STRANGERS:** Some smart TVs can be used for video calling. Parents should be aware that their child's TV could be used to contact strangers, who could attempt to persuade your child to meet them in person.

**Advice for Parents & Carers**

- MAKE IT A FAMILY THING:** Family TV time is a great way to model the responsible enjoyment of technology. Encourage your child to use the smart TV safely for when they are not alone. You could also take time to discuss the risks of smart TVs and how to keep your child safe when using them.
- CREATE CHILD PROFILES:** Much like with smartphones and tablets, apps can be downloaded onto smart TVs to make them more interactive. However, not all apps are suitable for children. Parents should check the TV's parental controls and ensure they are set up correctly.
- SET UP PARENTAL CONTROLS:** It is likely that your smart TV has built-in parental controls, which can be used to restrict your child's access to certain content. Parents should check the TV's parental controls and ensure they are set up correctly.
- CONSIDER THE LOCATION:** If you're concerned about the risks of smart TVs, you should consider where in your home you place the TV. The ideal location would be a place that is not in a shared family space, so that an adult is usually nearby and able to supervise when your child is watching it, rather than in the relative privacy of a bedroom.

Meet Our Expert: [National Online Safety](#)

#WakeUpWednesday

This free online safety guide profiles smart TVs. As these internet-enabled entertainment systems rapidly become standard, find out how to guide children in using such devices safely

## ELSIE



Miss Yiannadji and Elsie had fun dressing up for Children in Need last Friday.

We raised £215! Well done to everyone!



Entries and Winners of the Diwali competition run by our House Champions. Well done to everyone who took part!

Well done!




ATTENDANCE

School Target- 96%

Current Attendance - 92.3 %

- Nursery AM - 84.1%
- Nursery PM- 85.7%
- Poplar -95.2%
- Lime - 83%
- Bay- 92.5%
- H/Chestnut- 93%
- Box- 94.8%
- Bamboo -94.9%
- Ash -94%
- Cypress - 98.7%**
- Acacia -96%**
- Palm-87.7%
- Myrtle- 93.9%
- Holly-94.5%
- Willow - 94%
- Eucalyptus-85.3%

Green=met the minimum attendance rate

WELL DONE!



We are...

Class	Peareswood Champion
Nursery AM/PM	Teddy/TJ
Lime	Sarah
Poplar	Ivy-Rae
H/Chestnut	Pearl
Bay	Joe
Bamboo	Olivia-Mae
Box	Alex
Cypress	Luca
Ash	Joy
Acacia	Raiden
Palm	Lilly-May
Holly	Lemar
Myrtle	Bethel
Willow	Kaison
Eucalyptus	Melanie



SCHOOL VALUES

Our school value this term is Creativity!

**EYFS-** Nursery have been exploring their senses by feeling lots of different items like feathers, pom poms and tissue paper. They have been talking about how they felt and what they could use them for.



**KS1-** Year 2 have been working on persuasion and have created videos trying to persuade their friend to buy their new pants before writing their letters to the King! They will watch their videos back to see how they could improve their persuasion skills for their letter.



**KS2-** Year 4 enjoyed their trip to the British Museum this week, using the iPads to collect information from their visit that they want to use to complete fact files when they get back to school.



# Reading UPdates



## Sora

This week children have been introduced to SORA, an online library. Children in Year 1 to Year 6 have been given a login and are able to access a variety of books that they can then read online or listen to. This is a fantastic resource for our children and they have really enjoyed exploring the app in school. Logins will be coming home and you will be able to download SORA onto devices at home. It is a free app. Please ask your child about it and get them to show you what books they have borrowed.



## Pop Up Book Shop

In the coming weeks we will be running a 'Pop Up Book Shop' in school. We are fortunate enough to be part of the 'Children's Book Project' which is a charity who have donated enough books to school so every child can visit the shop and get a book for free. Children will browse the books one day and then go back the next to swap a token for their chosen book. Please keep an eye out on social media for updates and then enjoy the book with them at home.

