



PEARESWOOD PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

Dear Families,

Our children demonstrated Pride in their learning this week, and something which was observed by our Director of Education Mrs Carson. Nursery and Reception are settled into their new routines and show engagement and a love of learning throughout their day. Mrs Beresford celebrated National Poetry week in school with our children from Years 3-6. They were eager to participate in the assembly and share their thoughts and views.

At Peareswood Primary School, we are committed to providing the best possible education for your children, and we believe that regular attendance is a critical factor in achieving this goal. It is with this in mind that I am writing to emphasise the importance of timekeeping and punctuality for school. When students are present in school and arrive on time, they can engage fully in the learning process, interact with their peers, and benefit from the guidance of our dedicated teachers. Consistent attendance ensures our children do not miss out on important lessons, activities, and assessments that contribute to their academic growth. We understand that there may be occasional circumstances that result in absences. However, it is essential that we collectively strive to minimise such occurrences. To help us achieve this, we kindly request your support in the following ways:

- Establish a Morning Routine: Ensure that your child has a regular and consistent morning routine that allows ample time for getting ready and arriving at school on time.
- Set Clear Expectations: Communicate the importance of punctuality and attendance to your child. Help them understand that attending school regularly is a top priority.
- Schedule Appointments Outside School Hours: Whenever possible, try to schedule medical or other appointments outside of school hours to minimise disruptions to your child's education.
- Reach Out for Support: If you encounter challenges that affect your child's attendance, please don't hesitate to reach out to our school's wellbeing team.

In the coming weeks, our new CLO Mr Iddiols, will be in touch with families to provide additional support and resources to help improve attendance. We look forward to partnering with you in this important matter.

We have another busy week next week with some exciting visitors in school. Poet Neil Zetter and author Louise Fitzgerald will be meeting our children and sharing their love of language with our children in Years Reception to Year 6. On Tuesday 10th October, we will be celebrating Hello Yellow day supporting the mental health of our children. Please do support your child to wear something yellow on this day. Thank you again for your cooperation and commitment to your child's education, your involvement and support are invaluable in ensuring that our children have the best possible opportunities to succeed.





Upcoming Events

World Mental **HEALTH DAY**

Tuesday 10th October

Hello Yellow Day- Please wear yellow to support World Mental Health Day!

Wednesday 11th October

Tuck Shop after school



Thursday 12th October

PTA Coffee Morning



Friday 13th October

School Photo's



Take our survey, have your say

Bexley Community Safety Survey

Are you concerned about **safety** in your area?

Tell us how we could **reduce crime** in Bexley

Simply fill in our **online survey** or scan the QR code

www.bexley.gov.uk/communitysafetysurvey

Parent Drop-In

Autism Advisory Service

Bexley's Autism Advisory Team will be available to have informal chats with parents/carers of children with a diagnosis of Autism or awaiting diagnosis. Advisory Teachers and Specialist Support Team will cover from Early Years to Primary School aged children.

Date: **Tuesday 17th October 2023**
 Time: **10am-12pm**
 Venue: **Hall Place Education Room**
 Hall Place & Gardens
 Bourne Road
 DA5 1PQ

Please let us know if you wish to attend by emailing: joan.ratcliff@bexley.gov.uk

Bexley Autism Advisory Service provides advice, support and training to schools and families. We help them meet the needs of children and young people on the autism spectrum.

SAFEGUARDING

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about AMONG US

A multiplayer 'social deduction' game set in outer space. Among Us enjoyed a surge in popularity in 2020, and has since maintained a dedicated fan-base (currently, around 50 million regular players each month) thanks to its unique nature, unique premise and ease of access across numerous platforms. The game's on-screen action revolves around danger, disguise and deception - and there are certain positions to be drawn with some of the regular risks that parents and carers of young Among Us players need to be aware of.

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SENSITIVE PREMISE

As Among Us, up to three in-character 'murders' are staged with in-game 'blood' splatters while the survivors try to uncover them. While the concept can be removed from traditional games like the board game of the same name, the 'murders' in Among Us are staged in a way that is more disturbing and violent than most other games.

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

The on-screen death of avatars may be fundamental to the premise of Among Us. But the reality of the experience is that it can be very distressing, especially if the player is young. It is worth bearing in mind that the game has a 'kill' button that is used to 'murder' other players. This can be used to 'murder' other players in a way that is more disturbing and violent than most other games.

CHAT BETWEEN PLAYERS

While it is possible to play Among Us in a way that is safe and fun, the game does allow for chat between players. This can be used to discuss the game, but it can also be used to discuss other topics. Parents and carers should be aware of the risks of chat between players.

GOING OFF PLATFORM

While Among Us provides basic tools to communicate, many services such as Discord, Skype and Zoom offer voice and video chat for free. These services can be used to communicate with other players, but they can also be used to communicate with other people. Parents and carers should be aware of the risks of going off platform.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

Among Us has an in-game shop for buying skins, and costs less than £1. However, the game also includes options to pay for upgrades such as 'emergency' and 'shield' items. These items can be used to protect the player from being 'murdered' by other players. Parents and carers should be aware of the risks of in-game purchases.

Advice for Parents & Carers

CONSIDER SOFTER ALTERNATIVES

Although Among Us is a popular game with young people, it is not suitable for all children. Consider softer alternatives that are more appropriate for your child's age and interests.

CHAT ABOUT CHATTING

You might feel it is prudent to talk to your child about chat. However, it is important to remember that chat is a double-edged sword. While it can be used to discuss the game, it can also be used to discuss other topics. Parents and carers should be aware of the risks of chat.

DISCUSS DISCORD

In general, Discord is an excellent app for keeping friends connected together. However, it is important to be aware of the risks of Discord. Parents and carers should be aware of the risks of Discord.

AMONG US, AMONG FRIENDS

When your child and their friends get together, they can enjoy a private game of Among Us by choosing a 'social' lobby. This is only available to those who are friends with the player. This can be a safe way to play the game, but it is important to be aware of the risks of private games.

STOP SURPRISE SPENDING

If you're concerned about the possibility of your child making up an unexpected bill for Among Us, there are some things you can do. First, you should consider using a prepaid card. This is a card that you can load with a set amount of money. This can be used to pay for Among Us, but it can also be used to pay for other things. Parents and carers should be aware of the risks of surprise spending.

Meet Our Expert

NOS National Online Safety

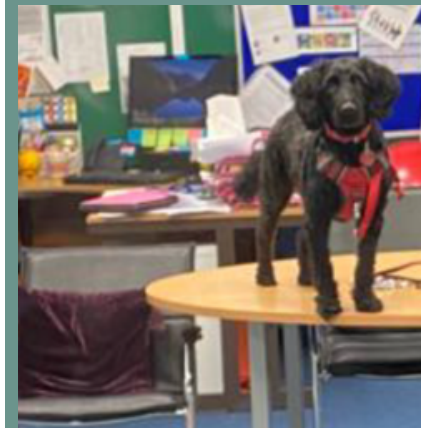
#WakeUpWednesday



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



ELSIE



We think Elsie has been reading 'Little Miss Naughty'

LITTLE MISS NAUGHTY



Updated for 2023, this online safety guide takes another look at Among Us: a futuristic murder mystery that's found an enthusiastic audience of young gamers.



Get involved with our
Parents for Peareswood PTA

Thursday 12th October 2023
9am-11am

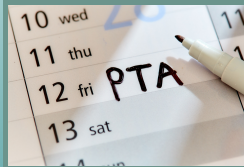
Come join us for a coffee so we can talk
about the upcoming events.
There will be biscuits!!

Why Join the PTA?



For more information please contact
your Community Liaison Officer Mr Iddiols in the school office

Come and
see
what
events
the PTA
have
planned!



ATTENDANCE

School Target- 96%

Current Attendance - 94.7%

Nursery AM 89.5%	Nursery PM- 82%
Poplar - 94.7%	Lime - 89.6%
Bay- 98.2%	H/Chestnut- 95.8%
Box- 98.2%	Bamboo - 91.3%
Ash - 93%	Cypress - 95.5%
Palm- 97%	Acacia - 95.3%
Holly- 94.6%	Myrtle- 96.2%
Eucalyptus- 94.7%	Willow - 93.1%

Green=met the minimum attendance rate

WELL DONE!



Ready

Respectful



We are...

Class	Peareswood Champion
Nursery AM/PM	Teddy/Grace
Lime	Ella-Rose
Poplar	Jasmine
H/Chestnut	Dennis
Bay	Dexter
Bamboo	Yanis
Box	Scarlett
Cypress	Idris
Ash	Billy
Acacia	Mitchelle
Palm	Rita
Holly	Samuel
Myrtle	Daniel
Willow	Jasmine
Eucalyptus	Tilly-Mae



Safe

SCHOOL VALUES



This terms value is Pride-

EYFS- We are proud of our Reception children who have started to draw their own story maps about the Three Little Pigs.

KS1- We are proud of our Year 1 and 2 children developing their knowledge of comparison symbols in their maths lessons, using collaboration to work with a partner and demonstrate their number sentences practically.

KS2- Year 5 have been working hard on their work around the Tudors and have produced some lovely pieces of writing on this. Well done!

Spotlight on Science

At Peareswood Primary, we teach Science through the 3 specific disciplines of biology, chemistry and physics helping children to develop a sense of excitement and curiosity around the world that they live in. Each Science Progression Overview is linked to curriculum topics to create an immersive experience for the children.

EYFS

Reception have been understanding the world in relation to their topic Me, My Family, My Home. They have explored body parts, how they look after themselves and animals that live on the land or in the sea.

Alanna explained, "In 1 box I put the animals that fly and in this box I put animals that swim."



KS1

In Year 1, children are currently learning about Plants and Seasonal Changes linked to their topic 'Magic Beans'. This includes learning about the function and purpose of each part of a flower.

Sophie from Bay says, "I love flowers and learning about them..... we took pictures and took dirt to grow our own flowers."

In Year 2, children are learning about Use of everyday materials linked to their topic 'Twisted Tales'. This includes sorting materials into different groups.



LKS2

Year 3 are investigating Rocks and Fossils in relation to their topic We will rock you!

Henry, Cyprus says, "Rocks are made from different materials and I enjoy learning about different types of rocks."

Year 4 are exploring Light this term linked to their term All the World's a Stage!

They have been exploring how light reflects and how the Earth rotates around the Sun.

Eyitayomi, Acacia says, "I enjoyed this lesson because you got to see how the earth rotates with the Sun."



UKS2

Year 5 are focusing on Animals including humans linked to their topic Off with their head! They are exploring the human lifecycle.

Reet, Holly says, "I like that we explore different things and I love when we do practical lessons."

In Year 6, students are also exploring Animals including humans but are focusing on the human body, particularly the heart in relation to their topic Magical Mishaps!

Children have enjoyed simulating the beating of a human heart using different materials. Murty, Eucalyptus says, "We applied pressure to the balloon and water came out of the straw to simulate our heart beating."

