



HEADLINES

- 16.9.24– Year 6 Meet the Teacher 6-7pm online
- 17.9.24– Year 5 Meet the Teacher 6-7pm online
- 21.9.24– Ringwood Carnival
- 23.9.24– Parent Helpers Induction meeting 7.30-8.30pm
- 24.9.24– No Outsiders Launch day
- 25.9.24– Year 6 Osmington Final Meet 6.30-7.30pm

INSET DAYS 2024-25

18th Nov, 14th Feb, 2nd June

Letters sent out this fortnight:

- *Annual medical form*
- *Diary dates for Autumn term*
- *Carnival*

Dear parent, carers

Welcome back to Years 4, 5 and 6 and a very warm welcome to our new families in Year 3, it has been great to see all of the children back and to reconnect with parents too.

Firstly, I want to share with you all some fantastic news that we received over the summer. The school has now been awarded the Platinum Sports Mark. This is the highest Sports Mark and truly reflects the range and breadth of opportunities that our children receive each year. Mr Gavin has worked incredibly hard to make this happen and to co-ordinate and engage children in active lifestyles and he has even more ideas and initiatives for the coming year!

I want to thank you all, the children have come back, looking smart and refreshed ready for learning. We know it is always a challenge to leave the summer holidays behind us and get back into routine, but this has gone really well and we have been able to give extra support where needed. Today Year 5 were greeted with some new class visitors thanks to a brilliant Rain-forest workshop from Zoolab.

So far Year 3 and 4 parents/carers have been invited to the Meet the Teacher online events, this is a chance for families to hear from the teachers and refresh themselves about the ins and outs of the year group and key opportunities. Next week will be the turn of Year 5 and 6 teachers. I urge all parents/carers to log in, as each year groups expectations and events are slightly different. Following feedback from a parent, we will also be holding a Meet the SENCo event, so please keep an eye open for this date. This invite will be sent to families where children are on the SEND school register, but if you feel that your child is being monitored and may well go onto the SEND register then please let us know, you will be very welcome.

We are right in the middle of building our carnival float, letters have been sent out for children to join us on the float. This is a great community event and we would love to include as many children as possible, so please fill in the form and join us for the day. We still require more of your plastics and any offers of help, so please keep bringing in your plastics and let us know if you can help. We would also like to wish Maisie and Eli a fabulous day at the Carnival– they have been selected as Carnival Princess and Prince and we can't wait to see them!

Finally, thank you for coming on board and embracing the new approach to pencil cases, I the children are really showing great care over these and it is lovely to see. I would just like to reaffirm a couple of key points– the children should only have the requested items in their pencil case and I did state that biros for writing are not suitable and do not support hand-writing development. Have a super weekend, keep collecting the plastic and lets hope for some more sunshine!

Jo Randall

Heart Learning Awards

Congratulations to the following children:

Year 3:- Henry F, Daniella P

**Year 4:- Jake T, Harvey W,
Rhys B**

Year 5:- Lizzie R, Alisha W

Year 6:- Poppy W, Bobby B



Friends of Poulner Junior School need you!

I want to draw your attention to the Friends of Poulner AGM on 2nd October and we would love to see new parents/ carers to come and join us. I promise that you won't be signed up to anything, the group believe that many hands make light work! The group does need your support— last year they raised well over £10,000 which is being used to improve school opportunities and facilities for the children— thank you to all of the families who have been a part of this amazing total.

School Elections

In the coming week, Year 6 will be preparing to stand for House Captain roles and all classes will have the chance to stand for School Council. These are important roles within the school and we use anonymous voting to ensure that every child has a fair chance of being elected.

We encourage children to give it a go if they think they might like to. They will need to write a speech about why they think they will be good at the role, including their qualities and ideas for improvement.

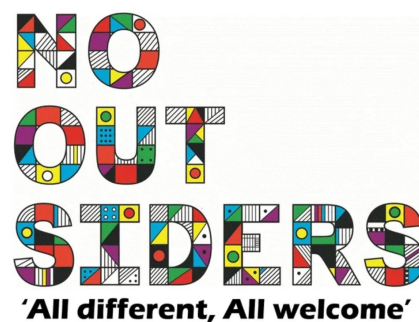
Please speak to your child about this and do encourage them if they are considering putting themselves forward, you might want to talk to them and suggest what they may want to include. Good luck to them all!

No Outsiders launch day

We are excited to welcome Andrew Moffat on 24th September. Andrew is the creator of the approach to equality and inclusion called No Outsiders. During the day he will visit and work with every year group and then hold further training with staff after school.

As a school we are committed to making the school a welcoming and inclusive school for all children. Children are already taught about the Protected characteristics, but this approach will ensure that we use thoughtful and meaningful contexts in which to drive the education and celebration of every persons individuality.

The outcome and highlights of the day will be shared in the next newsletter.



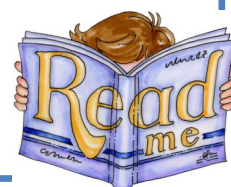
Community Fundraiser!

Next spring, Claire Ridout (a PJS parent) is taking part in a charity trek in the Sahara Desert. To help with fundraising, she is hosting a Wim Hof Method Workshop to help support her charity, The Greenwich and Bexley Community Hospice. The workshop will be held on Saturday 5th October from 10am-1pm at Poulner Junior School. Spaces are £40 per person and payment can be made via this link; <https://www.paypal.com/pools/c/97Hil8oNDY> Please get in touch via claire@salutarylifeco.uk if you have any questions. More information about the Wim Hof Method can be found here; <https://www.wimhofmethod.com/instructors/corin-ridout-1>

This week's top readers...

Best Class: tbc on Monday!

Number of reads:



CHARITY FUNDRAISER

October 5th: 10am - 1pm

Greenwich & Bexley
community
hospice



**Wim Hof Method
Charity Fundraiser
£40 per ticket**

**Come along and experience the
Wim Hof Method with Certified
Level 2 Instructor @salutaryice3
- expect Breathwork, Mindset &
Cold Exposure (Ice Bath) and help
raise funds to support this
amazing Charity**

Venue – Poulner Junior School