

THE POCHIN SCHOOL



Friday 9th October 2020

Dear Parents, Governors and Friends,

This week.....

This week the school has been introducing the Pochin Values to all the children. Each class has taken a different value and spent the afternoons embedding, engaging and exploring the values. Each class has created some wonderful art work, writing and presentations to help support their peers in understanding each value in greater depth.

Today all classes shared their learning through presentations and virtual assemblies to each other. You may want to ask the children what they have learnt about their values this week.

Class 1 - Honesty, Class 2 - Independence, Class 3 - Optimistic, Class 4,
Class 5 - Confidence All classes looked at the value Kindness throughout the week.



New Website

We are looking forward to introducing the school's new website after October Half Term. The website will have a number of new features such as a daily calendar and a weekly learning update from each class teacher. Our new digital leaders (year 6 pupils) will update weekly class pages.

www.pochin.bepschools.org

Start Times

Can we please remind parents of the importance of all children being on time to school.

Being on time benefits children by:

- Gets the day off to a good start with everyone in a positive frame of mind.
- Helps your child make the most of their learning and sets positive patterns for the future.
- Helps children develop a sense of responsibility both for themselves and for others.
- Helps your child make and keep friends.
- Improves self-confidence.

When children arrive late they often find it embarrassing, may damage your child's confidence, may lead to children being confused as they may have missed vital instructions, information or bits of news at the start of the day. It can disrupt the learning for others and can create a bad habit that can be hard to break in the future.

Being frequently late for school adds up to lost learning:

- Arriving 5 minutes late every day adds up to over 3 days lost each year.
- Arriving 15 minutes late every day is the same as being absent for 2 weeks a year.

Here are some top tips to help everyone get to school on time.

- Help your child get everything ready the night before (e.g. PE kit, school uniform).
- Allow plenty of time to get to school - ie make allowance for bad traffic.

- Make arrangements with neighbours, family or friends if you have problems getting your child to school.
- Make sure your child has breakfast or arrives at school in time for breakfast club.
- Help your child organise homework.
- Establish a good bedtime routine.
- Make sure your child gets enough rest and is not distracted by too much time on the computer or watching TV.
- Set an alarm clock!



We hope these ideas support everyone get to school on time.

House Points

Well done **Charnwood** this week!

CHARNWOOD		WINDSOR
4		2
812		629

Language of the Month - Hindi



British Value of the Month - Democracy

• **Democracy**
 Britain is a democracy - this means that the people in Britain vote for the people who make the laws and decide how the country is run. If we didn't have a democracy, just one person might be able to make all the laws and that would not be fair.

PTA Fundraising

As a school the PTA raised £149.84 in our Wear Something Autumn themed day last Friday. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Easy2name

Please see the attached information about ordering name tags from the company Easy2name. Personally I love this company and have used their 'clip on tags' for years. I find that they are great, do not fall off and you can use them again and again without even having to use an iron or a sewing machine. The best part of using Easy2name is that whatever anyone spends, the school gets a 20% commission for the PTA which will go directly into our school garden fund.

<https://www.easy2name.com/>

Internet shopping page

You can find our easyfundraising page here:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/barkbypochinpta/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=en-e2

Class 5 Times Tables Rock Stars Competition

Class 5 this week has had an in-class Times Tables competition. Charnwood versus Windsor. The winners were Charnwood again!

This week the winner of the class for the most points gained goes to Shayan Patel who achieved a staggering 4843!



Head Teachers Award - Well Done!

Below is the gallery of children who have achieved Head Teacher awards this week. We look forward to seeing other children achieve the award in the coming weeks.



Things to remember for next week and beyond

October

- 13th Interschool Sports Competition Class 3 3:20-4:30pm
- **Half Term Holidays Mon 19th-23rd Fri**
- **26th Our Pochin Community Week**
- 28th/29th Parents Evening
- 30th PTA Halloween Spoon Competition
- 31st Applications close for Secondary school admissions

November

- 13th Children in Need £1 donation to wear Pyjamas to school
- 18th Stirring the Pudding assembly (virtual assembly)

December

- 7th Panto (in school)
- 11th Christmas Lunch and Jumper day.
- **Monday 14th Our Religious Celebration week**
- 16th Christmas Service at the church (virtual assembly)

For future dates please see Important Diary Dates on the website

Kind regards

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Head Teacher