

Pear Tree Community Junior School

March 2023 – Issue 7

Dear Parents / Carers

A 5 week term always flies by and this term has been no exception. We have certainly crammed a lot into this term – trips, progress meetings, visitors, exhibitions and not to forget all the learning that the children have completed. As always, the children have been a credit to our school and I have felt very proud of all the members of Pear Tree at various points during this term. I have had to make TWO Pear Tree Pride pages on this newsletter just to highlight everything amazing that has been happening! A particular highlight for me was the Science Fair and Red Nose Day all on the same day!

I hope you all have a fantastic Easter break and look forward to seeing you all back at school on the 17th April 2023.

Miss Bounds (Head of School)



World Book Day

At the start of term, it was World Book Day. This year, we were very lucky to have a connection with The Ecclesbourne School who generously donated almost 3000 books to our school.

This meant that every child could take home 3 books on the day, as well as adding new texts to our class libraries and school libraries.

The children were so excited to choose new books and it was so fantastic to hear the buzz around school and share the books that the children had taken home with them.

Thank you to The Ecclesbourne School for their generous donation, and hopefully we will be able to work with them again soon.



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What an exciting #WorldBookDay we are having! Ecclesbourne School have donated over 2000 books to us meaning all the children have been able to take home 3 new books! 📖 #WeLoveReading @TransformTrust @PapillonComms



Attendance

Thank you to everyone for working to improve attendance at Pear Tree Community Junior School.

I am happy to see that the weekly attendance rewards scheme is now part of the Pear Tree Community Junior School offer and that the weekly winners are enjoying the rewards that arriving on time, every day afford.



Attendance Ambassadors

Our amazing Attendance Ambassadors are working hard to raise awareness of the ways to help improve attendance. This week they will be voting on a new 'Staying Safe' poster competition held in school. The winning poster will be placed around the school and will help to remind children how to stay safe and well through regular sanitising, hand washing and other ways to prevent the spread of germs. In addition to this, each class now has two designated 'cleaning monitors' who are helping to keep everyone well.

Leave of absence

In line with our school policy, we need to be informed if you are planning to take time off during term time. There is a form that needs to be completed at the school office. Support in completing this form will be given. We must be informed if you are planning to go on holiday or take your child out of school and please ask that a form is completed at least 7 days before your planned trip.

95%	=	47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%	=	95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day
85%	=	142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	=	190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

WHAT DO YOUR ATTENDANCE FIGURES ACTUALLY MEAN?

BE SMART BE THERE!

Percentages based on 190 academic days

Whole school attendance to date: 91%

Whole School attendance (to date) by year group:

Year 3: 91%

Year 4: 93%

Year 5: 90%

Year 6: 91%

Remember: **Children should be in school at 8:50 to be registered by their class teacher.**



BE ON TIME, IT'S TEN TO NINE

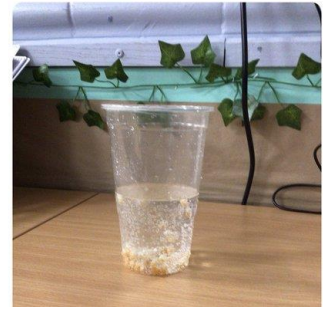
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Pear Tree Pride

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Our first **Science Fair** was a great success! The children were so proud of their investigations that they presented. The lucky winners who went on to represent the school at the Transform Science Showcase were **Dovedale** with their **Dancing Popcorn**. Thank you to **Miss Farrell** for organising and to all the parents who attended throughout the day.

Dovedale had fun creating dancing corn! We used corn, baking powder and vinegar!
@peartreejunior #scienceweek #year4



Well done to our **Digital Leaders** who represented Pear Tree brilliantly at an event around digital diversity at the Jigsaw Headquarters. **Keita** and **Adwoa** had worked very hard alongside **Mrs Mayat** to create an inclusive video to share with all of Transform Trust.



We raised an amazing **£167.23** for **Red Nose Day**. The children dressed up in Wacky Wear and bought sweet treats. Thank you to everyone who donated!

Thank you to all of our parents and carers who joined us for our **Pupil Progress Meetings**. They were our most well-attended ever and we loved sharing the progress of the children with you.

Year 3 and Year 4 represented the school brilliantly when they went to **Experience Easter** at **New Life Church**. They emailed us to say how well behaved our children were – fantastic work!



Our school has hosted a lot of visitors this term, where we have showcased some of our great **Teaching and Learning**. Thank you to all the **adults** in school who have welcomed these visitors into their classroom – the learning we provide is truly something to be celebrated!

Well done to all the children who took part in their **RockSteady** performance. The songs were amazing and Year 3 and Year 4 loved having a concert experience!

Well done to **Inaya B, Maja R, Rajvir S, Marc D** and **Nikhil** who presented to staff members from the **Department for Education** and **Transform Trust's CEO and Chair of Trustees** about why they love Pear Tree. They were very well delivered!

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Make sure you visit the **Format Festival at Derby QUAD** which features artwork from our children celebrating their heritage. The children really enjoyed seeing themselves on the walls of the gallery!

The girls football team came **second** in the Transform Trust football tournament, only losing one game! As always, **Julia B, Maja R, Mashyam S, Dominika D, Jenifer K, Ayat A, Raluca T, Adwoa B, Prabhnoor B and Inaaya A** were a credit to our school and we received this great feedback from Mrs Blount: *Massive well done to the girls today for their performance. They were a real credit to PTJ. It was fab to see their hard work and determination come to fruition and their kit looked AMAZING!*



Thank you to **Mrs Ozmen** for organising the kit and to **Miss Beale** and **Miss Paton** for supporting the team on the day.



Our **gold badge** winners are nominated by the year group for going above and beyond every day. A huge congratulations to **Armaan Younis, Yashpreet Kaur, Patryk Bernat and Raima Bangash.**

Well done to these children for achieving their green Pear Tree badges this term. These children were chosen for a wide variety of reasons but they all show the Pear Tree Superhero Code and Powers every single day. You are all fantastic role models.



Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Peter P, Denisa D, Anmol R	Aahil A, Alesia-Cristina M, Mariana B	Jasmyna D, Shawn P, Myah D	Fabian B, Petr D, Raluca T
Ella-Rose F, Aamna N, Yahya N	Fareeha F, Jolana P, Mohammed Yousuf	Nikhil, Samanta K, Adiya H	Rajvir S, Sofie M, Sofiane B
Karina D, Oghosa I, Gabriella L	Arzoo R, Eileen I, Aayush B	Simona P, Milltina DM, Mohammed Wajid	Mashyam S, Sofia N, Abdulhadi A

Mr Sharp's Update

What a great term we have had at Pear Tree. This Newsletter shares a lot of great news and events that have happened since the start of the year. I am particularly proud of the pupils who are showing their independence and leadership skills. This has been a key part of our work this year so it's great to see how children are flourishing with these opportunities.

Department for Education Visit

We hosted a visit for officials from the Department for Education (DfE) on Friday 24th March. They were joined by the CEO (Rebecca Meredith) and Chair (Peter Munro) of Transform Trust. They were impressed by what they saw and were particularly impressed by what they heard from the children. The children shared a presentation that they had created – it absolutely blew the visitors away!

Recognition Awards

Congratulations goes to all the children who receive a recognition award for this half term. Well done to the children who received a 'Special Recognition' award; only 4 were awarded and went to those children who always follow the superhero code and use their superhero powers.



I look forward to see our children continue to flourish over the summer term.

Dates for Summer Term 1 2022-2023



17.4.23	Start of Summer Term 1
1.5.23	May Bank Holiday (school closed)
5.5.23	Coronation Celebration with PTI
8.5.23	Coronation Bank Holiday (school closed)
9.5.23	SATs week starts
22.5.23	Recognition Assemblies this week
25.5.23	Last Day of Summer Term 1
26.5.23	INSET – School closed for pupils



Uniform

Look smart: Be the part

Your child is expected to wear uniform everyday

Wearing uniform will give you a sense of belonging and pride



PE Kit

Get fit and wear your kit!

Your child should wear school PE kit on their PE days. This should be blue, white and black!



Dates for the Future

05.06.23	Start of Summer Term 2
22.6.23	Sports Day
23.6.23	Sports Day
4.7.23-6.7.23	Transition Days
11.7.23	Reports given out
21.07.23	End of Summer Term 2

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ACTIVITIES

EASTER HOLIDAYS

2023



Holiday Club

6-12 Years

Arena ride to Elvaston Castle

You need:

- Your own bike & helmet
- To be able to ride unaided
- Backpack with snacks & drink

£20

2 1/2 Hour Session available:
- 60 minutes to build bike skills
- Group ride around the park

3rd & 13th April
10.30am - 1pm

New to two wheels

at Derby Arena **4-8 Years**

Mini cycling club for those new to two wheels! You will need:

- Your own bike, helmet and drink
- To be able to ride unaided

£10

3rd & 13th April
10am - 11am



All activities **must be booked in advance**
To book call 07827 879647 or email cyclederby@derby.gov.uk

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ACTIVITIES

EASTER HOLIDAYS 2023



Learn to Ride

at Markeaton Park **4+ Years**

For children getting onto two wheels for the first time *or* those who have *almost* mastered it.

Own bike preferred but not essential.

50 Minute Sessions available

4th, 5th, 11th,
12th, 13th & 14th

April **£20**

10am-2.30pm



All activities **must be booked in advance**

To book sessions please email cyclederby@derby.gov.uk or call 07827 879647 (New Riders Club) or 07972 268171 (Learn to Ride)

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ACTIVITIES

EASTER HOLIDAYS

2023



Trackdays

Day Session at
Derby Arena

9-16 Years

You need:

- To be a competent cyclist
- Appropriate clothing
- A packed lunch & drink

4th & 11th
April

10am - 3pm

£35



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