



The Bulletin Board



Diary Dates

FEBRUARY			
Wednesday 12th	Parents Meetings	All day	Year 6
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Friday 14th	Last day of half term		
Monday 17th	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR HALF TERM		
Monday 24th	Children RETURN to school		
Wednesday 26th	School Trip Adventure Farm	All day	Year 5

INFORMATION REQUESTS

We are more than happy to provide any information that parents have been asked to give to the Home Office, Job Centre or Benefits Dept. We will not however give this information directly to the parent but will email or post this across to the relevant department. We also ask that you allow us at least 5 working days for the office to prepare the information that is required.

Exciting Playground Developments

You will have no doubt seen the new addition to the playground. The children are excited and cannot wait to have a go on the new equipment. The final safety checks have now been complete and children will now get the chance to try it out with their class. From next Monday, the equipment will be able to be used during break and lunch time.

The equipment is only to be used during the school day when it will be supervised by school staff. **No children should be using the new equipment before or after school.**

Challenge Partners School Review

Last week the school took part in a 3 day school quality assurance review. Senior Leaders from other schools from across the country came to Pear Tree to review the quality of education in the school. Alongside a lead reviewer, they spent time in classrooms, looking at books and talking to children.

We are delighted to say that they had a great three days and recognised the good work of the school and how much progress we have made. The report states:

This is a rapidly improving, inclusive school that is on an exciting journey. Staff have embraced the culture shift that is improving the school. The shared vision at Pear Tree exudes increasing energy and drive at all levels.

Outcomes are improving because staff know every pupil well. The impact of well-established structures is improving the quality and consistency of teaching and learning.

Pupils' attitudes to learning are strong. They are eager to share their learning. One Year 5 pupil said, 'If I don't get it right, I just try again'. a Year 6 pupil said, 'the teacher picks up my mistake and models how to do it with me. Just because I don't understand at the time doesn't mean I'll never understand!' Another pupil said, 'learning is never finished!'

Aiming High Day

This half term's Super Hero Learning Power focus is Aiming High. The children have been learning through assemblies and lessons what it means to aim high and how they can show it.

On Friday 10th January, we held our annual Aiming High day. We had a number of visitors come into school and share with the children what their jobs were including a police officer, a dentist and a social worker! The children (and teachers) thought about what they might like to be when they get older and dressed in the uniform of their dream job. They also took part in a variety of activities that allowed them to think about aiming high; these included a fitness circuit with Olympic athlete David Smith who shared his journey about how he aimed high and reached his goal! It was great to hear so many inspirational stories and listen to others when they shared their dreams. Please continue to ask us about our learning and our goals as we continue to Aim High!



Should we call them Dr Triance & Nurse Hussain?



**Miss Glenn & Mrs Elliott say
it's never too late to aim high!!**



Dr Hussain? Doesn't he look good?

Curriculum Enrichment

Every year group has taken part in number of enrichment activities which help bring their topics to life. At the end of each half term, each year group provide a snapshot of what exciting things they have been up to and why children need to be in school each and every day. Look out for these on Friday 14th February.

Why wait till then? If you follow the school on Twitter @peartreejunior you will receive regular updates!

