

# The Pinner Park Post



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## Your views are important to us

As a school, we are very keen to work in partnership with parents. Working together leads to the very best outcomes for the children in our care.

Next week, we will send you a link to a questionnaire, and we would love to hear your views.

The questionnaire will be in three parts:

1. General feedback about the school – your views on a range of important aspects of school life.
2. Your feedback to support the Governing Board in establishing a vision for the school going forward.
3. Some specific views about 'play', as we start a programme to improve the quality of play at Pinner Park alongside OPAL (outdoor play and learning).



We are not waiting for the end of the school year to raise these questions because we are keen to act on your thoughts and suggestions straight away! We are seeking feedback from staff and children on these issues too.

We always try and make improvements as a result of feedback from our stakeholders. For example, last year parents told the school that they would like stronger communication (especially using new technologies). We responded by re-vamping our communications – rolling out electronic communications for the whole school, introduction of the weekly 'Pinner Park Post, and having a social media presence.

Keep your eye out for the link to the questionnaire. We look forward to reading your responses in due course.

Have a great weekend!

Best wishes,

Headteacher

## IMPORTANT REMINDER

Next Friday, 14 February, is an INSET Day at Pinner Park. The school will be closed to children. The staff will be working together for the day.

School will close, for half term, at the normal time on Thursday 13 February.

## Can you help us with some resources?

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A reminder that we are on the lookout for the following items to enhance our outdoor play:

- Pots, pans, wooden spoons, large kitchen utensils (any kitchen items)
- Small play resources - dinosaurs, dolls, figures, cars
- Lego
- Wellies
- Fabric/ material e.g. old duvet covers, sheets, saris, curtains, net curtains, throws, rugs, carpet, seat cushions, tarpaulin, nets
- Dressing up clothes



We will be happy to receive these items at any time. The sooner we do this, the sooner the children will be able to play with the items! Thank you for your support with this.

## Finding our Brave

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This week, we've joined with many other schools and organisations by taking part in Children's Mental Health Week. Our theme has been: Find your Brave.

We've had assemblies and class-based sessions on this theme. Bravery can be about sharing worries and asking for help, trying something new or pushing yourself outside your comfort zone. Life often throws challenges our way. Bravery isn't about coping alone or holding things in. It's about finding positive ways to deal with things that might be difficult, overcoming physical and mental challenges and looking after yourself.

## Parents Evenings

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Our next parent and teacher consultations will take place after half term, on Wednesday 26 February and Tuesday 3 March. To book an appointment with your child's teacher, please use SchoolPing. Appointment times are available to book.

It would be great to see every parent at our consultations. This will be an opportunity for us to share your child's progress, and identify how we can work together to support your child.



## Panathlon Winners!

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A group of children represented the school last week at the 'Panathlon Challenge'.

Held at the Aspire Centre in Stanmore, the Panathlon Challenge is a multi-sport, competitive event.

We are delighted to report that the team from Pinner Park Primary School were the winners! Well done everyone! Great job!



## Welcome back Mrs Ohene

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**WELCOME  
BACK!**

This week we have welcomed Mrs Ohene back to Pinner Park Primary School. Mrs Ohene is an assistant headteacher - one of our senior leaders – and has returned from maternity leave.

As well as having oversight over the entire school, Mrs Ohene will be the phase leader for Early Years (Reception and Nursery), and will also teach the Nursery classes each Monday.

I am sure you will join with us in giving her a warm welcome on her return to school.

## REMINDER – We are a Nut Free School

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We kindly request that you do not send your child to school with nuts, or products containing nuts, in packed lunches. This includes any chocolate spreads (as many contain nut ingredients), and other items with nuts.

We have a number of children who have severe nut allergies, a condition which can be life-threatening.

Thank you for your co-operation in making our school environment safe for all.



## Drinks in School

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Our school has pledged to be a water and milk (lower fat) only school. This means that we do not allow children to have other drinks in school.

We have made this pledge for a number of reasons, but principally because we want to promote healthy habits for our children.

For children having a packed lunch, they can have their water bottle at lunchtime (and we will always ensure that water is available for anyone who needs it).

We appreciate your support with this.

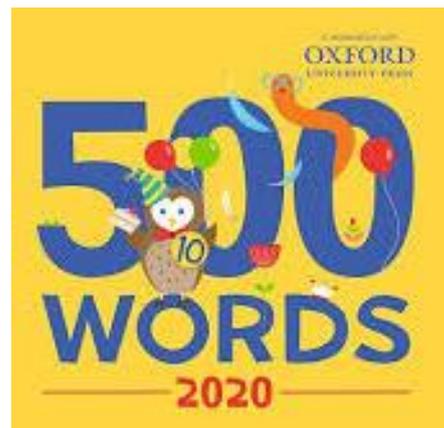
## 500 Words Writing Competition

The UK's largest story writing competition for children is back for its tenth year.

Entry to the competition is open to persons who will be aged between 5 and 13 years on the 12th June 2020.

Entrants should write a fictional short story (no more than 500 words in length).

More information, ideas for stories, and information about how to enter can be found online: [www.bbc.co.uk/500words](http://www.bbc.co.uk/500words).



## Pinner Points – Congratulations Piccadilly!



The final results for the half-termly House Point count are in, and while it was very close indeed, we are once again congratulating all the members of **Piccadilly** on taking first place and winning the House Mufti Day.

This means that next **Thursday, 13 February**, all children in **Piccadilly** may wear their own clothes to school, in the colour of their house (**blue**). They need not completely wear their house colour – so no shopping trips for new clothes needed – but it should be clear they are representing their house!

Well done to all children for earning so many House Points and for making the result so close! The scores will all reset to zero, so keep on earning House Points – there will be another mufti day for the next winners!

1 <sup>st</sup>	Piccadilly	736
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jubilee	714
3 <sup>rd</sup>	District	662
4 <sup>th</sup>	Central	661
5 <sup>th</sup>	Circle	652

## News in Brief

### Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 11 February is Safer Internet Day. Each class will be thinking about this theme, at an age-appropriate level. There is further information for parents here: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>



### Coronavirus: Public Information

The Government and NHS are well prepared to deal with this virus. You can help too. Germs can live on some surfaces for hours. To protect yourself and others:

- Always carry tissues with you and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.
- Bin the tissue, and to kill the germs, wash your hands with soap and water, or use a sanitiser gel.

This is the best way to slow the spread of almost any germs, including Coronavirus. Find out more at [www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

### Head Lice

Please regularly check your child's hair for head lice or 'nits'. The following link on the NHS website provides further information: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits>