

October 2021

NEWSLETTER

POTTER STREET ACADEMY NEWS

Dear Parents/carers,

I hope you and your families are all keeping well.

We are already at the end of the fourth week and the children have settled back into school so well. It has been lovely to be able to visit the EYFS and observe how brilliantly they have all settled into school. As I have walked around the school, I have been impressed with the great work ethic and amazing attitudes to learning of the children and how hard all staff are working to support them.

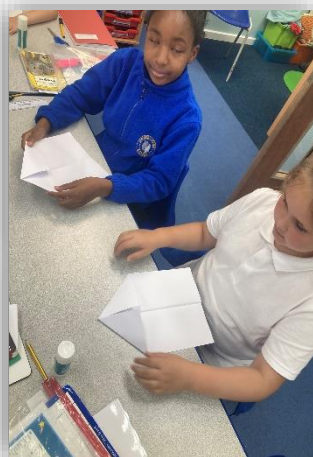
We are aware that due to the pandemic some of our KS1 parents have never had the opportunity to come into the school building. Thank you to all the parents/carers who attended our meet the teacher sessions. It has been great seeing you back in school. We hope that you found them useful.

Kath Holland

Associate Headteacher

Life Experiences

At Potter Street Academy we believe that every child should have amazing childhood experiences, ones they will remember for life. Throughout their time with us, children are offered the chance to take part in our 65 learning life experiences. Below you can see Year 5 had fun making and flying their own paper airplanes.



House Points

Children are busy earning house points by showing how well they keep the school values – responsibility, respectfulness, fairness, caring and trustworthiness.



Dragon 206



Griffin 218



Lion 241



Unicorn 221

Well done Lion House!



House Captains

Well done to everyone who took part and had the courage and resilience to deliver fantastic speeches. A huge congratulations to Max, Jesse, Alisha and Thea who are House Captains and to Liya, Megan, Hayden and Oleh who are the Vice Captains.

PTA



As a PTA, our events rely heavily on the school community, the more members we have, the more events we can run and we can make them bigger and more exciting than ever before!! We have had some hugely successful and enjoyable events over the years and have been able to provide some excellent resources and experiences for the children.

We are looking to form a new PTA and are holding an informal get together on **Thursday 7th October at 09:15am**, if you are interested in joining the PTA please pop along for a coffee and chat!! We look forward to seeing you.

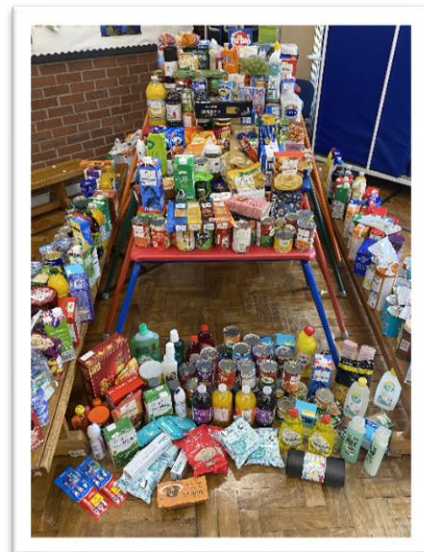
Reminders

Please ensure that your children's book bags, lunch boxes, water bottles and ALL clothing, including shoes, coats are labelled.

Please ensure that your child is dropped off and picked up promptly, school doors open from 8:40am and learning tasks begin at this time, all children should be in class by 8:50am. If you are using our breakfast club, children MUST be accompanied into the main office for registration. Payments for dinners, breakfast club and after school club must be paid for in advance via the online payment system

Harvest

Thank you for the excellent response to our request for donations of food for the harvest festival. All food has been donated to Harlow Foodbank.



Royal Opera House – Year 4

On Friday, Year 4 were lucky enough to have the opportunity to attend an opera at the Royal Opera House in London. The opera, 'The Magic Flute', was performed in German and was written by Mozart. The children arrived by coach, ate their lunch and then practised the song that they performed with the rest of the audience- they sounded like a choir of angels! They behaved beautifully and made us all proud, well done Year 4!

Mrs Navia

Young Voices, O2 – Year 4, 5 and 6

This year's Young Voices concert is taking place on 18th January 2022, at the O2 Arena in London. In preparation for the concert, we will be holding a choir club, on Monday & Tuesday lunchtime, starting the 4th of October. This club will be open to children in Years 4, 5 and 6 and we will have lots of fun learning the Young Voices songs.

The Choir Club and the Young Voices concert need dedicated commitment, and we expect children who join to attend as many rehearsals as they can. If your child wishes to attend the Young Voices concert at The O2 there will be a charge of £30.00. This money will go towards a torch, t-shirt, and travel to and from the O2.

This is a fantastic opportunity to take part in an unforgettable concert. Please can you email the school office indicating your child's commitment by Monday 4th October, as spaces are limited and choir places to the O2 will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Payments are to be made via SIMs Pay360, please do not make any payments until your child's place has been confirmed. You will receive the ticket and t-shirt order form if your child has been allocated a space.

For parents attending the concert, you will need to make your own separate travel arrangements to the O2 Arena.

Clubs

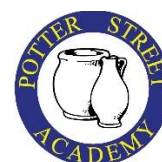
The following Clubs will be starting from 4th October until week commencing 29th November except Chess & EYFS/KS1 Cheerleading which will run until 9th December (an extra week to allow for early half term).

All the clubs will run for 8 weeks and will have a small charge of £1.00 per week, this will be paid via the Agora system in a one-off payment of £8.

All clubs will run from after school until 4pm except the football club that is run by Miss Stoneman which will finish at 4:30pm.

If you are interested in your child attending one of the clubs, please complete the following slip and return to the school office or email admin@potterstreetacademy.com. Spaces are limited and will be allocated on a first come basis, therefore please do not make any payments until your child's club space has been confirmed.

Mon	Miss Stoneman	Years 4 5 & 6	Football
	Mr Lambert	Years 2 & 3	Football
	Mrs Baghdadi	EYFS & Year 1	Art & Craft
	Mrs Jones	Years 4,5 & 6	Multi Sports
	Miss Hawkes	Years 3 & 4	5 Ways to Wellbeing
Tues	Miss Holdstock	Year 4	Recorders
	Mrs Cook	Years 3, 4 & 5	Sewing
	Miss Hawkes	Years 1 & 2	5 Ways to Wellbeing
Wed	Mrs Bambridge	KS2	Cheerleading
	Mr Lambert	Years 2 & 3	Archery
	Mrs Ward	EYFS & Year 1	PE Games
Thurs	Mrs Richie	Years 4, 5 & 6	Chess club
	Mrs Bambridge	EYFS & KS1	Cheerleading





The School Council met for the first time this week and planned an exciting year ahead. The new School Council members are : Lexi, Jokubas, Jasmine, Shay (Y6), Mason, Casey-Ann, Poppy, Dylan (Y5), Lexie, Bow (Y4), Isla, Cian (Y3) Mia, Ollie (Y2) Kiera and Olly (Y1). They have written an action plan for the year and will look forward to organising events to support our community, litter picking around school and our local area as well as ensuring our school is becoming more sustainable.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

OCTOBER 2021

7 th October	PTA Coffee Morning	09:15am	Parents
8 th October	Dodgeball Tournament		Year 5 & 6
12 th October	St Mary Magdalene Church	1:30pm	Year 3
12 th October	Flu Immunisation		
18 th & 19 th October	Parent Consultation		
20 th October	School Finishes		
1 st November	Children Return		