

November 2021

NEWSLETTER

POTTER STREET ACADEMY NEWS

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been a great start to this half term. This term is always an exciting time as we approach the festive season, please keep up to date with all of our events, holidays and training days by checking the school calendar on our School App. We will be sending information about arrangements for attendance at our Christmas concerts once we have collated your views from the questionnaire.

I hope you all enjoy the long weekend.

Mrs Kath Holland
Associate Headteacher

JUST A LITTLE *Reminder*

Uniform - Black flat shoes should be worn at all times, shoes with high heels are not deemed suitable. Trainers are not allowed except for PE lessons.

Hairstyle and colour should be appropriate for school. Long hair must be tied back.

Coats - As the weather has turned colder, please ensure all children have coats in school. We also recommend that they bring in hats and gloves. Children are permitted to wear a royal blue fleece in class.

PE Kit - Pupils are expected to have their full P.E. kit in school throughout the week. Children are not permitted to wear jewellery during P.E. or activities such as football, netball, etc. If children wear earrings, we ask parents to ensure that their child can remove these themselves, as teachers are not permitted to do so. I would like to remind you that covering earrings with tape is not permitted. We also request that nose rings/studs are not worn in school

Every child is required to bring a pair of plimsolls or trainers (in a named bag), black shorts **only** and T-shirt (house colour) for P.E. and games.

Tracksuits - We ask that as part of the PE kit for the winter months all children have a tracksuit with them.

School Photos

The children had their individual and sibling photographs taken on 18th November. The photography company no longer supply proofs and now use PhotoTickets. Photo Tickets have been handed to the parent / child by the class teacher, you can scan the QR code from these to view and order the photos. If you have not received your proof, please inform the school office.

Kidzania

Year 5 went on their school trip to Kidzania this half term. The children were able to replicate real life and earn money after developing their skills in role play job professions such as pilots, fire officers, police officers and DJs! The children had a fantastic time and were complimented on their behaviour, manners and positive attitudes by the staff who work at Kidzania. Well done year 5!





Anti-Bullying Week

As part of Anti-Bullying Week, all children spent time talking about; what bullying is, how to recognise it and what can be done to prevent it. We also looked at other forms of bullying such as social and cyber bullying. The theme this year was 'One Kind Word'. As a school we spoke about the importance of our words and the impact they have on others. Children took part in different activities throughout the week.

House Points

Children are busy earning house points by showing how well they keep the school values – responsibility, respect, resilience and relationships.



Dragon 1002



Griffin 1005



Lion 1102



Unicorn 1149

Well done Unicorn House for achieving the most house points this week!



Some pupils made anti bullying posters, leaflets and booklets.



Football

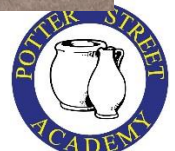
The Y5 and Y6s participated in the qualifying football tournament on Friday November 5th. We had two teams participate and 20 children played in the tournament. The children had a fun day of football where they demonstrated teamwork, communication and perseverance in. A special mention to Max and Aiden in Y6 who scored many wonderful goals and assists.



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Y3 – Colchester Castle

On Wednesday 17th of November, Year 3 went to Colchester Castle to learn more about the Romans and Celts. The children had a great time bringing their history topic to life by building round houses and Roman villas. After exploring the brilliant museum and inspecting various Roman artifacts, they descended into the belly of the castle! There the wonderful tour guide told them the story of Julius Caesar, Claudius and Boudicca and how the Celtic tribes rose against the Romans as they invaded Britannia. It was a fantastic day and the children came away buzzing about all things Romans.



Children In Need

Our School Council led our Children in Need event in school. Thank you for all your donations and thank you to Miss Niven and the School Council for organising the day and raising £179.90.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

26 th November	Inset Day
1 st December	Art Gallery Afternoon
2 nd December	Year 4 to Epping Museum
7 th December	KS1 Christmas Performance – AM
8 th December	EYFS Christmas Performance – AM KS1 Christmas Performance – PM
9 th December	School Panto
10 th December	Christmas Jumper Day Year 2 to Colchester Zoo
15 th December	Y3/4 Carols
16 th December	Christmas Dinner Class Parties
17 th December	School Finishes at 1:30pm – No After School Club

