

November 2023

# NEWSLETTER

## potter street academy news

Dear Parents/Carers,

*It was lovely to see so many of you at our parent consultation meetings in October, giving the children the opportunity to show you all that they have been learning so far this term. I will contact anyone who has not attended to arrange a meeting this week.*

Mrs Kath Holland  
Associate Headteacher

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### School Photos

The children had their individual and sibling photographs taken on 16<sup>th</sup> November. The photography company no longer supply proofs and now use Photo Tickets. 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.

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### Reminder - Primary School Places for Sept 2024

You can apply for a reception school place at an Essex primary school between 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023 and 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024. You must apply by the national closing date of 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Applications received after this date are considered late and will reduce your chance of being offered a place at your preferred schools.

It is the parents / carers responsibility to apply for a school place at the correct times. Essex County Council no longer send letters to inform you to apply for your child's school place.

Applications for a primary school place can be made online via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions)

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### House Points

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



**Dragon 1016**



**Griffin 1002**



**Lion 951**



**Unicorn 1035**

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### The Big Ambition

The Children's Commissioner for England has recently launched 'The Big Ambition' to hear directly from children, young people and parents across the country. The Big Ambition provides a much-needed opportunity for the children of England to tell political decision makers what is important to them ahead of the General Election. Their responses will be shared with the Government to ensure that children's voices are heard.

Children or parents can complete the survey here:  
[www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition)



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## Sporting Events

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Children from KS2 attended a team building festival. The children had the opportunity to join in lots of different sports including football, bench-ball, golf and hockey. They were also lucky enough to try out the new gym equipment.

The children worked as a great team and had lots of fun!

Year 3 and 4 enjoyed a morning of Boccia. This was a new sport for year 3 who relished in the opportunity to try out something new whilst year 4 perfected their Boccia skills and came first in their group. Well done!



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## Children In Need

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On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November we were very fortunate to be visited by Pudsey Bear! We raised £150.75 for Children in Need, thank you for your kind donations.



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## Raring to Go! Bishops Stortford

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Please see attached publication, it covers events from Raring to Go! Bishops Stortford. It covers events and activities for December, January and February.

[CLICK LINK HERE.](#)



## World Café Day

We celebrated World Café Day on Friday 3rd November. Each class chose a country that reflected members of our school community or their curriculum. We cooked food from different cultures, created artwork, maps, listened to music and spoke the languages of our countries to name just a few of the fun activities! Thank you to staff and volunteers from Passmores who made it such a memorable experience.



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## Book Swap Café

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This term we held our first Book Swap Café, where children and adults were invited to join us to read a story together with a refreshment and snack, children could then swap a book so they could continue reading at home. It was a great event, thank you to all of those that attended and the PTA for providing the refreshments and supporting the event. We hope everyone is enjoying their new books at home!



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## Christmas Bazaar

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Our Christmas Bazaar is being held on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> of December. We are asking that pupils come into school on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December in non-school uniform. Instead of bringing in money, we are asking that children bring in an item from the list below to go onto our tombola stall. Please note that any alcohol that is donated needs to be brought into school by an adult. Here are some suggested items:

Packets/ tubs/ boxes of chocolate/ sweets  
Bottles of drinks  
Toiletries

In addition to this, we would like to hold a teddy tombola. For this to happen we are asking for any teddy donations. Please could they be in a clean and good condition. Teddy donations can be brought in on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December on the non-school uniform day alongside your other donations. Thank you for your continued support with this.

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## Christmas Events

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We have emailed a letter to all parents / carers advising them of all events planned for December on Friday.

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### Y3 - Matilda

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This term Year 3 excitedly headed off to London to watch Matilda the Musical! We were able to see sites such as the O2 and The Tower of London as we made our way to the theatre.

It was an amazing experience for everyone and year 3 thoroughly enjoyed the experience of seeing a West End show.



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### Y5 - Kidzania

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On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, Year Five pupils ventured out to KidZania, in Shepherds Bush, London. They had a very busy day exploring the mini city, taking part in a range of job opportunities to earn and spend KidZos (KidZania's very own currency). They became, pilots, couriers, fire fighters, musicians, graphic designers and detectives - the list goes on! At the end of the day, they spent their KidZos on a little souvenir. The children were well-behaved, polite and a joy to be with - they were not afraid of hard work!





## Y1 – Walton on the Naze

Year 1 enjoyed a cold but beautiful day at Walton on the Naze. They were able to compare the physical and human features they saw there to the ones in Harlow.

'It was so fun'- Jenson. 'It was freezing'- Shavonne.



# Dates for the Diary

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29 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 2 trip to Colchester Zoo
1 <sup>st</sup> December	Badminton festival at Mark Hall, KS2
7 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 4 trip to Epping Forest Museum
	Christmas cheerleading festival at Mark Hall
8 <sup>th</sup> December	AMA PE at Mark Hall, years 5 & 6
	Christmas bazaar
	Christmas jumper day
12 <sup>th</sup> December	School panto at Passmores - Cinderella
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Years 2 and 3 Carols to school
	EYFS and Y5 road safety talk / walk
	EYFS / Y1 performance - PM
14 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS / Y1 performance – AM.
	Flu immunisations
	Year 2 and 3 carols to parents
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Reward trip
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 trip to Imperial War Museum
20 <sup>TH</sup> December	Rock Steady parent concert – 09:30am
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas dinner
21 <sup>st</sup> December	Class parties
	Non-uniform day
	Last day, finish at 1:30pm (no after school club)

