



# THE WEEKLY FLIGHT

## PADDINGTON RAFFLE WINNERS!!

Paddington Watch - Alena (Mallards), Daniel (Pelicans) and Mrs Grant (6HG)  
Paddington Purse - Margot (3NH), Mrs Kalsi and Mrs Campbell  
Paddington Jigsaw - Elizabeth (Heron)  
Paddington Keyring - Yorkshire (4PH)  
Paddington Figurine - Avani (Kingfishers)  
Paddington Posters - Yusuf (4PH), Kieran (Kingfishers)  
Paddington Goodie Bags - Simona (4FW), Maggie (6HG), Anaya (5JB), Jaya (F2)  
Paddington Soft Toy - Violet (Heron) and Asher (F1)  
Paddington Biscuits Box of Biscuits - Evleen (3KY)  
Paddington Cake made by Mrs Fairy - Isabelle (4PH)  
Fortnum and Masons Hamper - Lottie (3NH)

Congratulations to all those that won! If you have not yet received your prize, please collect it from Mrs Campbell's office on Monday.

## 42 PIECES, BUT 1 WRONG MOVE AND IT'S GAME OVER

This week, on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November, the Pre- Prep Inter House Connect 4 competition will see a new champion at Avon House. Last Year's victor Benjy Flood is now in Year 3 and so has had to give up his title. He has the following advice for this year's competitors, "Keep watching what the other person is doing and don't make any mistakes."

For Benjy, his winning of last year's competition came as a surprise, as although he played with his family, he did not put in any special practice for the tournament. Last year's final was a close affair with nearly all of the 42 counters being used, but one error from his F2 opponent (Hari), meant that he was victorious.

Miss Heath is the driving force behind this inter house competition and said that she wanted to arrange a competition that EYFS and Pre-Prep pupils could participate in. Taking inspiration from a similar game that she plays called, "Ok 4," she thought about running the connect 4 tournament and reminds all participants that playing the game is, "50% luck and 50% skill, so just try your best."

So to this year's competition. With representatives from Mallards, Kingfishers, Pelicans, Cranes, Flamingos and Herons - supported by friends and their heads of houses (and Head Boy and Girl), there was good sportsmanship all round as games took place,

It was clear that the finalist had been practising over the half term as different strategies were deployed. Multiple matches were played until a single pair of winners were left for the grand final - Year 1 Cranes V Year 2 Flamingos.

At one point it looked like it was going to be a draw, until the Flamingos finalist just edged ahead to secure their win at almost the last piece.

Congratulations to all who took part and thank you Miss Heath for running this fantastic event.

Avon House Herald Team

## A HUMAN TIMELINE

This week, Year 3 have begun our new History topic, looking in more depth at the life and times of The Roman Empire. We have discussed what timelines are and how they help us to show the passage of time and events in history.

The children worked as a class to place 12 important time periods and events in the correct order using their knowledge of maths and place value, looking at how long ago this event happened.

They enjoyed forming a human timeline in class and were surprised to learn that the universe was created 13.8 billion years ago.

We will use this knowledge to help us in future lessons when thinking about the differences between Roman times and the world of today.



## MUDLARKING AND MATHS

F2 Mallards and Kingfishers have had a very busy first week back. On Tuesday Kingfishers visited The London Docklands Museum to participate in child led interactive mudlarking activities. There were so many different things to explore as well as the excitement of going on the tube. Mallards are super excited to repeat this trip next Friday.

In Maths this week we have been working out 1 more and 1 less than a number. They used numicons, dice and cubes to practise finding the answer. In Art we have been getting ready for the Remembrance Assembly on Monday by making a poppy using cellophane and red tissue paper.

In Literacy we have started a new book "Not a Box." We used our imagination to design what we would like our box to be.



## SUSTAINABILITY COUNCIL INITIATIVE

Are you tired of those old reading glasses sitting on your dresser, unused and gathering dust?!

Sustainability Council is reaching out to you because we believe your unwanted spectacles could make a world of difference to someone in need.

We would like to collect any unwanted reading glasses. We will take them to a local optician's who will then distribute them to people in developing countries who lack access to affordable eye care. Your donation can help improve their vision and quality of life.

It's easy to donate! All you need to do is pass on any unwanted glasses to your child's class teacher. You can send these in any time throughout the year. Every pair of glasses, no matter their condition, is valuable.

## WEEKLY AWARD - ORGANISATION

This week we have been looking at the value of Organisation and in particular the virtue of resourcefulness - the ability to find quick and clever ways to overcome difficulties. Inspired by our Pelicans, we discovered they have learnt to work together to catch more fish, using their giant beak to take in lots of water, before sieving it out and leaving just their food to eat. We discussed how we can also look to solve the problems we face by looking at the resources we have available to us.

## WEEKLY AWARD - ORGANISATION

Foundation 1: **Avneet**  
Foundation 2: **Charlie & Garrett**  
Year 1: **Hari & Leetong**  
Year 2: **Erin & Nathan**  
Year 3: **Hamza & Benjy**  
Year 4: **Theo & Isabelle**  
Year 5: **Zariyan & Ayaan**  
Year 6: **Sophie & Nicole**

*Next Award - Courtesy*

## PTA VOLUNTEERS

If you are interested in joining the school's PTA or helping out at PTA events, please can you email Holly and Debbie on the PTA email address:

[pta@ahsprep.co.uk](mailto:pta@ahsprep.co.uk)



## WONDERWALL

This week's Wonderwall question was:

*If you were to travel to Peru, what three essentials would you take with you (besides marmalade!)?*

Sam, 3NH: Paddington, a picture of Aunt Lucy, and Mr and Mrs Brown

Emily 3NH and Pola 3KY together would take toys, camera and a hat

Deedee, 3KY: a picture of me and Paddington, clothes and marmalade sandwiches

Alanna, 4FW: I would take oranges for Paddington

Harpreet, 4FW: I would take marmalade for Aunt Lucy and Paddington

Goldie, 5KI: I would bring my blanket for warmth, some goodies and clothes

Liana, 5KI: I would take my friends, clothes and Paddington

Miles, 6HG: My guitar for entertainment and some spare clothes for some sort of emergency

Miss Parfett: My guitar, my Bible and a pocket translator in case they don't understand my Spanish!

## MELTING POINTS

In Year 4 Science, the children researched the melting point of different materials. Did you know that, with a melting point of  $-39^{\circ}\text{C}$ , mercury is the only metal that's liquid at room temperature? Here are what some of the children thought:

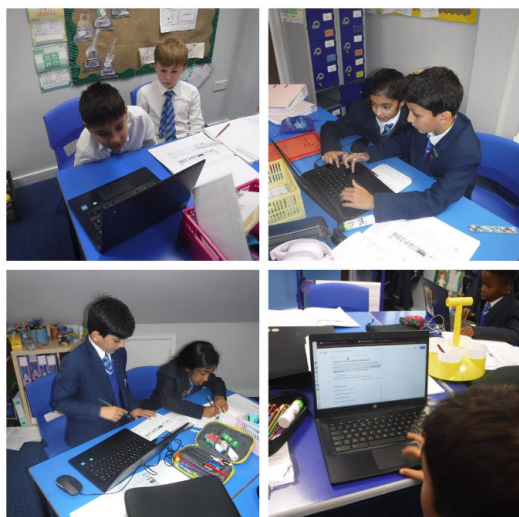
Aiden (4PH): "I didn't know that gold would melt at such a high temperature."

Ethan (4PH): "We thought that aluminium would melt at a higher temperature than gold."

Harpreet: (4FW): "I didn't know that stone could melt, this is really amazing!"

Azrael: (4FW): "The melting temperature was outstanding (below  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ).

Theo: (4FW): "Wax melts at a surprisingly high temperature."



## RRS COUNCIL BIKE DONATION PROJECT

Final reminder further to our email over half-term: if you have an old, unused, unwanted or outgrown bike taking up space, the RRS Council would be delighted to take it off your hands and out of your shed!

The RRS Council is hoping to make a difference to children's lives and playtime in a school where many of the children do not have their own bike.

"We want to help them access their right to play (Article 31 of the UNCRC) and need your help!"

If you have a preloved bike that you no longer want or use, please let the office know by

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> next week.

*Please do not bring any donations to school until notified.*



## SECOND HAND UNIFORM

There is a parent Whatsapp Group devote to Swapping / Selling second hand uniform.

Please find the link to join below: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/FNf-cHoKaiILJgzKBCCd2RG>

## KEY AUTUMN TERM DATES

Thursday 7th November	5.00pm Year 5 Prep for Secondary School Meeting (Year 5 Parents Welcome)
Monday 11th November	8.40am Remembrance Assembly (5JB) @ All Saints' (All Parents Welcome)
Friday 22nd November	8.40am Performance Assembly (Parents of Performers Welcome)
Wednesday 27th November	3.40pm Parent Consultations (F1-Year 6 Parents, pre-booking required) No Clubs
Thursday 28th November	3.40pm Parent Consultations (F1-Year 6 Parents, pre-booking required) No Clubs
Tuesday 3rd December	9.00am F2 Nativity (F2 Parents Welcome)
Thursday 5th December	5.30pm Carols by Candlelight @ All Saints' Church (Prep Parents Welcome) No Clubs
Friday 6th December	3.30pm EYFS Take a Look At My Celebration Book (F1&F2 Parents Welcome)
w/c 9th December	No Before or After School Clubs, Prep Activities & Prep Sibling Film Club is on
Tuesday 10th December	2.00pm EYFS and Pre-Prep Christingle @ All Saints' Church (F1-Y2 Parents)
Friday 13th December	1.30pm Term Ends

## QUEEN ELIZABETH I HUNTING LODGE

On Wednesday 6th of November, Year 5 went to the Queen Elizabeth I hunting lodge. We started the experience with a huge feast on the ground floor of a Tudor hunting house, which had been refurbished to preserve the building. We examined the buffet and found a mistake deliberately put there; metal cutlery was not very common until King Henry VIII introduced the fork! As we went to the top floor, the tour guide quoted, that legend has it, Queen Elizabeth I rode up the stairs of the hunting lodge on her white stallion!

We noticed evidence of the legend - white horse hairs and hoof marks... On the top floor, we examined the artifacts which were used for hunting in the Tudor times. Other artifacts we saw were real life deers antlers/ cow horns and a real deer hide! Afterwards, a volunteer came in to talk about heraldry and we created our very own coat of arms on shields! Next, we learnt the manners of a lady and a gentleman greeting royalty (AKA Dinore and Goldie!) Then, we put on costumes to look like real Tudor nobility and took some photos!

Written by: Jumana 5KI and Tyler 5JB

Here are some quotes from the children:

Dinore 5JB (The Tudor King!): "It was very nice knighting everybody and I feel that I could touch the moon! I enjoyed learning about the Tudor food and would eat the chicken and hog roast, yummy!"

Evie 5KI: "When we were learning about the Tudor food, I would not eat any of it! Except for the lemon..."

Liana 5KI: "It was fun learning about how the Tudors spoke to royalty and I enjoyed dressing up too!"





## PUFFINS GO TO PERU

It was lovely to see all the children back after half term. We had two new Puffins who have joined us this week and they have settled in really well. Our story of the week was 'When is my birthday?' by Julie Fogliano. Children brought their baby photos in and enjoyed guessing who is who.

We have also learnt our first sound this week and practised it by a variety of different, fun games.

Puffins had their first Gymnastics lesson in the Hall this Tuesday morning. They did really well completing the obstacle course set up by Mrs Gleadell and Mr Thornley and impressed us with their jumping skills.

This week, we went on a mindful walk in The Wells where we loved catching falling leaves and spotting bare trees. We have counted 21 in total.

Year 6 pupils read to Puffins in our regular weekly session. Their bond is growing stronger and stronger week by week.

Paddington Marmalade Hunt was so much fun for Puffins who were very quick at finding the hidden jars. Seeing Paddington Bear in real was the highlight of the week.

Thank you for coming all the way from Peru to pay a visit at Avon House!



## MILER OF THE WEEK

This week's Miler of the Week is Soraya in Herons for always trying her best! Well done Soraya!

## FIREWORKS IN CREATIVE CLUB

Pre-Prep Creative Club recreated the colourful spectacles they have observed in the sky during the past week, with their artistic interpretations of fireworks over a cityscape. Discussing the different effects of rockets, fountains, wheels and more, our pupils carefully used oil pastels to draw smooth lines and blend as they wanted. They were most excited to see the glitter, so they could add sparkle to their artwork.

Did you know glitter in artwork actually helps to develop eye muscles, which in turn helps with visual coordination!



## PARKING REMINDER

A reminder to all parents to please park sensibly when dropping off and collecting children. We appreciate that it is busy however double parking, blocking driveways and roads puts everyone's safety at risk.

## STEM AWARD

Foundation 1: **Leo S**

Foundation 2: **Kiran & Lukas**

Year 1: **Huxley & Amelie**

Year 2: **Harry & Elina**

Year 3: **Deedee & Zidan**

Year 4: **Azrael & Adam**

Year 5: **Tyler & Evie**

Year 6: **Kyran & Haris**

## NO PARTY BAGS

A reminder that if it is your child's birthday, they are allowed to bring a fun-sized, small gift or snack in for their class.

Any food items must be sealed and have the dietary and allergen ingredients outlined.



## BOOK EXPLORERS

Well done to our first cluster of intrepid book explorers in Year 2 Pelicans and Herons who have achieved at least 150 'miles' of reading, and have been awarded their first certificate on our new reading challenge.

The reading challenge is available for every child to complete, with house points available.

With each page worth a mile, many children across the school are well on their way to completing next stage. Keep up the good work!



## EXAMS, POPPY SALES, FRACTIONS...WHAT A JOURNEY!

Year 6 have started this term with a bang. There was no settling in this term, as some pupils sat their entrance exams for Brentwood and New Hall – we wish them good luck.

In light of Remembrance Day on Monday, pupils in Year 6 have been on rota to sell poppies and other related merchandise at the front of the school before and after school (Monday morning is the last opportunity to buy!)

In class, we have been looking at Fractions and have been using our knowledge of Evacuee's to think about writing a Journey Tale in English. During Current Affairs, the election in America was a hot topic of conversation, with pupils beginning to develop their own thoughts and opinions on the candidates involved.



## PTA WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP

The PTA are delighted to host a Christmas Wreath Making Workshop on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in the School Hall.

Tickets are £45 each which includes all the materials to make your wreath, nibbles and drinks. The workshop will last about 90 mins.

If you would like to join us, please can you email [pta@ahsprep.co.uk](mailto:pta@ahsprep.co.uk) and include how many tickets you would like to purchase. We will then email to you the PTA bank account details to pay for the ticket(s).

We think it will be a lovely evening and we look forward to you joining us.

Holly and Debbie (PTA Co-Chairs)





MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				1 Make a list of new things you want to do this month	2 Respond to a difficult situation in a different way	3 Get outside and observe the changes in nature around you
4 Sign up to join a new course, activity or online community	5 Change your normal routine today and notice how you feel	6 Try out a new way of being physically active	7 Be creative. Cook, draw, write, paint, make or inspire	8 Plan a new activity or idea you want to try out this week	9 When you feel you can't do something, add the word "yet"	10 Be curious. Learn about a new topic or an inspiring idea
11 Choose a different route and see what you notice on the way	12 Find out something new about someone you care about	13 Do something playful outdoors - walk, run, explore, relax	14 Find a new way to help or support a cause you care about	15 Build on new ideas by thinking "Yes, and what if..."	16 Look at life through someone else's eyes and see their perspective	17 Try a new way to practice self-care and be kind to yourself
18 Connect with someone from a different generation	19 Broaden your perspective: read a different paper, magazine or site	20 Make a meal using a recipe or ingredient you've not tried before	21 Learn a new skill from a friend or share one of yours with them	22 Find a new way to tell someone you appreciate them	23 Set aside a regular time to pursue an activity you love	24 Share with a friend something helpful you learned recently
25 Use one of your strengths in a new or creative way	26 Try out a different radio station or new TV show	27 Join a friend doing their hobby and find out why they love it	28 Discover your artistic side. Design a friendly greeting card	29 Enjoy new music today. Play, sing, dance or listen	30 Look for new reasons to be hopeful, even in tough times	

**ACTION FOR HAPPINESS** **Happier · Kinder · Together**

This calendar can be accessed in different languages here: <https://actionforhappiness.org/calendar#download>

## COLOUR AND COMPOSITION

Year 1 have continued their study around the work of Kathy Hildebrandt in Art. Enhancing their observational skills and encouraging critical thinking about colour and composition, Pelicans and Cranes put together jigsaws of Hildebrandt's work. Discussing the placement of each piece in small groups, once completed the children responded enthusiastically, sharing their interpretations of the still life paintings. There are many familiar toys painted in Hildebrandt's work and Year 1 were amazed by the level of detail they could see in each piece, then using oil pastels they sketched their own still life toy pictures.

Arjun and Dara spoke about their art lessons, "I like drawing toys, I find it easy and I use oil pastels at home. I do lots of art at home and it was fun doing the jigsaw puzzles of the paintings. There is lots of colour in the work." Dara added, "I like colouring but I find drawing tricky. I needed help with the first puzzle but I was better with the second. I like all the toy pictures."



Literacy saw Year 1 learn some new key words; Time connectives and bossy verbs.

Each class looked at different sets of instructions and identified where they could find the commands or connective words.

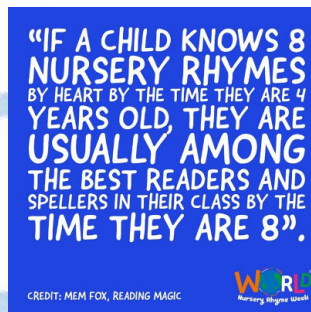
Everyone agreed that Thursday was their favourite lesson as they followed instructions for making a paper plane, identified the key words and tested their creation in the playground to see how well they had followed their instructions!



# WORLD NURSERY RHYME WEEK

Next week, we will be taking part in a 'World Nursery Rhyme Week' by carrying out fun and exciting activities based around the 5 featured nursery rhymes:

Twinkle Twinkle  
Incy Windy Spider  
The Big Ship Sail  
5 Currant Buns and  
Old Mc Donald



Children who develop strong oral language skills during their early years create an important foundation for their later achievements in reading, especially reading comprehension.

Rhymers are readers.



## COMICS AND MATERIALS



Year 2 have had a wonderful first week back. They have been learning the features of how to write a comic and have written some very entertaining comic strips with fabulous illustrations! In science, they have continued with the topic materials that they were learning about before half term.

They were little explorers this week and went for a walk around the school and into the local area to explore the materials they could identify on the different buildings.

The children worked together to identify the materials and discuss if they are natural and man-made.

They enjoyed touching the materials to help them with describing their properties and discussing why those materials have been used for that part of the building.

The children worked well with their partner to sketch the buildings and to label the materials they found.





## ADVENT CALENDARS

RRS Council will be collecting Advent Calendars for the Foodbank from Monday 11th November to Friday 22nd November (Morning).

Please bring any donations into the School Office.



## STAR OF THE WEEK

Foundation 1: **Leo H**  
Foundation 2: **Finley & Darcey**  
Year 1: **Risheek & Maya**  
Year 2: **Darcy & Soraya**  
Year 3: **Evleen & Danial**  
Year 4: **Aubrey & Konstantin**  
Year 5: **Haya & Liana**  
Year 6: **Molly & Imogen**

## SCHOOL CALENDAR DATES

### Week 9 - World Nursery Rhyme Week (F1)

Monday 11th Nov	5JB Remembrance Assembly @ All Saints' Church (All Parents & Grandparents Welcome)
Tuesday 12th Nov	7.45am All Council Meetings
Wednesday 13th Nov	Travelling Book Fair arrives at school
Thursday 14th Nov	Year 5 and Year 6 Swimming Strings Group to LSO at Barbican
Friday 15th Nov	Advent Calendars to Foodbank HLP Event (Pre-Prep Only) 8.40am Year 6 Anti Bullying Assembly (No Parents) Sports Council Update in Assembly 9am-10am New September 2025 F1 Starters Visiting

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## SPORTS FIXTURES

*Please note that Sports Fixtures will be communicated via email directly to parents for those children that have been selected to take part. If a fixture/tournament is postponed or cancelled, you will be informed by the school at the earliest opportunity.*

Friday 15th Nov	ISA London North Football @ St John's, Enfield Prep Inter House Netball (Girls Only)
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AHS Sports Twitter - <https://twitter.com/avonhousesport>

*Please do not contact the School Office to check if a fixture/tournament is postponed or cancelled. Also, please check the fixture/tournament details you receive from the School Office as they will state whether support or no support is able to attend.*