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The winning house is Red and Green House and they will both wear their own clothes to school on Monday.



Reception

We have really enjoyed reading "Meerkat Mail" by Emily Gravett and looking at all the postcards from your days out or holidays, both in the UK and abroad. Thank you for sending us a postcard. We then enjoyed programming the Bee-Bots to hot and cold places on the map of the world. In Maths, we have been exploring what is meant by doubling and have been learning to recognise and represent doubles in a range of contexts.





KS1

Welcome back to our second half of the summer term. The children have enjoyed the opportunity to play outside on the field in the beautiful weather. In Science, we have looked at how materials can be changed by twisting, bending, squashing and stretching. The children had fun making their own models and describing the actions they used to change the shape of the material.

In Maths, Year Two have been learning to read and record different temperatures on a thermometer as well as monitoring the daily temperatures. Following on from this the children have used water to find the capacity of different containers. In Year One, the children have learnt about position and direction and enjoyed practically making different turns and locating objects with a partner by describing their location.





LKS2

This week in Science, the children have been considering their findings from an experiment. The children have observed plants growing in different conditions, trying to mimic the environment on

*By working together, we can ensure our children become confident and positive users of the internet.
Thank you for your ongoing support in promoting digital citizenship among the children.*

Year 6 - Menai

First, we would like to say a huge well done to the year 6 children for their fantastic attitude and behaviour whilst at Menai, on the PHS residential.

The children threw themselves with enthusiasm into every activity and also made lots of new friends from other Poynton and Disley schools.

One highlight was the thrilling canoeing adventure along the Menai Straits. It promoted teamwork, problem-solving skills and the ability to splash lots of water.

There was a taste of geography where the children scoured maps of Poynton area. The team building enabled lots of mixing, socialising and relied on using the skills of different members within a group to problem solve.

The children actively participated in various sports activities, such as kick rounders and cricket, developing their athletic abilities and sportsmanship.

Year Six have relished the opportunity to meet PHS staff and children from other schools, making a positive impression and forming new friendships.

Well done, Year 6.



Gardening Club

The children have grown lettuce which Mrs Grady will be serving in the salad bar at lunchtime.



Commendation Awards

*This is awarded by the class teacher to children who have been demonstrating the school values.
Congratulations go to...*

Ruby G

Sofia S

Seb L

Vladimir B

Max Q

Leo E

Alyas E

Edward S

All the Year 5 children in Mrs Potts'/Mrs Day's class

School Improvement Plan and Parent Survey

Please see the letter attached to the email with this newsletter link on it.

To re cap, our school improvement priorities this year were:

1. To improve outcomes: in mathematics, in writing, and in Early Years

2. To ensure that all subject leaders have a deep and accurate understanding of school's effectiveness in relation to their subject areas

3. Leading on improvements to ensure that the school's outdoor environment has a positive impact on children's personal social and health development.

I am pleased to share that we have made good progress in all of the above areas that has been evidenced by external visits to the school from our Governors, our School Improvement Partner, the local authority and external audits.

We regularly gain pupil voice, but it is also important that we hear how you as parents and carers think that we are doing.

Please could I now ask you to complete the attached parent survey in order that we gain feedback from all stakeholders to feed into our school priorities for the coming year?

Please follow the link and complete by Monday 26th June

[Parent survey link](#)

Cricket

On Monday, children in Year 3, 5 and 6 will be taking part in cricket taster sessions organised by Stewart Garnett who is the Development and Coaching Officer for Cheshire Cricket Board regarding coaching provision in the Macclesfield, Wilmslow and Knutsford area. As the governing body for recreational cricket in the county their key aim for the sessions is to provide an unforgettable first experience of cricket to children, ensuring all pupils experience a measure of success in an environment that promotes teamwork, fair play and respect. Sessions will also allow children to explore a range of physical skills such as batting, throwing, catching, bowling and running. All sessions are delivered by ECB qualified level 2 & 3 coaches with up to date DBS, first aid and safeguarding certificate. They work in partnership with the Chance To Shine (CTS) cricket charity, which is supported by the Youth Sport Trust and Sport England and has reached over 5 million children since its inception in 2005. With school support, they aim to provide an exit route for pupils to pursue their passion beyond the school gates through links with local cricket clubs, in particular with North-East Cheshire Cricket Club, who are looking to boost their mini-Jets numbers this year.

*We are sure that the children will really enjoy the sessions and ask that **Year 3 come to school in their PE kit and the others bring their PE kit, water bottle and wear suncream and hats on the day.***

Safeguarding and Inclusion

Cultural Diversity Assembly

We are delighted to share with you the inspiring efforts of two Year 5 pupils, this week- Izzie and Freyja- who led an assembly on cultural diversity, inclusivity, and the importance of celebrating our differences.

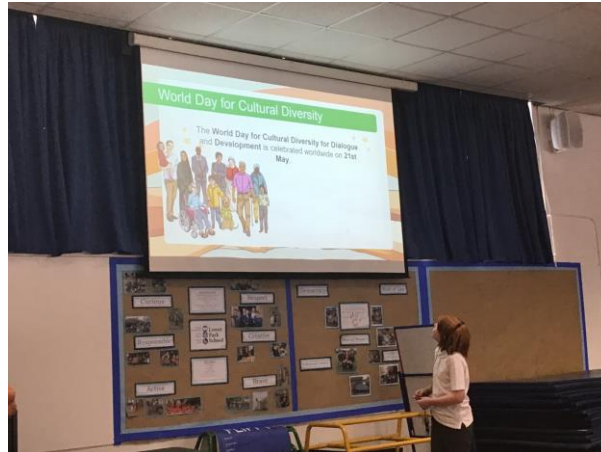
During the assembly, the children watched a thought-provoking CBBC video that emphasised the value of respecting and embracing our differences. It sparked important conversations about inclusivity, empathy, and fostering a sense of belonging.

The pupils also learned about protected characteristics, exploring the attributes that make each person unique. They were reminded of the nine protected characteristics defined in the Equality Act 2010: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation.

The main focus of the assembly was to empower students to promote inclusivity and ensure that everyone feels welcomed and accepted within our school community. The Year 5 pupils shared practical strategies such as embracing differences, showing kindness and respect, challenging stereotypes, practicing active listening, and reporting issues of discrimination.

We were truly impressed by the confidence and maturity demonstrated by our Year 5 pupils. They helped inspire their peers to embrace diversity and foster an inclusive environment within our school.

We kindly request your support in reinforcing these messages at home. Encourage your child to engage in conversations about cultural diversity, promote empathy, and celebrate differences. Together, we can create a welcoming environment where every child feels valued and included.



Parents Safety Net- keeping children safe online during summer holidays

Summer holidays – Parents guide to help keep children safe online

School's out for summer!

It's always best to be prepared

During the summer holidays, without the distraction of school, internet usage for many young people can increase all the way up to September. This guide is designed to help parents with a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games. Please click on each image below for more information.



A Parent's Guide to Social Media



A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures



A Parent's Guide to Gaming



A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming



A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming



A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers



A Parent's Guide to Fake News



A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school if you would like to attend a parents internet safety workshop or have any concerns.

Schools please [contact us](#) if you would like a SKIPS Safety Net session delivered to your parent groups or staff.

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Staffing



Please join with me to pass on our best wishes to Mrs Mellor, who will sadly be leaving us at the end of the summer term. She is relocating to a beautiful spot in Derbyshire where she plans to spend more time with her lovely family and doggie. Mrs Mellor has been at Lower Park for twenty years and refers to us as her 'second family'. She is a very talented lady and will be greatly missed, just as I know she will miss us, but we wish her the best of luck with this exciting new venture.

Diary Dates



Here are some of the key dates coming up, but please check School Spider or the [website calendar](#) for up to date information on your children's events.

Term dates for 2023/2024 are now on the website [here](#)

19th June - Last day to bring photo orders in to school

19th June - Year 6 to Poynton High School for the morning

19th June - KS2 Cricket Taster Day (see above for details)

19th-21st June - Year 4 Tattenhall residential

*21st June - One Adventure for Year 3 - **Year 3 only PE kit all day and packed lunch***

21st June - 1-4pm Sports day for Yr5 at Poynton High School

*23rd June - Nature Day - **All wear comfortable clothes (joggers, T-shirt, hoody)and trainers. Please try to travel to school sustainably***

Tuesday 27th June - KS1 Explorers workshop

4th July - Year 3 trip to the Silk Museum

7th July - Year 4 trip to the Silk Museum

11th July - KS2 production at PHS - date to be confirmed

17/18 July - Y6 Bikeability

18th July - Open Evening 5:00-7:00

19th July - Y4 Bikeability

20th July - PTA Disco

24th July - 6:30 - Y6 Prom

Community noticeboard

Poynton Music Academy

This is a fantastic transition opportunity for children to meet other students coming to the same high school in September or in years to come.

Calling ALL Year 3-13

Singers, Brass, Woodwind & String Players

Mondays 5-7pm

@ Poynton High School



SCAN ME

Please view our website for further information and to see if there is an ensemble to suit you...



<https://tts.google.com/pba.trustlearning.org.uk/www.poyntonmusicacademy.com/home>

FREE!

POYNTON
ARTS FESTIVAL



ART TRAIL!

Follow the clues to find the answers!

Find out about 12 different artists living, working and thriving in creativity in our region.



Find the clues on Park Lane, all week...



**25th June
- 2nd July 2023**

To participate: pick up the free leaflet from either the Civic Hall or Mates DIY. Read the map, find the answers to the clues, solve the anagram, have fun with friends and family!

Come and join us!

Upcoming Event