

Poringland Primary School and Nursery

Happy-Active-Inspired-Healthy Learners
Respectful, Kind and Honest



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Friday 13th December



DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS,

A huge thanks to the PTA who are working really hard at the moment. The disco was a great success last Friday after a brilliant Christmas Fayre. The Rainbow Boxes look amazing and thanks for bringing in great things for this. We will have the official draw on Monday and let you know who the winners will be. All these events raise vital money to allow us to make things happen at our school like our wonderful play areas. Thanks to those who have helped us.

This week has been a very busy one full of the magic of Christmas. We have had our Reception Nativities in the studio, two Year 1/2 'Christmas with aliens' performances and a Year 5/6 'Christmas extravaganza.' I was lucky to see two of the performances but sadly missed the Reception Nativity. All clearly went really well and we had great audiences on each day. Thanks for helping us control the numbers and I really hope that you enjoyed watching the children singing and dancing and having fun. Next week we will have the Year 3/4 performances on Tuesday and Wednesday.

It takes a lot of team work from the staff to find time in the hall to practice and lots of practice for the various dances and gymnastics on show. A big thanks to the staff for working so hard with limited time to make the shows so special. We have had Christmas lunches in the hall this week for all the children and they have gone well and been fun.

HAVE A LOVELY WEEKEND.

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This Week's Vision and Values Award winners



Upton and Hickling

All of year 1 for amazing singing and dancing during our Christmas performances - the whole of the Year 1 team are so very proud of you all - well done!

Rockland

Rockland Class for their hard work in the Christmas Show. They were all amazing!

Salhouse

Noah for having an excellent attitude towards your learning and challenging yourself with your writing.

Malthouse

Bailey has been working so hard in maths lessons and has impressed us all with his effort and enthusiasm. He is also a really kind and helpful member of the class.

Wroxham

Tommy for amazing effort rehearsing our Christmas Spectacular!

Brundall

Maisie for making a huge effort to stay focused throughout the week and producing fantastic work in English lessons. Great job Maisie!

Ranworth

Isla this week for her fantastic front cover design for the program cover of our 'Christmas Spectacular'.

Fritton

Trey for enthusiastic and brilliant singing in the Christmas performance

Ormesby

Kayden for a great attitude for learning this week and great behaviour in class!

Barton

Armanda for always demonstrating the school's vision and values. You are a kind, honest and respectful child who clearly enjoys being at school! Well done.

Surlingham

Harley for an exceptional reading of his part of 'Mince Pies' in the Christmas production. He overcame his shyness and belted out his lines like a professional in the West End!

DIARY DATES 2024-25

Monday 16th December

Y1 showcase

Tuesday 17th December

Y3/Y4 Christmas performance 1:45pm

Y2 Showcase

Wednesday 18th December

Y3/Y4 Christmas performance 9:15am

Y1/Y2 Church visit

Thursday 19th December

KS2 Church visit

Friday 20th December

Christmas Jumper Day

Last day of term - Friday 20th December

Pick up at 2pm

Back to school - Tuesday 7th January



Well done to the following children, who have been recognised for working particularly hard on Accelerated Reader (AR) and MyOn. Keep up the good work!

Ari – Rockland

Anastasia – Salhouse

Mark – Salhouse

Isabelle – Salhouse

Edward – Salhouse

Dylan – Salhouse

Isla – Salhouse

Tommy - Wroxham

Casey – Wroxham

Phoebe - Wroxham

Daniel – Wroxham

Arthur – Malthouse

Annabel – Malthouse

Alexa – Malthouse

Ethan – Malthouse

Rudy– Malthouse

Peter – Brundall

Maya – Brundall

Reggie – Brundall

Layla - Brundall

Annabelle - Ranworth

Theo – Ranworth

Natsumi – Ranworth

Phoebe – Fritton

Brooke- Fritton

Daisy – Fritton

Arwen – Fritton

Tobie - Fritton

Maisie - Fritton

Henry - Fritton

Kaiden – Ormesby

Ella - Ormesby

Catherine – Ormesby

Thomas - Ormesby

Ethan – Surlingham

COUNTY CROSS COUNTRY SUCCESS!

On Thursday 28th November, ten of our most courageous and determined pupils competed for South Norfolk at the School Games County Cross Country Finals, held at Langley Prep school (all ten Poringland runners had qualified for the event by finishing in the top ten in the area competition held last month, which was a significant challenge in itself!)

Each of our competitors raced against the 80 best runners in Norfolk for their age group. Over a very tough, hilly course, their individual grit shone through and they achieved some exceptional results!

The following pupils deserve an enormous congratulations for their outstanding efforts:

- Oscar Povey: 39th place in the Year 3 boys race
- Bethany Linden-Ball: 63rd place in the Year 3 girls race
- Peter Bayliss: 13th place in the Year 4 boys race
- Scarlett Skinner: 40th place in the Year 4 girls race
- Oscar Ives: 55th place in the Year 5 boys race
- Esme Goodson: 56th place in the Year 5 girls race
- Jessica Nolan: Wasn't able to finish the race after a fall
- Louis Knight: 7th place in the Year 6 boys race
- Charlie Wilcher: 36th place in the Year 6 boys race
- Johanna Buhler: 18th place in the Year 6 girls race



To top the day off, South Norfolk were announced the overall winners out of the eight School Sports Partnerships competing on the day!



YEAR 5 NEWS

We have had a busy time in Year 5!!!

This week we have been bringing our Science topic to a close: Properties and Changes of Materials. As with many of our lessons, we enjoyed some practical Science and this time we investigated which materials were the best thermal insulators.

In Art, we created some press-prints inspired by Stone Age cave drawings and paintings. As well as showcasing the great talent we have in Year 5, this activity had potential to be very messy!! However, Year 5 worked with due care and diligence so a multi-coloured Christmas catastrophe was avoided!! All parties were most pleased about this and much fun was had in the process!





**OR JUST VOLUNTEER TO HELP OUT AT EVENTS
EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS.**

**Get in touch and email our PTA
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or speak with your child's class teacher.

PTA+
The home of school fundraising

10 REASONS TO JOIN THE PTA

- SUPPORT THE SCHOOL**
The PTA is vital to the success of the school. Funds raised enrich your child's learning and make every student's experience better. Be part of the group that pays for the playground your child loves or funds the library that's their favourite place to be.
- IT'S TOTALLY FLEXIBLE**
Whether you're a full-time parent or working the nine to five, anyone can get involved. It's less commitment than you think, and you don't always have to attend meetings. Small jobs such as designing a poster, distributing letters or running a stall keep everything running smoothly.
- MAKE LASTING FRIENDSHIPS**
Meet and chat to a wider circle of families from different classes and year groups, get to know other parents, and bond over exciting events, socials and get-togethers. Find a place to belong and spend time with others who share your values.
- BE BETTER CONNECTED**
Create closer links with the head, teachers and staff. If you're new to the school, the PTA is an excellent way to find out how things work and become part of the community. If not, you'll still gain greater insight by seeing how things work from both sides.
- BECAUSE IT'S FUN!**
Be part of the team which organises the best events and get-togethers. Dabber over a glass of wine (or two). Suggest your most hare-brained idea and watch as it catches on and everyone wants a piece of the action. Laugh. Cry. Be there for each other.
- LEARN NEW SKILLS**
Everyone has something they can bring to the PTA, but you can also learn new skills by trading with others. Always wanted to perfect that cookie recipe? Not sure how to design a poster? Want to hone your public speaking skills? You can do it with the Support of the committee.
- CHANGE SCHOOL FOR THE BETTER**
Have your say on important decisions. Work with the school and other parents to see where improvements can be made, and implement them. Directly influence the experience of your child and hundreds of others.
- IMPROVE YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING**
Studies show that children whose parents are involved in their education do better in school. Engaging with the PTA shows your child that education is important to you. Play your part in improving the school and watch them
- IT'S NOT JUST FOR MUMS**
Everyone is welcome, and it's especially important to have dads and male carers represented, as male role models are crucial in children's upbringing. Dads can bring different skills; they can bring a different perspective, and they can bring along other dads.
- CREATE LASTING MEMORIES**
Our children are only at school for a few years, but they will remember the difference we make for a lifetime. They will cherish the activities and games we find, learn using resources we buy, and remember the events we hold. Help keep the PTA going so future pupils can benefit too.