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Dear parents and carers,

We hope you enjoy our new look newsletter! The team has worked long and hard to make it into a format where we will be able to share key messages and celebrate the achievements of the children. As ever, if you have any suggestions or comments we are always open to suggestions.

Here at The Ferns we could not be prouder of the children since their return to school at the start of January. It's really important to us that we have the very highest expectations for the children. We want the children to leave The Ferns not only as confident and competent readers, writers and scientists but as well-rounded young humans who understand the value of hard-work, honesty and kindness amongst other positive values. Mrs Ford and myself have been blown away by the children's efforts in both regards. They are working incredibly hard to reach their academic potential and also show us, again and again and again, what lovely, polite children they all are.

Both Mrs Ford and myself were incredibly excited to join the team at The Ferns already, but we are even more excited now we have had a few weeks to get to know the brilliant children and dedicated staff. We know there is work to be done but we know it can be done.

In the meantime, please do come up to us and say hello in the morning. It's always good to put a face to a name!

Enjoy the weekend when it arrives,

Mrs Ford and Mr Gittins

Attendance

Whole school attendance to date: % Whole school target: 96%

Class weekly attendance:

Oak— 84.6%	Willow— 93%	Sycamore— 96.5%
Maple— 86%	Pine— 99%	

Celebration Awards**Citizenship Award Certificate Winners**

Alyssia
Lily-Mai
Sumika
Toby
Shruti

Star Learner Award Certificate Winners

Joey
Ben
Sienna
Finley
Bella



General updates

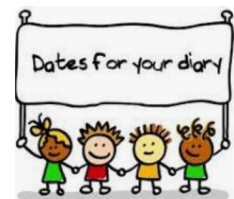
Key Dates

Monday 29th- Wednesday 31st January- Year 6 Residential to Runways End

Monday 5th February – National Child Height and Weight Programme—Reception and Year 6

Tuesday 6th February- Safer Internet Day

Friday 9th February- Last day of half term- Normal Finish



February Half Term Boost your Swimming Progress!

One:One & One:Two & Group Lessons
All abilities & age groups (children
& adults)



www.FinsSwimmingClub.org

Parents Consultations

The next round of parents consultations are taking place on:

Tuesday 6th February 3:30pm—6:00pm

Thursday 8th February 4:00pm—6:30pm

Please make your appointments through your child's Scopay account.

Attendance

At The Ferns Primary Academy we place great importance on good attendance and punctuality.

We know that a child's attendance has a direct impact on their learning. Those children who are regularly absent from school and regularly late do not achieve their potential and do fall behind in class. Please support the school in this by ensuring that your child attends school regularly and arrives ready to learn and on time between 8.35am and 8.45am.

Attendance matters! It is important that your child gets to school on time and aims for 100% attendance!



School Council

School Council have been busy reviewing playtimes over the last 2 terms. We have looked at wet playtimes and outdoor playtimes to see how we can make them better.

As a result we shall soon be introducing Play Leaders who will lead small games, help children to have someone to play with, and talk to children who may need someone to listen to them.

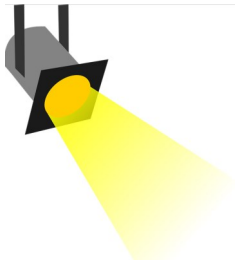
We shall also have Peer Mediators who will perform a pivotal role in supporting children to sort out play time concerns.

Both these roles will allow our amazing, friendly, responsible children to improve playtimes for everyone!





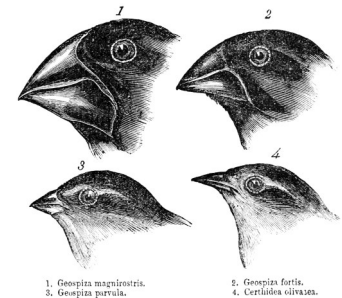
Spotlight on ...



PINE CLASS YEAR 6

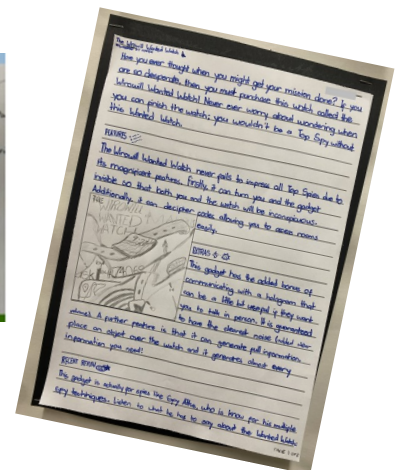


Pine Class have had an excellent start to the Spring term! They have worked incredibly hard inside the classroom, both on their learning and routines, and have made fantastic progress. In science, Year 6 have delved into the world of evolution, discussing how animals have adapted to suit their environments. We used Darwin's finches as an example and planned an investigation to explore Darwin's theory! We also learned about inheritance and, specifically, eye colour. Do you know why you have the colour eyes that you do?



Year 6 have also had a superb term learning through geography. We became geographers and studied maps of our local area and wider world, exploring the different time zones. We wondered when it would be a good time to call a friend who lived in Tokyo, or even Rarotonga in the Cook Islands!

The children have worked their socks off and continue to show the younger years how to focus hard, respect others, and get the most out of their days in school. There are many more examples of superb learning, from writing through to DT, and they continue to make us proud each day! Here are a few snapshots of some of the things Pine Class have been getting up to:





Kite Academy Trust Term Dates & Holidays

2023-2024



September 2023

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February 2024

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April 2024

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May 2024

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June 2024

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July 2024

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- Start of Term
- End of Term
- Academy Holidays
- Inset Day
- Public Holiday
- Kite Academy Trust Holiday