



Panshanger Press - Vol. 2

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Panshanger Primary School

A fantastic start to the year!



Haven't the last 3 weeks flown by!

First of all, I would like to thank everyone who has expressed their excitement towards our new e-Newsletter. I'm glad that you have been able to access it from a variety of devices and it has been clear for all to read. If you 'click' or 'tap' on an image, it should maximise in size. With a group of photos, 'clicking' or 'tapping' should enable you to scroll through multiple photos.

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PTA AGM

The PTA held it's annual AGM last night to celebrate another fantastic year of fundraising for our school and children. We said goodbye to our chair, Gareth Turner, and treasurer, Kelly-Ann Mills, who have both put in amazing efforts over the last few years to keep the PTA running through Covid and oversaw the full refurbishment of the pool – a huge thank you to them both. The new committee was elected as follows, and is supported by a brilliant group of volunteers:

Co-Chair - Sam Twohig

Co-Chair - Lucy Theabould

Treasurer - Sophie Mcdouall

Co-Vice Chair - Karen Collie

Co-Vice Chair - Kelly-Ann Mills

Secretary - Leanne Hall



1 - Sam Twohig



2 - Lucie Theabould



3 - Sophie Mcdouall



4 - Karen Collie



5 - Kelly-Ann Mills



6 - Leanne Hall

To kick off fundraising for this year, our first event is the 100 CLUB. Key dates are as follows:

- Renewals are open - please check the email address you signed up with. Numbers must be paid for by Friday 29th September.
- From Saturday 30th September new players will be invited to join on a first come first served basis. Check your class WhatsApp for the application form.
- From Saturday 7th October existing members will be invited to purchase any remaining numbers.
- The first draw of the year takes place in school on Friday 20th October and 1st winner of up to £100 announced. To learn more about the 100 CLUB or if you have any questions please speak to your class PTA rep!

Dates and details for upcoming events will be shared in the next few weeks.



WINTER COATS, WELLIES & CHRISTMAS CLOTHING SALE

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL THURS 19TH + FRI 20TH OCT

**PLEASE BRING DONATIONS OF CHILDREN'S COATS, WELLIES
OR CHRISTMAS CLOTHING TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE**

**BETWEEN MON 16TH - WEDS 18TH OCT
TO HELP RAISE MONEY FOR THE PTA**

Please ensure any donations are in decent condition and are clean.

New Fitness Equipment

We now have 5 new pieces of fitness equipment purchased using the School Sports Premium Grant. The children have thoroughly enjoyed using it and I hope it continues to provide our children with a healthier lifestyle for many years to come.







Christmas Performance Dates



During the festive season this year, we will be following a similar arrangement to last year. Dates are below so that all who would like to attend have plenty of time to make any necessary arrangements to attend the performances.

Nursery & Reception:

Monday 11th December at 11:00

Tuesday 12th December at 11:00

Years 1, 2 & 3:

Wednesday 13th December at 14:00

Thursday 14th December at 18:00

Years 4 & 5 will then have their performance towards the end of the spring term.

Our Year 6 class will be performing for one last time towards the end of the summer term.

Inspirational People



We have been learning about a diverse range of inspirational people in our classes from the 'Little People, Big Dreams' collection of books.

Nursery: Coco Chanel

Reception: Elton John

Year 1: Neil Armstrong

Year 2: Ernest Shackleton

Year 3: Mary Anning

Year 4: Jane Goodhall

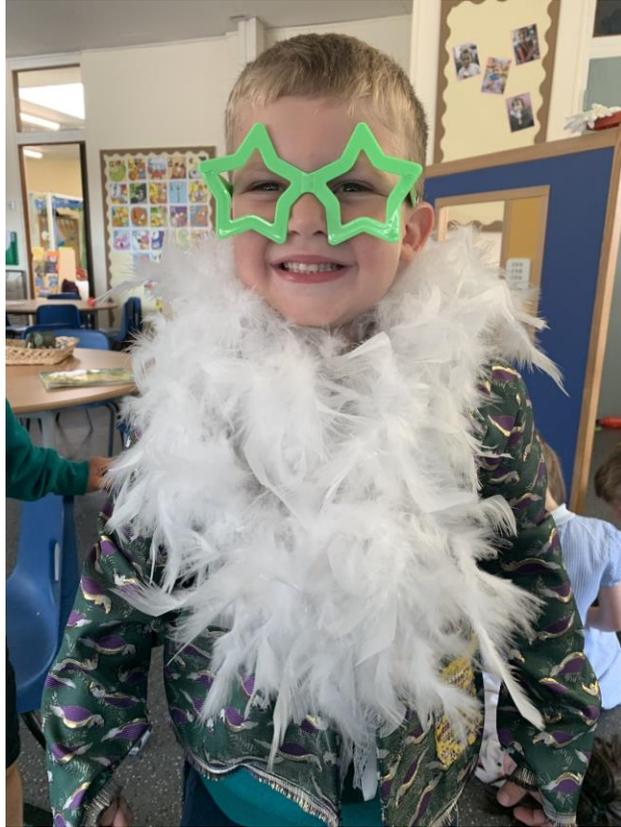
Year 5: David Hockney

Year 6: Anne Frank

Each term, each class will be taking a morning off timetable to learn about a different inspirational person. Our intent behind this is to broaden and enhance the cultural capital of our children. Please talk to your children about who they have learnt about in class and why they are 'inspirational'. You may want to share with them someone who you find inspirational.

The children's learning will be on a display in the dining room and they have created display books to capture their key thoughts.

"Nothing is impossible. The word itself says 'I'm possible!'" — Audrey Hepburn











Parent Consultations



Don't forget
parents,
evening!

Our first parent consultations of this academic year will take place on Friday 3rd November and Monday 6th November.

We understand that some of you will be excited to come in to school and meet your child's teacher face to face, whilst others may find it more convenient if consultations were online. We are going to try and accommodate all by offering both face to face and a limited number of online sessions across the 2 days. There will be sessions reserved for face to face appointments ONLY, there will also be sessions reserved for online appointments ONLY. Teachers will be offering 10 minute slots for each child and will be booked on a first come first serve basis.

Friday 20th October: School will be open for parents and carers to come and look at their children's books in their classrooms from 8:30 - 9:00. You will be able to move between year groups to see all of your children.

Friday 3rd November: All consultations will be face to face between 14:10 and 17:20.

Monday 6th November: Face to face appointments between 15:40 and 17:40. Online consultations from 17:50 to 19:00.

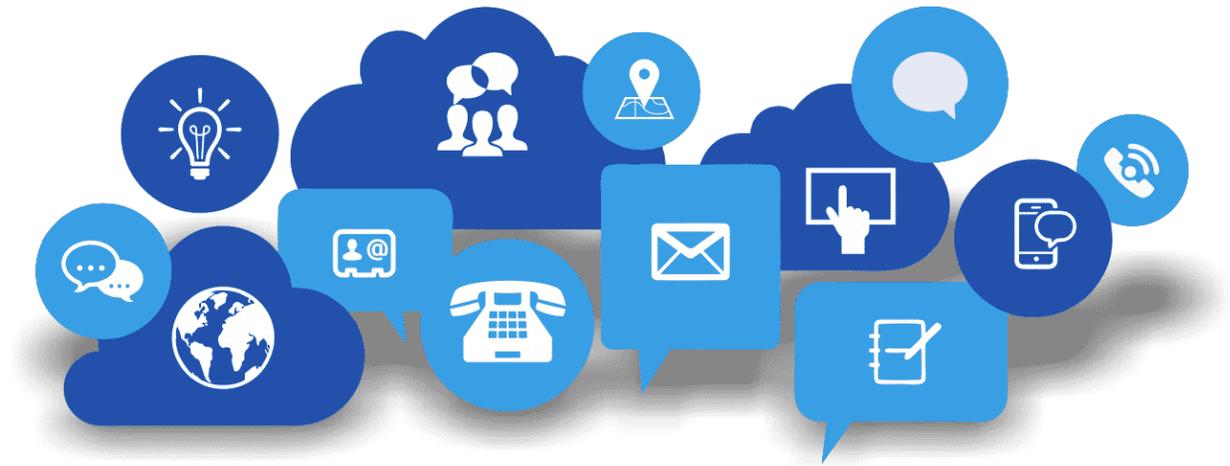
All bookings will need to be made via School Cloud and the booking system will go live on Monday 16th October at 17:30. We have done this to hopefully allow as many parents as possible to book a time slot that best suits them. An email will be released by the office soon so that everyone is aware of how to make a booking.

Mr Longland's Paternity Leave



As some of you may or may not know, my wife and I welcomed our second daughter late in August just before I started at Panshanger. I will be taking my paternity leave next week, Monday 25th - Friday 29th September, where Mrs Reed will be deputising during my absence. I will see you all back on the playground on Monday 2nd October.

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