



Phoenix Primary School

Where we rise to the challenge

Welcome back everyone! Hope you all had a lovely half-term break and are ready for our final half term before the Summer Holidays.

Eco-week

During our final week before half term, we celebrated Eco-week. Each class learnt about and shared their ideas on how we can help protect our planet – ideas such as walking or cycling instead of driving in a car; choosing foods with less packaging; recycling and re-using whenever we can etc.

The children created pictures, posters, models and written work to showcase their learning. Thank you to any parents and carers who were able to come into school on the Friday to see the fantastic work. Thank you to the teachers and LSAs for planning such lovely activities for the children.

Let's keep working together in our Phoenix Community to look after our wonderful world. 😊

Grasshoppers Class Assembly – Celebrating the Buddhist Festival of Wesak



A huge thank you and well done to the Grasshoppers (Y5) children and all the staff for creating such a wonderful assembly during the last week before half term. We all enjoyed learning about Wesak, also known as Buddha Day, which is a significant Buddhist festival that celebrates the birth, enlightenment, and death of Gautama

Focus this Half Term: Eating Healthily at School

It is well-known that eating a healthy, balanced diet improves our physical health, but did you know it improves our mental health too? Making small changes to improve our eating habits can have enormous effects on our well-being.

School Meals

Our school lunch food is provided by the company Food for Thought, who have done lots of research to make sure all of the food on the menu is tasty and has the right amount of vitamins, minerals, protein, carbohydrates, fibre and fats for healthy growth. Many children at Phoenix enjoy a hot school meal every day. However, we have noticed that a lot of children who stay for lunch choose a sandwich or wrap, and ignore the hot food choices, which means they are not benefiting from the carefully planned hot meals.

Packed Lunches

While many children bring a healthy packed lunch, we have noticed that some children have items such as sweets, crisps and other processed foods, which are often packaged individually. These foods are less health for us and the packaging is bad for the environment, producing lots of waste (as we learnt about during Eco-Week).

Our School Food Ambassadors (SFAs) are determined to help Phoenix families make healthier food choices.

Last half term, Linda from Magic Breakfast (the company who contribute to our Breakfast Club) did an assembly about the importance of breakfast and what kind of breakfast food is best for fuelling us through the day. She met with the SFAs and they shared why they thought many children don't try the hot meals, and we discussed ideas on how to encourage this.

Yesterday, Megan and Kerry from Food for Thought did an assembly, with the help of our SFAs, to help children understand what kinds of food are good for us to eat and why.

The SFAs are creating a plan of action to encourage children to choose healthier options. They are going to have their own page on the school website and will update you very soon with their plans, which include a menu-tasting afternoon! 😊

Buddha. The children's acting, humour and artistic skills were inspirational!

Well done and thank you to our fabulous SFAs who helped in assembly: Sam, Ritaj, Rose, Lucy, Mahmood, Jacob, Esma, Joanna, Evie, Shivan, Abraham, Leo, Ella, and Jayden.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 2nd June – Friday 13th June – Y4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)

Monday 9th June – Friday 13th June – Phonics Screening Check

Tuesday 17th June – Y6 School Photographs

Thursday 19th June – Movie Night (3:30 – 4:45pm)

Friday 20th June – Sports Day (9:15am)

Wednesday 25th June – Music Summer Showcase (2:15pm)

Wednesday 2nd July – Year 6 Transition Day

Friday 18th July – Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 11am

- Last day of term – finish 1pm

Phoenix Fun Facts

Most of us know that a 'Phoenix' is a mythical bird, symbolizing renewal and rebirth from the ashes of an earlier civilization, but

Did you know...

that Phoenix is also a city!

See if you can find out:

- ❖ Which country the city is in
- ❖ Which continent it is in
- ❖ What the weather is like there
- ❖ And any other fun fact you can find out about the place

Sports News from Mr Kelly

Phoenix Success in Cricket Comeback!

Phoenix Primary School Vs Windsor Primary School - What a match!

Thursday 22nd May will live long in the memory of the Phoenix Cricket Team - a historic win, our first outside and a real testament to the young side's attitude and ability to learn quickly!

There were contributions from all members of the team, wickets from Jacob T and Hamidullah, which helped to keep the Windsor Primary score to 54. Special mention to Rafael in Y5 who pulled off an incredible diving stop to prevent a four!

This meant we required 54 to win - a tough ask, especially against a good team who have plenty more experience than us. Although we started slowly, we did not lose any wickets and fended off some incredible bowling. Special mention to Gwyn and Haryad, who both managed to score some runs, hitting four boundaries between them and getting us closer to the target score.

It came down to Phoenix needing 8 runs off two balls, not an easy feat! The penultimate ball of the match went for four past the wicket-keeper. Meaning we needed four off one ball to win the match - the bowler ran in and released a quick ball right at the stumps. We held our breath as Hamidullah drew his bat back and crashed the ball long over the midwicket boundary for six! Phoenix win and a new cricketing superstar was born!

A huge well done to the team, onto to our next fixture and hopefully another league win. Huge thank you to Mr Rubio for giving up his time not just for cricket but every sport fixture we have attended so far this season!

Sports Event at Greenbank

This week some of our pupils will have the opportunity to visit Greenbank Sports Centre to take part in an LSSP event linked to athletics and disability sport. We are very grateful to the LSSP for inviting us to attend this event and we look forward to hearing what different sports our pupils have taken part in.

Another special mention must go to our high jump trialists who went to St Antony's of Padua Primary School to practice their high jump technique. For many of the children it was the first time they had attempted this and they all demonstrated a good understanding of what is a very complex skill. Two Year 5 boys even managed to clear a height of 1 metre 15 centimetres – a superb achievement for their first effort. Well done Haryad and Pleroma!

You may be chosen to share your facts
in Celebration Assembly on Friday 😊.

Special thank you to St Anthony's for allowing us use of their hall and
equipment.

Term: Spring Term Date: 2nd June 2025 Headteacher: Mrs T. Cheung