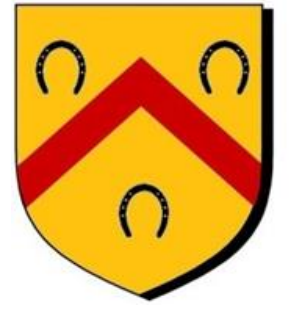


# The Pochin School

## Newsletter 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023



Dear Parents, Governors and Friends,

### Celebrations!

We would like to wish a Happy Diwali to many of our families who will be celebrating Diwali all across Leicester and the world. We would also like to wish a happy Bandi Chhor which is also celebrated this Sunday by some of our families and the world wide Sikh community. We hope you have a wonderful day celebrating with family and friends.

### Diwali Day

The children had a wonderful day celebrating Diwali. They enjoyed the wonderful Dance classes by Mrs Lakhani in the morning and enjoyed a very informative assembly where all the children learnt the true meaning of each of the 5 days in which Diwali is celebrated. This was given by Mrs Raja - one of our Pre-school parents. The assembly finished with Niyah (year 5) performing an amazing dance to the whole school. I was very impressed with her confidence and ability to dance in front of her peers. She inspired us all. Our Diwali lunch of Korma Curry was a great hit and the children have requested this to be on our menu. All the staff loved it as well - everyone come back for seconds! Please see pictures below.

### Children in Need - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November - Sparkle and Shine

We look forward next Friday to celebrating our Sparkle and Shine children in need day. Children may dress up in anything that sparkles and shines for a donation of £1 to this great cause. Mrs Partridge will be organising a bring and buy cake sale on this day. Children that wish to participate can bring shop or home made cakes, but they must be from a nut free environment. Shop bought cakes can be purchased at break time for a donation of 50p, home made cakes (please provide a list of ingredients) go on sale after school at 3:10 in the village hall. Children can purchase one cake in the day and more at the afterschool sale.

### School Interviews for leadership roles

Your child next week maybe invited to an interview with the school council, if successful they will receive an offer letter of employment through the post!

### Thank you to all the parents and pupils who have support the RBL Poppy appeal.

The year 6 pupils have been amazing at selling the items each breaktime. The children have learnt about Amnesty day and Remembrance Sunday this week. Preschool were very proud of the play dough poppies they made and came to show all the teachers and classes across the whole school!

### Water bottles

We have had a number of accidents over the past two weeks in class. There are many water bottles that have been dropped, knocked, spilt etc. This is causing a lot of damage to the carpets especially when they contain liquids other than water. The school is starting to smell like a fruit shop! Can we please encourage parents to only put water into water bottle and maybe provide a juice/ squash drink with their child's lunch. Water bottles will also in many classes be kept by the sink to avoid the spillages in the classrooms.



## Head Teacher Awards

The following children have worked extremely hard and this has been celebrated by the pupils receiving awards in front of their peers.

**Jaya, Mason, Rani, Hugo R, Sia P and Paris**



## Diary Dates

### **November:**

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> - Children in Need - Sparkle and Shine £1 donation  
Tue 21<sup>st</sup> - Stirring the Pudding Service 9am  
Thu 30<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 WWII day in school

### **December:**

Fri 8<sup>th</sup> - Flu vaccine  
14<sup>th</sup> - Year 3 Nativity 2pm and 5:30pm  
15<sup>th</sup> - Whole school Panto visit  
19<sup>th</sup> - KS1 Nativity 2pm and 5:30pm  
20<sup>th</sup> Whole School Christmas Service 8:50am  
21<sup>st</sup> - Whole School Christmas Lunch  
21<sup>st</sup> - School Christmas Disco 6-7:30pm  
22<sup>nd</sup> - School Closes for the Christmas holidays

### **January:**

8<sup>th</sup> - School reopens for Spring Term

### **February:**

16<sup>th</sup> - School closes for February Half Term Holidays  
26<sup>th</sup> - School opens

### School Dinners 2 main choices with sides, bread and dessert

**Mon-** Cheese and Tomato pizza with pasta salad  
**Tue** - Chicken/Veg Fajitas with wedges  
**Wed** - Roast of the day  
**Thur** - Creamy chicken and broccoli bake or Veggie bolognaise with garlic bread  
**Fri** - sausages or cheese and bean pasty with chips

Jacket potatoes available. (please email the office by 9am Monday to order for the week ahead stating which date and filling your child would like)

### **Cultures Celebrated within our School**

British Value of the Term  
Tolerance  
Pochin Value of the Term  
Optimism



