



Putteridge Primary School

Newsletter Issue No. 5

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

The first calendar month of the new year has disappeared in a flash and February is upon us already.

What a busy 4 weeks it has been, with NSPCC assemblies, the Dental Team visiting Foundation Stage, Rachel Hopkins delivering an assembly to Key Stage 2 and meeting representatives from the School Council, and Town Athletics finals. Please see the different sections within the newsletter to find out more information about some of these events.

Thank you to all the gardeners that answered our call to help with moving 4 big bags of top soil to the sensory garden. Your help was very much appreciated.

Mrs Ridley and her team are busy preparing for our Chinese New Year lunch – please see the separate section and discuss with your child beforehand about which choice they would like to have.

Kind regards,
Colin Pickard
Headteacher



Chinese New Year menu

A reminder that there will be a special Chinese New Year menu on Thursday 8th February.

The Chinese New Year menu choices are:

Red

Chinese chicken curry

Green

Sweet & sour Quorn

Yellow

Jacket potato with baked beans and cheese



Attendance Figures



Well done to our weekly attendance winners for the month of December, who are listed below:

Week ending

05/01/24

12/01/24

19/01/24

26/01/24

02/02/24

Key Stage 1 & EYFS

Red Class (100%)

Red Class (99.63%)

Blue Class (96.92%)

Purple Class (99.33%)

Yellow Class (98.52%)

Key Stage 2

5S (100%)

5R (99.33%)

5R & 6N (99.33%)

4U (98.00%)

6N (100%)

Values Programme

The value for the month of February is

‘Honesty’



February half-term

School finishes at the **normal time of 3.30pm** on **Friday 16th February**.

School will be closed from Monday 19th to Friday 23rd February for the half-term break. All children will return to school at 8.45am on **Monday 26th February**.

Rachel Hopkins visit



On Friday 19th January, Putteridge Primary welcomed Rachel Hopkins, MP for Luton South.

Rachel met the children in Key Stage 2, as she delivered an assembly on her role as an MP, why she became an MP and what it is like representing the people of Luton in Parliament. There was an opportunity for the children to ask Rachel questions about her role, including any tips that she might have for later life.

Rachel then met with representatives of the School Council, responding to a variety of extremely well-thought out questions that included:

- Are there any negatives to being an MP?
- What has been your biggest success since becoming an MP?
- What sort of problems do you solve as an MP?
- What do you plan on accomplishing in the future as an MP?

The children were also able to share the reasons why they really enjoy their learning and what is so great about the school.

Rachel was very complimentary of her visit to Putteridge stating:

'Putteridge Primary's School Council gave me a good grilling this morning with lots of intelligent questions about Parliament, elections and politics. It was lovely to hear about why they love their school!'

I also spoke in assembly about my role as their Member of Parliament. The school had a warm, welcoming atmosphere and the pupils were all so well behaved!'

We look forward to welcoming Rachel back for a follow-up visit.

Sports Corner



Athletics Finals – 10th January

The finest athletes from across the town met to battle it out for the top 3 spaces in the January Luton Athletics Finals. Having qualified with both our Year 4 and Year 5&6 teams, Mr Horton & Miss Ali were in for a busy day. All of the children from Putteridge performed incredibly well - the Year 4s finished just outside the qualifying place in 4th, and our superstars in Year 5&6 finished 2nd, earning themselves a place in March's County Finals in Bedford. A huge well done to all of the children who took part – we are immensely proud of your achievements!

NGYT Dance – Spring 1

The children of Putteridge Primary school have been incredibly lucky to be working with a local group called NGYT, Next Generation Youth Theatre, seen recently on BBC 1. The children in Year 1, Year 3 and two of our Year 4 classes have been working on some fantastic routines and having lots of fun with our wonderful dance teacher Lauren.

Multi Sports Festivals – 17th & 24th January

We ventured out to Inspire twice this month with children from Year 3 and Year 6 to take part in a sports festival, which included games and activities such as badminton, volleyball, table tennis & archery. The children were fantastic ambassadors, who tried their best, had fun and stayed active throughout the event...with one child saying 'This is the best PE lesson ever'.