



**Edition 3: Friday 24th September
2021**

Eco Schools Update

The Eco Council had their first meeting this week and have planned out their actions for the year ahead. Keep an eye on our school blog on our website for Eco updates <https://www.pdp.w-berks.sch.uk/blog>

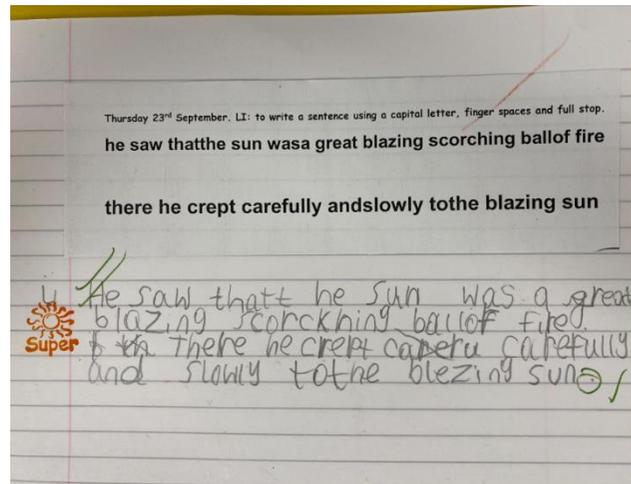


This week at Parsons Down...

- ✓ The week quite literally started with a bang as the **demolition of the Infant School building began**. The children have been fascinated with the diggers but we do appreciate how many memories the building holds for our community. We haven't forgotten about our promise to gather memories.
- ✓ We're really enjoying our **sports lessons** with Mrs B. A letter went out about clubs yesterday. We are starting with Key Stage 2 but will be looking to include Key Stage 1 as soon as we can.
- ✓ **Attendance** has been steady since the beginning of term and I know that the usual bugs and germs have been doing the rounds. Attendance for EYFS and Keys Stage 1 was 97% this week and for Key Stage 2 it was 95%. I am aware that with travel restrictions easing slightly families are looking to book holidays. **Our term dates are in our school handbook and we do not authorise absences for holidays.**
- ✓ **Home School Triangles** and forms for collection at the end of the day went home last week. Please make sure they are returned.
- ✓ **You should have received a Year Group newsletter** with more information about your child's year group. Don't forget there is a wealth of information on our website. This includes our 2021-22 handbook with term dates and important information about the Partnership <https://www.pdp.w-berks.sch.uk/>
- ✓ Miss Shepherd sent out a letter about this year's **Harvest Festival**. Once again, we are supporting the local foodbank. Donations can be brought in on Monday 27th September and we will be having harvest themed assemblies that week for the children.
- ✓ We said a fond farewell to Mrs Maher who is embarking on the next stage of her career and next week we will be saying good bye to Mrs Freeborn. We would like to say a huge thank you to both of them for their long association with the Partnership and the lives they've shaped. We are currently recruiting, head to the website for more information.

Finally, be kind, be safe, be respectful, Mrs Bull







Gabby, Toby, Charlie, Amber

Evolution of life on Earth ↓

<p>4500 million The Earth was formed from a big cloud of dust and rocks. Meteorites crashed into it volcanoes erupted and there was no life.</p>	<p>3500 million By about 3500 million years ago a more 1000 million year jump first signs of life appeared! The first living beings were microscopic single-celled organisms so small you can't see with the naked eye.</p>	<p>2,500 million We have something happening Oxygen some single celled called organisms had started to release Oxygen.</p>	<p>1500 million and so by 1500 million years ago these microorganisms have split into three distinct groups the ancestors of plants, fungi and animals.</p>	<p>900 million Single cells had teamed up to form multicellular life which led to bigger organisms with things like mouths, limbs and some organs.</p>
<p>555-530 million The fossil record shows us an explosion of life.</p>	<p>475 million It wasn't until 475 million years ago that basic land plants started appearing.</p>	<p>30 million Mammals survived the meteorites that nearly wiped out the dinosaurs 65 million years ago. From early shrews like mammals mammals of all shapes and sizes evolved and spread all over the earth in water on land and in the sky.</p>	<p>165 million About 65 million years ago they nearly all went extinct as another huge mass extinction. There are still some dinosaur fragments around today including all birds.</p>	<p>225 million Plants got really interesting! About 225 million years ago became dominant on the land. In the history of Earth. Whopping out almost all living things!</p>
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