



Petersgate Post: 21st March 2025

Mrs Mitchell's 'Message of the Week'

It feels like spring has finally sprung this week with the lighter evenings, warmer sunshine and all the daffodils bursting into life around the school grounds. Thank you to our wonderful parent volunteer for working with the staff and children in planting the bulbs earlier on in the academic year.

As usual it has been a busy couple of weeks here at Petersgate, with class assemblies starting to take place, with more to follow in the coming term. All dates for the term will be released soon, as you know, the summer term can be incredibly busy and we need to ensure that are events are spaced out and organised in order for staff to prepare but also for parents to balance attending multiple events and for attending potentially multiple events for siblings within the school. We will keep you abreast with things to come shortly.

Health & Wellbeing Tips



As the weather starts to turn and spring starts to emerge, it is an ideal time to go out for a spring walk noticing the signs of spring. Can you identify different song birds building on from the Ruby Robin award challenge?

Can you spot spring blossom which is starting to grow on the trees? Can you start to see the spring flowers and name them as you walk around the village?

Another fun activity, if you go for a walk in the woods, is to build a den using all the natural material of wood, sticks, flora and fauna and any other natural materials you may find which has fallen onto the floor. We would love to see your creations on Seesaw.



Scholastic Book Fair & Competition

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who came along to the book fair and supported our school. We made **£931.66!**

This means we have **£465.83** to spend on books for our school library.

Mrs Mitchell has already found a few to add to our collection and will order more in the coming days.



Lunch Leader Job Vacancy

We have a job vacancy available here at Petersgate.

Do you enjoy working with children, are you caring, enthusiastic & well organised? Come and join our friendly team.

Lunch Leader : We need you to join our team of 'super' lunch leaders.

Please [CLICK HERE](#) for more details.

Attendance and Punctuality for 10th—21st March

Whole School Attendance = **96.07%**

(National Average = 94.6%)

Best Attendance: **Deer class = 97.5%**

Best Timekeepers: **Squirrel class (on time everyday!!)**





Safeguarding

We continue to see cars coming up the driveway, sometimes faster than we would like. Mrs Mitchell has liaised with the pre-school regarding parking on site. Please can I ask that all parents and families avoid the driveway during drop off and pick up.

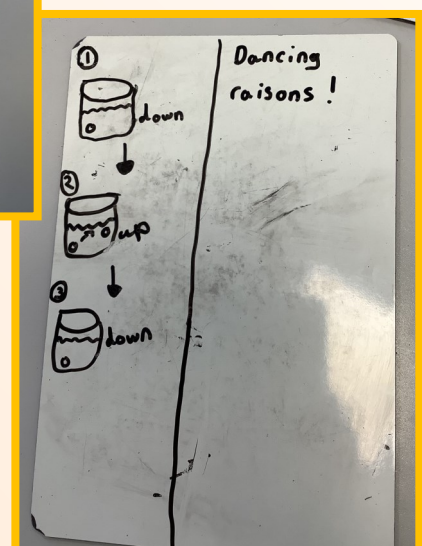
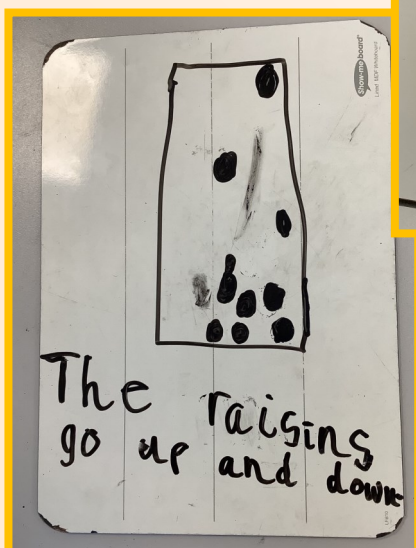
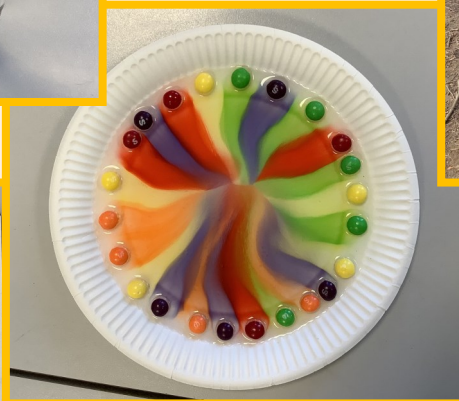
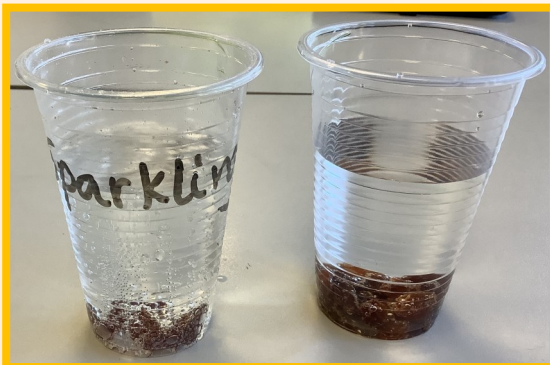
Moving forward the main car park gate will be closed from 8.30am during morning drop off to deter anyone driving down the drive. So the main pathway will need to be used to walk up and down to the main entrance. But as parents, carers and families are now using a range of entrances onto site, the foot traffic is not as busy down the path.

Parking—roadworks Drift Road

Due to the road closure on Drift Road at the moment please can we ask you consider parking a little further away or park at the Community Centre and walk into school as around the school roads have become more congested. This week this area was gridlocked on one morning this week, if an emergency vehicle needed to access any of the houses, businesses or Petersgate, they would not have been able to get through.
Thank you for your cooperation.

Science Day

The whole school took part in Science Day and had lots of opportunities to explore, be curious and experiment. Year 2 completed the skittle experiment and dropped raisins into still and sparkling water to see the difference. They also went to the woodland area to see how they could adapt and change their dens to make it meet the scientific word e.g. camouflage, transparent.



PoPS

Asda Cash Pot—THANK YOU TO EVERYONE that signed up to the Asda Cash Pot recently, we received **£329.66**.



Quiz Night—Friday 28th March at 7pm (Adults only)

Families and staff have been sent an email and flyer with more information about the Quiz Night. [CLICK HERE](#) to complete the online form to sign up for the Quiz night.

Easter Fayre—Friday 4th April

Easter Fayre organising is well under way, we still need more help. If you are free to help with organising, setting up on the day or helping on one of the stalls (even if you can only offer to help for 30 minutes!).

Summer Festival—Sunday 6th July

PoPS are also busy organising for outside companies to attend our Summer Festival. If you would like a stall then please contact Beth.

If you want to find out more about PoPS or join the PoPS team of volunteers please contact Beth popstogether@outlook.com

POPS Quiz

Friday 28th March

7^{pm} for 7:30 start

Quiz, raffle and other games

**£3 per person, max 6 on a team!
cash only on the night, BYOB.**

email PoPS to book at:
popstogether@outlook.com

ADULTS ONLY



We are really proud to be part of the **myHappymind** family.

We are really excited to launch, this week, our Happiness Heroes. As part of the **myHappymind** programme, we would like a group of children to become Happiness Heroes.

The applications have been flooded in and Mrs Mitchell will be looking through them shortly to decide who will become our first Happiness Heroes. As part of the application, the children had to identify why they would be a good Happiness Hero and what difference they could make in supporting others. Thank you to all the parents, carers and families who have supported the children in putting their application together.

As part of the Happiness Hero role, they will meet with Mrs Mitchell regular in bringing **myHappymind** to life around the school. We can already see it happening around the school, with it featuring in class assemblies, games and pictures are being made.

If you are drawing or making things linked to **myHappymind** or you are applying your Happy Breathing or helping your families identify their character strengths please come and share it with me.

We are currently gathering evidence for the Bronze Accreditation and this will all help.

Thank you to all the parents who have signed up for the app.

We now have 69 app users compared to 32 when it first launched. Keep going!



We are really proud to be part of the **myHappymind** family.

As a school, we have been gifted an opportunity to deliver a whole school programme to build positive mental health and well-being. This programme is endorsed by the NHS and is a fully funded programme.

myHappymind helps children to understand how their brain works and creates a culture that helps to build resilience, confidence, and self-esteem. **myHappymind** also teaches the children how to self-regulate and manage their emotions in stressful times, allowing them to be their very best selves!

We have already launched the programme with the children and parents/carers and families were invited to the physical launch. Further information was sent out to all families which included a letter outlining key information, parent presentation and link for a short video.

Thank you to all those who have signed up for the free parent app and I hope this helps you in supporting your child at home. Information of how to do this was in the letter but there are posters around school with the QR code and sign code to access the app. Please can we ask that this code is not shared with anyone else. The resources and materials will be on display during our parent consultation evenings coming up. The app QR code will be available to sign up then too.

We have also developed a section on our school website for parents/carers for mental health and well-being which signposts you to resources to help you at home.

Please [click here](https://www.petersgateinfantschool.co.uk/parents/mental-health-and-well-being-for-parents) or copy and paste this link into your web browser.

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