



Pupil Voice

A message from our Head and Deputy Head Girls

As pupils, we love reading 'The Swoop'. It is a great way of finding out what is going on at school in other year groups. We also use it as a means of communicating to pupils and parents so the 'Pupil Voice' remains a strong one at Peregrines and Falcons!

Some of our highlights this term include:

- The fantastic markings that have been installed in both the playgrounds
- Thrilling house table tennis tournament
- The Santa Dash we had in the final week

We hope you enjoy reading this special edition of the Swoop!

Summer and Lucy

Dear Parents,

It has been a busy and exciting first term of the 2020/21 academic year at Peregrines Nursery School and Falcons School for Girls. I have been overwhelmed by the talent displayed by the pupils, whether it be on the field, on the stage or in the classroom and I am looking forward to watching them grow over the rest of this academic year and others to come. I hope you enjoy reading an overview of the term and are able to come and see us in person in 2021.

Wishing you a healthy and happy Christmas!

With best wishes,

Mrs Sara Williams-Ryan
Headmistress

Mrs Williams-Ryan reports on this week's VotesforSchools

Each week, girls from Years 1 to 6 have a Votes For Schools lesson in which they learn about, discuss and vote on questions surrounding current affairs and issues including health, charity, sport and the environment. Following the lesson, the girls are then able to find out how the school voted in comparison with the rest of the country and families are informed of the outcome each week.

Congratulations to Autumn Term House Cup winners, Austen!

House Points			
 SEACOLE	 AUSTEN	 CURIE	 NIGHTINGALE
1322	1596	1271	1589

WORD of the WEEK

A new 'word of the week' is announced in each issue. Children are then quizzed in assembly on the word's definition and how to use it in a sentence. Have you heard of the words below?

Brontide

A low rumbling of distant thunder

Abendrot

The colour of the sky when the sun is setting

Librocubicularist

A person who reads in bed

Hygge

An atmosphere of cosiness and comfort





Koala-ty Effort by Falcons



Earlier this year, Australia was faced with a bushfire crisis which devastated much of the country. In a pupil-led initiative, Falcons School for Girls dressed up in their best green and gold to raise money for the Port Macquarie Koala Hospital. Not only did our pupils come dressed in Australian theme, they went above and beyond, baking ANZAC biscuits to sell and running hundreds of laps around the playground for sponsorship. Together, we were able to raise \$1,550 which has helped Rose from Lismore, a town where my grandparents and family live. I am very proud to be part of a school community that cares so deeply about the well-being of animals and the environment. — **Miss Lang, Year 5 Teacher**



Autumn Photography Competition

The Autumn photography competition—organised by our four house captains—had some incredible entries. Congratulations to Emma in Year 2 for her winning image! - **Miss Walters, House Lead**



Harvest Festival



The generous Falcons community donated 145kg of goods this year! These were given to **Wandsworth Foodbank** over half term so they can continue to provide vulnerable people across the borough with essential items. We also ran a virtual food drive on Bankuet so online donations could be given. — **Miss Dix, Swoop Editor**

Each class enjoyed filming poems, creating artwork and singing and dancing in the school's Harvest video - **Miss Lang**



Playground Maths

Year 1 and 2 worked together to make the longest paperchain they have ever seen. They then carefully spread it out in the playground and measured to see how long it was. It came to 28m and 10cm! - **Miss Girardin, Year 1 Teacher**



Following an inspection in March, we were rated **Excellent** by the ISI.

You can read the full report by [clicking here](#).





Years 3 to 6 Cricket workshop with Roehampton and Fulham Cricket Clubs



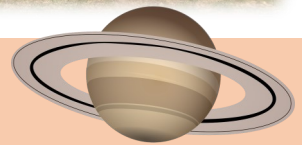
At the end of September, on two glorious afternoons of sunshine, we got to enjoy some fantastic training sessions with coaches from Roehampton and Fulham Cricket Clubs. The purpose of the training was to help engage the girls more in cricket and ignite their passion for the game by helping them build on existing skills and learn some newly taught skills on the day.

The clubs have been working to establishing strong girls' cricket teams over the past few years and the coaches thought the Falcons girls displayed huge potential!

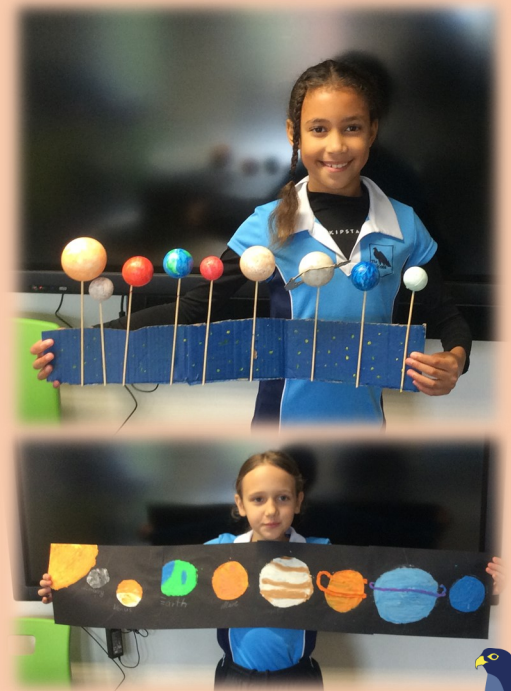
We hope to train with the clubs again later in the year! - **Miss Walters, PE and Games Lead**



Year 5 Projects Out Of This World



I am proud to share Year 5's models of our solar system, which were produced in October for their Science homework as part of our 'Space Reporter' topic. It was impressive to see the variety of ways in which this task was interpreted and is testament to the girls' creativity.—**Miss Stokes, Science Teacher**



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Jeans for Genes Day

In September, the school took part in Jeans for Genes Day to raise money for children affected by genetic disorders. The playground was a sea of denim as the girls enjoyed playing together at lunch in the sun!



Reception Story Time

The Reception children had a very special treat this term when Mrs Williams-Ryan read to the class. She read a lovely story called 'What If We Were All The Same!' that celebrates how we are all different and how we are special because of our differences! - **Mrs Di Nucci, Reception Teacher**



Forest School Fun

Years 1 and 2 enjoy regular sessions in our Forest School. In September, they learned about the importance of helping to keep the woodland animals safe. They used modelling clay to create a bowl, then placed conkers inside. They then placed their bowls in a safe spot in the garden to allow squirrels to collect the conkers. - **Mrs Di Nucci**



October Holiday Club

During the half term break, the very first Peregrines and Falcons Holiday Club took place. Week 1 was all about colourful creations and we loved doing activities including bubble art, unicorn crafts and even producing our own tie-dye tops.

In our second week, with the arrival of Halloween, it was time to get involved with all things spooky! We enjoyed mixing together potions, carving out pumpkins and finished off the week together with a fancy dress party and lots of fun games. — **Miss Montgomery, Head of Nursery**



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Falcons Time Capsule

In September, the Falcons time capsule was buried in the Peregrines Playground. The girls came up with the idea in the Summer Term as a way to honour the challenges of living through lockdown, School in the Cloud and social distancing.

The capsule's contents included Falcons tartan face masks, hand sanitiser, 1m and 2m piece of string, diary entries from lockdown, photos of zoom lessons, pasta and loo roll (after the lockdown hoarding fiasco!), newspaper articles and other memories of the pandemic. —**Mr Kelly, Assistant Head (Pastoral)**



String Quintet Perform at Putney Exchange



In the final week of term, our String Quintet performed a set of festive hits for shoppers at the Putney Exchange. They were greeted with applause after every song from locals, who were excited to be experiencing live music again and impressed with the high calibre of musicianship from Falcons' girls.

— **Miss Lang, Music Lead**

Santa Dash



Girls from Reception to Year 6 joined in a Santa Dash during the final week of term. This event ran nationwide to encourage enjoyment in running.

Year 6 enjoyed running, singing, relay races and team races at the Pleasance. Reception to Year 5 ran around the Peregrines Garden numerous times singing Jingle Bells, as well as following the new marking obstacle course! It was a really fun way to see out the term—full of energy and helping to ensure we keep a high level of fitness as we approach the end of 2020! —**Miss Walters**





Remembrance Day

On 11th November, the whole school came together for a Remembrance Day assembly to pay their respects with a two minute silence. Two Year 6 pupils began the assembly with a moving recital of a wartime poem and this was followed by the chamber choir's beautiful rendition of 'In Flanders Field'.



The Remembrance poppies made by all our pupils were then turned into a display outside our school buildings.—Miss Dix



News, News, Read All About It!

In December, the Early Years performed their Nativity 'The Angel Express', so that it could be recorded and made into a film. It was a pleasure to see the children sing with such joy and recite their lines so confidently. It was clear to see that they had put in a lot of effort and wanted to make themselves and their teachers proud! - Miss Dix



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