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Paddox Primary Newsletter 13 January  
2023

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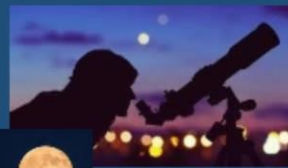
Dressing up warm, going into your garden in the dark, observing the magnificence of the night sky! Whether we are looking at the Moon with our eyes, using an app to identify the stars or even learning to use a telescope or binoculars, we can all get excited about a Star Gazing.

To enter our competition, simply send us a photo before, during or after your BIG NIGHT OUT 📱 with your child's name and class to:

Mrs Barnes: [barnes.l3@welearn365.com](mailto:barnes.l3@welearn365.com)

Or send it to your class teacher and they can forward it to Mrs Barnes.

Closing date 3/2/2023 You will receive a leaf for every entry and ASTRONAUT ICECREAM for the winning photos (1 per year group!)



Useful tips and ideas can be found here:

[https://www.skyatnightmagazine.com/advice/skills/stargazing\\_for-kids/](https://www.skyatnightmagazine.com/advice/skills/stargazing_for-kids/)

[https://www.nationalgeographic.co.uk/space/2020/04/need\\_new-idea-keep-kids-entertained-try-stargazing](https://www.nationalgeographic.co.uk/space/2020/04/need_new-idea-keep-kids-entertained-try-stargazing)

[https://www.amnh.org/explore/ology/astronomy/a\\_kid-s-guide-to-stargazing](https://www.amnh.org/explore/ology/astronomy/a_kid-s-guide-to-stargazing)

*1 - Introducing a fabulous science competition!*



*2 - Operation Encompass is a partnership between police and schools for the reporting of any incidents where a child (under 18) has been exposed to, or involved in, any domestic incident.*

*Every school signed up to receive Encompass Alerts appoints trained Key Adults and these are the people who receive information about police attended Domestic Abuse incidents. At Paddox this is Kim Clarke and Kate Guymer. Alerts will ordinarily be sent through to school via email by the start of the next school day although this is not always the case.*

*It is important for parents to be aware that the school receives Encompass Alerts so that, should you wish to discuss any incidents that have taken place, you know who to contact.*

*If you have any further questions or queries, please feel free to get in touch with Mrs Clarke or Ms Guymer.*

#### **Afterschool Clubs - update and reminders**

- All afterschool clubs for Spring term started this week.
- If your child has a place on a club this term, you'll have been sent a letter via email in December notifying you. Any queries about the club please email the teacher responsible for the specific club.
- Please do not assume that because your child did a club in Autumn term they automatically have a place this term. Choir and Rotakids are the exceptions where these clubs run across all three terms (and Imagineering which continues in Autumn and Spring only).
- The letter will also have stated any known dates that an afterschool club is not going ahead - please check the dates.
- For all other afterschool club queries please email [admin2625@welearn365.com](mailto:admin2625@welearn365.com)



3 - A change of menu next Thursday 19 January 2023

## Important Reminders



**Appointments During the School Day:** If your child needs to attend a medical appointment during the school day please email both your child's class teacher and the school office ([admin2625@welearn365.com](mailto:admin2625@welearn365.com)) as to who is collecting your child, what time and the reason for the appointment. Where possible please try to arrange appointments out of school hours.

**Appointments Before / Start of the School Day:** If your child has an appointment and will be late into school, please remember to notify the class teacher and the school office ([admin2625@welearn365.com](mailto:admin2625@welearn365.com)) and also confirm the colour choice for their cooked meal. We need this to happen before 9:30am on the day.

**Driveway:** The driveway is closed to **all** vehicles between 840am-9am every morning and 310pm - 330pm every afternoon. Outside of these times please make sure you are walking along the pathway (and not the driveway) as vehicles could be driving in and out of school. Thank you for your support with this.

**Nut Free and Sesame Seed Free Zone:** Paddock is a NUT FREE and SESAME SEED FREE ZONE. We have an increasing number of children with severe allergies to nuts and sesame seeds so we do not allow these items in school at all. This includes nut based spreads like peanut butter and Nutella and Nutella snacks. Please make sure that your child is not bringing nut based products or sesame seeds to school in their lunch boxes.

## Dates for your diary



**Friday 13 January:** KS2 Choir Young Voices Performance

**Tuesday 17 January:** FOPS Preloved Uniform sale

**Thursday 19 January:** Bedtime Stories for Years 1 and 2

**Saturday 28 January:** FOPS The Hogwarts Experience - letters have already been sent out to successful Hogwarts students

**Monday 30 January - Friday 3 February:** Protective Behaviours Week

**Tuesday 31 January and Wednesday 1 February:** Year 1 Group Assembly (emails have been sent informing parents of which day)

**Monday 13 February:** Year 6 Height and Weight Monitoring

**Friday 17 February:** Non school uniform day

**Half term:** Monday 20 February to Friday 24 February 2023 inclusive