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Friday Bulletin

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It is never too early for our pupils to start to take on citizenship responsibilities. This term, we will be holding two pupil elections. Firstly, school council members followed by house captains. We will be encouraging children to stand for election. They will need to present themselves to the electorate (that would be their class or their house) who will then vote. In the past, we have had some very memorable and accomplished presentations. Please support your child

if they would like to enter as candidates and show an interest in their work if elected. From personal experience, please also support them if they do not get elected! Everything in life is a valuable learning experience.

FOPS

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Without the help and support of parents, grandparents, carers and local volunteers, we cannot continue to raise the much-needed funds to enrich the education of our children at Purley School.

With parents stepping down from the FOPS (Friends of Purley School) Committee, we are looking for new Committee members. At our AGM on Thursday 4th October we will be, amongst other things, electing the Committee for the forthcoming academic year. If you are interested in joining the FOPS Committee or are able to give some time to be on an event sub-committee (for example, the School Fete Sub-Committee) or just want to know a little bit more about it, please contact Nicky Gibbens or Amelia Bell or ask Mrs Ham and she'll point you in our direction!

YEAR 1 WOODLAND SCHOOL

Today the children voted to stay at the camp and we began by sitting quietly to listen to the birdsong. Arthur recognised the cooing of a pigeon which some of us thought was an owl so we discussed nocturnal animals.

The children had a very imaginative and creative time: many chose to make dens, use the ball run, balance on the logs or climb trees. Annabelle and Amelia made an excellent map using pine cones, feathers and logs. Ella and Lilly-May used the coloured wool to make a rope and unicorn hair. Oscar and Arlo played a game trying to get the wooden sword out of the logs. Daniel and Ayman created a fun climbing game using a log and rope. Lewis and Sydney worked with great perseverance to make a den using blankets, tarpaulin and string. Most of the children spent time playing with the ball run and climbing the trees, taking turns and helping one another out. There was great cooperation and behaviour all round. Next week some of us would like to do some digging so we will be packing the trowels! *Mrs Hodsdon*





CLUBS - YEAR 1 TO YEAR 2

Confirmation of clubs were sent out yesterday in your child's bookbag. Please make a note of the different dates for each of the clubs as some of them have been changed. A list of all the clubs and dates are on the noticeboard in the main playground.

BOOK PEOPLE



There is a selection of books from the Book People available to look at in the ground floor library area. If enough books are sold, the school gets a commission which is then used to purchase more books for the school. To order a book, write your name on the order form and place a tick under the title(s) you would like to purchase. Cash (using the right change) or cheque can be left in the envelope provided. Orders will be left in school next Wednesday.

HEDGEHOG CLASS



The children enjoyed hearing the story of how God created our wonderful world and all of the amazing things in it. They explored finger painting to make a sea, and used a range of resources to make beautiful, collage jellyfish. Jacob noted that "Only God can make real jellyfish." The children have been continuing a variety of repeating patterns using toys, shapes on the interactive whiteboard, and even the noises they made using their own

bodies! Wednesday was very exciting as they had PE for the first time, and we were very impressed with how they tried to get changed independently. Please can we ask you to check that all of their items of uniform are named as we encourage the children to look at the labels to recognise their names before getting dressed. Next week we will be thinking about healthy foods, and how we have changed since we were babies. Please could you send in a small baby photo of your child to help them with this activity. *Mrs Burton*

BADGER CLASS



Badger class have had a busy and exciting week learning about India. They explored a traditional Indian tale, "The parrots and the Raja" through drama and had fun recording themselves using our new digital cameras. They discussed the different characters within the story and wrote some character descriptions using adjectives. We have explored different conjunctions and how they join our ideas and then used them to help us extend our sentences when re-telling parts of the story.

In Art, we have started to make some beautiful Indian elephants. We looked at Indian Rangoli patterns and will be using the bright range of colours and patterns when decorating our elephants.

In Maths, Y2 have been investigating different number bonds to 10 and using a systematic method to record all possibilities. Y1 have been looking at finding 1 more and 1 less within numbers up to 20. In science the children are investigating how foods belong in different food groups and that to have a healthy diet we need to eat the right amount from all the different groups.

Next week the school will be choosing new school councillors. Please encourage your child to consider whether they would like to put themselves forward for that role.

Mrs Lyn-Jones

OWL CLASS



This week, our classroom has been slowly travelling back in time to the Neolithic period. Stonehenge has been constructed and the sun is rising over the heel stone. We have researched how the people of the Stone Age lived and the

types of dwelling they had. Using sticks, hay, clay and stones, the children have worked collaboratively with a partner to design and build their own Stone Age house. We are hoping these will be on display next week. Please do pop in after school and take a look at them and our Stonehenge creation.

In English, the children have been thinking about creating a setting and using expanded noun phrases. We have explored caves and forest and used our senses to give us powerful adjectives. Number bonds have still been the focus in maths, using these to support mental addition and subtraction.

During our Monday mile, we replenished the dog waste bags around the village, supporting our community to keep Purley clean.

Mrs Pickering



WOODPECKER CLASS



In Maths, we are consolidating our understanding of place value including decimal numbers. We have been learning how to calculate with very large numbers and with decimals. Children have been encouraged to understand the significance of laying out calculations in a manner which will enhance their understanding of place value and help ensure correct answers.

Our English, this week has centred on our character creations. Everyone has been encouraged to keep their character 'in their pocket' and to bring their character out at break times or whenever they have a free moment, to talk to their character and get to know their character intimately. It would be very helpful if you could ask your child about their character. You might even get to meet him or her if the author is willing to step into role.

We have begun to engage with our topic and are learning about the 'Dark Ages' in England as the backdrop to the Viking Invasions. We have also been investigating the first recorded accounts of Viking invasions in Britain, and in particular, the brutal attack on the monastery at Lindisfarne.

Behaviour in class has been good and the children are highly motivated at the start of this academic year. In PSHE, we have been considering courteous behaviour beyond the classroom and reflecting on the power of 'please' and 'thank you' and 'sorry.' *Mrs Archer*

STARS OF THE WEEK



Hedgehog Class

Star of the week: Jacob for super tidying up
Friendship Star: Rafa for making new friends in class

Paragon: Phoebe Tigwell

Badger Class

Star of the week: Arthur for finding out about Indian elephants at home and sharing his research with the class.

Friendship Star: Brandon for always being such a polite member of the class to all those around him.

Paragon: Darcy

Woodland star: Lewis for perseverance when making a den

Owl Class

Star of the week: Casey Anderson- fantastic work on number bonds using multiply of 5's to 100

Friendship Star: Abi for supporting friends during DT

Paragon: Ben R

Woodpecker Class

Star of the week: Gracie for working very hard in school but stretching her learning even more by working hard at home too.

Friendship Star: Kira: for being an outstanding work partner

Paragon: Brayden

Delightful diners: Ollie A, Lukas R, Sydney A, Harry H, Niamh, Jasmine, Maegan, Alice Bodimeade

DIARY DATES

28/09/18	Nasal Flu Immunisation Programme Foundation to Year 5
04/10/18	FOPS AGM, 7.30 p.m
15/10/18	FS2 children out – Ella’s Kitchen trip
17/10/18	Parents Evening, 3.30 p.m to 6.00 p.m
18/10/18	Parents Evening, 6.00 p.m to 8.00 p.m
19/10/18	Harvest Festival at St Mary’s, 9.30 a.m
22/10/18- 29/10/18	Half Term
01/11/18	Individual school photos
04/11/18	Thameside Fireworks Fiesta
21/12/18- 04/01/19	Christmas Break
18/02/19- 22/02/19	February Half Term
08/04/19- 23/04/19	Easter Break
24/05/19- 31/05/19	May Half Term
24/07/19	End of Academic Year

As always, please remember our doors are open, should you wish to discuss any concerns, ask questions or celebrate successes regarding your children. You can contact me by phone on 0118 9842384 or email: headteacher@purley.w-berks.sch.uk

Karen Fakes (Headteacher),
Learn to Love, love to Learn

Reminders

- **Hedgehog class** – please bring named baby photo
- **All** – please check that all items of clothing are named as it helps reuniting the items with their owners!