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Friday Bulletin

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Grand opening!

It was such a joy to see so many people at the grand opening last Saturday. This event wouldn't have been possible without the dedication and hard work of our PTA members who have worked tirelessly for months to plan and organise this great event. There was a fantastic atmosphere. Thank you also to all the volunteer helpers who were there setting up, manning stalls and who helped clearing up at the end. Mrs Fakes



FOPS

Grand Opening Fete Saturday 19th September

Thank you to everyone who came along on Saturday to support the school and look around the new classrooms. I hope you were all as impressed as I was with the new building which will allow the children and teachers to learn in a fabulous new environment.

I think you will all agree that the fete went very well. It was great to have such fabulous weather as it allowed us all to be outside and to chat, mingle and enjoy the sun! The atmosphere was very friendly and relaxed and the music and sun all made it feel like summer again (even if it only for a short while!).

FOPS are currently working out the funds that were raised for the school but we wanted this event to be a celebration of the new school building for the whole village to enjoy. I think we managed to achieve this with a lot of help for the school staff, FOPS committee, friends and family. FOPS will send out a newsletter next week with photos and a fundraising total. Many Thanks to everyone.

Nicky Gibbens, *Chair of FOPS*

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP



This week in Collective Worship we were thinking about kindness. To help us, we looked at the Bible and the example of four friends, who brought their friend who was unable to walk, to Jesus, so that he could be healed. We thought about times when we have been kind to others and how we respond to those who are kind to us. Rev Archer

WOODLAND SCHOOL



It stayed dry this week which pleased the children because it meant they could climb the fallen tree. Sergio and Milo continued to add to the den to make it in to a hideout. Jessica and Abi did a little bit of bird watching with the binoculars. Daisy, Elliott and Firhan hunted for minibeasts amongst the logs. They found tiny millipedes and snails.

Alfie threaded leaves onto a stick. We finished the session by collected things we found on the woodland floor. This included different shaped leaves that were changing colour, conkers, their shells and beech nuts.

If your child has waterproofs at home, could you please bring them in on Woodland School days please. Our spares are running very low, in particular trousers. Thank you.

Mrs Herbert



ISS – SCHOOL DINNERS

A copy of the new menu is in your child's bookbag. This menu will be in place from Monday.

STARS OF THE WEEK



Hedgehog Class

Star of the week: Jamie for great ideas for his pirate rap and for much improved handwriting
Friendship Star: Francesca for making a new friend and being kind on our school visit.
Purley Paragon: Sergio

Woodland Star: Jamie for being very inventive with a stick, some leaves and feathers. He used wool to fix it all together to make an interesting hanging. He exercised good concentration.

Badger Class

Star of the week: Kira for persevering with her sea poem and editing it on the computer

Friendship Star: Lola for taking care of all the new children in our class

Purley Paragon: Oscar

Owl Class

Star of the week: Alice for having a positive approach to all her work this week.

Friendship Star: Niamh for noticing when friends need help and offering support without being asked.

Purley Paragon: Hayden

Woodpecker Class:

Star of the week: Ronan for his excellent guided reading and introducing the class to a great poem.

Friendship Star: Rosemary for encouraging words and kindness to her friends

Purley Paragon: Freddie

HEDGEHOG CLASS



The children in Hedgehog class have had another busy week. On Tuesday we had a wet visit to Ellas's kitchen and also to Rushall Farm. We found out about how bees pollinate plants, had a worm digging competition and made labels for our newly potted plants. At the farm we fed donkeys, pigs and chickens and stroked a turkey and rooster! The children had a lovely time despite the weather and impressed the staff with their knowledge. Thanks to our helpers. In English we have been labelling pirate pictures and making treasure maps. Y1's have been making up their own musical pirate raps and have performed to the Foundation children. In Maths Y1 have been partitioning numbers into tens and units and looking at place value. *Mrs Carr*





next week. In Geography the children have been investigating countries of the UK and Great Britain, their capital cities and the seas that surround them. It was another fun packed week at Rushall farm; river wading and catching fish, river shrimps and a damselfly nymph.

Thank you to all of you who popped along to the meet the teacher, I hope you found it both informative and useful.

Wanted: If anyone has any unwanted bookcases we could use for our book corner please can you let me know. Colour and condition not too essential as we are hoping to customise them! Mrs Pickering

BADGER CLASS



Badger class have had fun this week writing under the sea poems. We listened to "Aquarium - Carnival of the animals" for inspiration and explored some ideas through dance before writing. They tried to include alliteration, rhythm and repetition and were all very proud of their own poetic ideas. In art we made some 3D paper fish decorated with warm and cold colours. We looked at patterns on the fish scales and their fins. In science we have explored how to sort and classify different sea creatures. This week for maths we have been looking at ordering 2 and 3 digit numbers taking care with place value. We have started to use the greater than/smaller than signs when comparing 2 numbers.

Next week we will be looking at addition using a 100 square. Mrs Lyn-Jones

OWL CLASS



Wow! What an exciting week, after a lot of waiting we have finally moved in to our new classroom! Any of you that have seen it will hopefully agree with me that it was well worth the wait. I know the children are loving it! This week in English we have been using Anthony Browne's book, The Tunnel, to think about dilemmas in a story and working on character profiles using descriptive writing to create realistic settings. The children used drama to imagine what the tunnel was like and how it made them feel. Next week we will be thinking about what is at the end of the tunnel. In Maths, the children have continued to look at place value and how this helps when counting on 1, 10 or 100 more. We will be continuing our work on this

WOODPECKER CLASS



It has been a wonderful week in Woodpecker class. We have been on a bug hunt in science and found all sorts of mini-beasts. In topic time, we have started to write in our travelogs which will soon be sent to friends and family around the UK. Our Maths has involved consolidating number skills and practising calculation techniques. But I think our favourite activity of the week has been considering the two sides of Bradley Chalkers – the protagonist in our class novel. The children have formed a conscience alley and have been the voices in his head before committing these thoughts to paper as we develop empathy with this troubled character. Mrs Archer

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

14/10/15	Parents' Evening 3:30-6:00 <i>More details to follow</i>
16/10/15	Harvest Festival at St Mary's (9.30am)
20/10/15	Parents' Evening 6:00-8:00 <i>More details to follow</i>
05/11/15	Thameside Firework Fiesta!
26/11/15	Music Festival at the Hexagon
10/12/15 (am)	Foundation/KS1 Nativity Production at St Mary's