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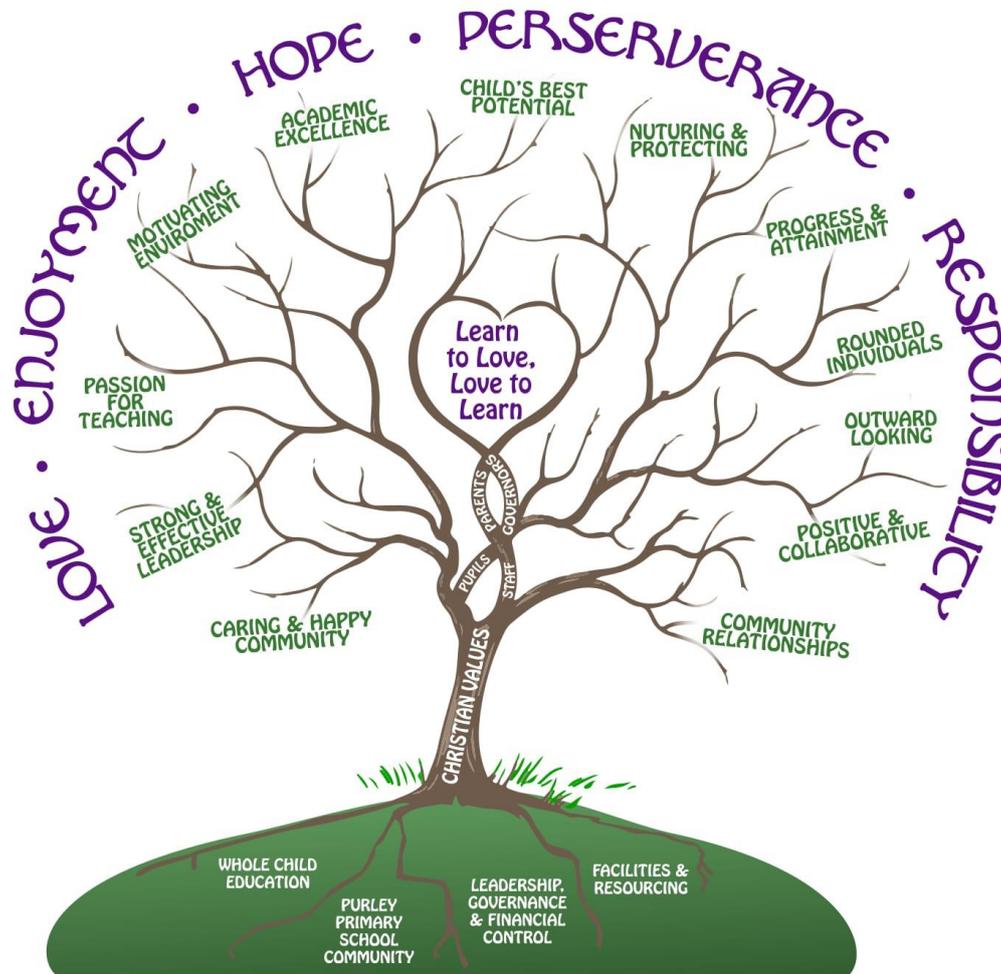
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Friday Bulletin

20th October 2017



Today we are publishing our 5 year Strategy for the School. A big thank you to staff, pupils, parents and governors for the work they have put into developing this strategy.

The strategy has four priorities:

- Provide excellence in Whole Child Education
- Continue to build the Purley Primary School community (i.e. encompassing wider community – pupils, parents, staff, church, local and global communities)
- Provide effective use of resources
- Provide effective and committed leadership, governance and financial control

We launched our Community objective (B) last week with our Scarecrow day and we have many plans to build on in this area. If you have any ideas on how the school can help the community or events/activities where we can invite the community into school, we would welcome your ideas.

Budgets continue to be a real concern and this has an effect on all priorities. We are working as hard as we can to maintain the provision we currently provide. The full strategy may be accessed on our website using the following link:

<http://purleyprimaryschool.co.uk/school-prospectus.php>



Remember, remember, Sunday 5th November!

Fireworks Fiesta 2017

Tickets for the Thameside Fireworks Fiesta on Bonfire Night are now on sale! Check out the website www.thamesidefireworkfiesta.org and get your tickets early!

Adult - £6:00

Child - £2:50

Family - £15:00 (2 Adults & Up To 4 Kids)

Tickets can also be bought at the Post Office and the local shop on Colyton Way. They will also be available in the playground after school.

Last year's display was spectacular and Illusion Fireworks have promised us the same again! It will be a great evening with tasty food, a bar selling soft and alcoholic drinks including mulled wine, a chocolate tombola and stalls selling glow novelties.

Help & Support

We are very fortunate that a number of people from within the community are signed up to help us at the event. However, a rota will be going up immediately after half term to rope in some more volunteers.

If anyone has a **pop-up gazebo** that we could borrow for the day of the fireworks, please do make yourselves known to us or let Mrs Ham know!

We also need **donations for the Chocolate Tombola** such as multi-packs of chocolates, boxes of chocolates and chocolate bars! There will be a box at school.

Please do come along and support the event, all proceeds will go towards the school, to help to enrich the education of our children. We cannot run these events without your help and support - thank you!

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

All Good Gifts

What an excellent display of scarecrows! A good starting point for our thinking on Harvest. We shared our thoughts on what Harvest is and what it might mean for different people.

Tomatoes? Oranges? Flowers? Haribo? Paper? Time? Passion? Commitment?

As a Christian, I believe these are all gifts from God. Because God loves us so much He gave us his greatness gift in Jesus and blessed our lives with so many good things, with knowledge to make the world a better place.

When we have so much, it's our privilege to share what we can with those who need it. Remember, it isn't always food or money, the best gifts cost nothing but give everything.

Pam Slingsby, Foundation Governor

WOODLAND ADVENTURES



The weather was perfect today for our Woodland adventures. As we sat on our base log we could hear the call of many birds and Mason identified a crow, Darcy knew the kite's call and we could hear the robin too. The woodland leaves had fallen and many of us set out to create paths by sweeping the leaves. We used leaves and a paper plate to make a basket using the most interesting leaves. Zayneb and Mrs Carr worked to identify the leaves and match them to the trees. Harry was helped to make a pirate ship, stacking and tying the logs together to make the hull and using a hollowed out log as a canon with sweet chestnut cannonballs. We all had a turn visiting the ship. We created a shelter using the tarpaulin and ropes and used it as a base for our exciting imaginary games. Zayneb and Darcy particularly enjoyed hanging around in the trees and showed that they were aware of how to keep safe whilst climbing in the trees. *Mrs Hodsdon*



AFTERSCHOOL CLUB STAFF

We are delighted to announce that we have appointed staff to enable us to keep the afterschool club open. More details after half term. A big thank you to FOPS who have shared the vacancies on their Facebook page.

THEATRE TRIP

We are pleased to confirm that the theatre trip planned for Monday 27th November is going ahead. The children will leave after lunch and return at approximately 5.00/5.30 (exact timings to be confirmed nearer the time). Request for payments will be sent out via Parentmail after half term.

POPPY APPEAL



The school will be selling poppies to support the work of the British Legion. Poppies will be available from Monday 30th October in the back playground.

SCHOOL LUNCHES – NEW MENU



A new menu has been sent out in your child's bookbag earlier this week. This menu is effective from Monday 30th October.

Electronic version is available using this link <http://purleyprimaryschool.co.uk/school-dinners.php>

CHILDREN IN NEED



This year we will be collecting **old one pound coins** to donate to Children in Need.

Over the half term please check your money boxes, down the sofa and in pockets for any of those round pounds. We will collect them all in on **Friday 17th November**. In return for all your round pounds or a small contribution to Children in Need, we invite children to wear spots for the day. This may be **one** item of spotty clothing (socks, top, hairband, skirts etc) or some spotty face paints. The rest of the clothing should be school uniform.

SCARECROW DAY



It was wonderful to see such a tremendous number of scarecrows dotted around the school. Please see below a photo montage of the scarecrows.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B0tYDF_AKyfaQV2bHI6V1c4ZHc/view?usp=sharing

House competition winners were

- 1st place: Watery Otter
- 2nd place: Airy Heron
- 3rd place: Fiery Fox
- 4th place: Earthy Bear

ABC TO READ



ABC to read is a registered charity that has been working with schools and families across Berkshire since 2004 to help literacy standards. They recruit, train and support high quality volunteers to work one to one with the children who are struggling.

As a school, we have used their services for many years and it has made a tremendous difference to children's self confidence in reading.

They are currently looking to recruit more volunteers. If you are interested, please visit their website: www.abctoread.org.uk or call them: 0118 951 1336.

ReadiFood



Thank you for your kind donations. We will take them to ReadiFood over half term.

HEDGEHOG CLASS



This week, the children have been learning about the festival Diwali. They created rangoli patterns, designed mehndi patterns on paper hands, and they used clay to make diva lamps to welcome people into their homes. Some of the children made puppets of the characters in the Rama and Sita story, and performed their own version of the story to the class.

The children were inspired by the story of Pumpkin Soup to write a list of ingredients for their own soup, and they worked together to cook and share the delicious soup with their friends. *Mrs Burton*

BADGER CLASS



This week, Badger class have had fun creating a class pirate rap. We looked at how rhythm and pace, repetition and choosing exciting words all worked together to produce effective poetry. With their learning partners, they then had a go at writing their own pirate raps and performing them to each other. In Maths, we have continued to work on addition and subtraction. Y1 have used Numicon to investigate different ways of making 6. Y2 have looked at doubling 2 digit numbers by adding the tens and then the units. In Geography, the class looked at Google Earth, globes and atlases to find the different continents and had a go at labelling their own map of the world. *Mrs Lyn-Jones*

OWL CLASS



This week we have been finishing our Owl-books making a glossary and using a dictionary to find definition of some topic specific words. The children have also been designing

their front covers. They are going to look fantastic. In Maths, the Cubes have been working on doubling and halving 2 digit numbers and looking at strategies to support us. The Spheres have been practising multiplication using the grid method. In Science, we have been exploring light and how shadows are formed. Our sewing projects are nearly finished and looking rather good.

Have a happy and relaxing half term! Remember to practise those KIRFS, times tables and spelling. Let me know your favourite book that you read over the half term. I have had some great recommendations so far this term. If anyone is looking for a good read, thanks to Alice's recommendation, I can recommend, 'The Girl Who Saved Christmas' by Matt Haig. We will be reading his other book, 'A boy called Christmas' as our class novel next term.

Mrs Pickering

WOODPECKER CLASS



Engineering skills have been developed in Woodpecker Class as we have considered what makes a stable structure, and how a well-designed building might survive an earthquake. Final designs were then realised with toothpick struts and mini-marshmallow joints. The structures were created on beds of jelly so we could simulate earthquake movements to see which buildings survived. Everyone has emailed pictures of their structure to their purleyschool.net account and their English homework over half term is to create a report or document about their creation, detailing why they chose to build it in the way they did, what happened when they tested it, were there any alterations they made etc?

Mega Mathematicians and Mighty Mathematicians have been consolidating their subtraction skills this week and have considered the wide range of language used to denote subtraction: difference between, how much more, if it was £15.00 including £2.95 postage then how much would the item cost in store, minus, take-away, negative etc.

In English, we are starting a new mission investigating the guilt or innocence of Miss Goldilocks. She has been convicted of trespassing, breaking and entering, and causing damage to personal property.

However, there is an appeal afoot and our writing agents are working to investigate the case fully.

The class have worked so hard this term and I hope everyone enjoys a well-earned break next week. *Mrs Archer*



STARS OF THE WEEK



Hedgehog Class

Star of the week: Theo for matching numbers to Numicon shapes

Friendship Star: Sydney for playing with lots of friends.

Paragon: Arthur

Superstar: Jax for his enthusiastic attitude to learning

Badger Class

Star of the week: Samuel for creating a fantastic pirate rap with real rhythm and pace.

Friendship Star: Jessica for showing forgiveness to others

Paragon: Molly

Superstar: Jaiden for always concentrating on his work and challenging himself in school and at home.

Woodland Star: Zayneb for climbing trees and understanding how to keep safe whilst climbing.

Owl Class

Star of the week: Evans for trying really hard in maths.

Friendship Star: Lola for always setting a good example to her peers

Paragon: Kira

Superstar: Alice for outstanding work across the whole curriculum this term

Woodpecker Class

Star of the week: Dylan for making excellent progress in English and Maths.

Friendship Star: Niamh for her kindness and consideration to others in the class.

Paragon: Samuel

Superstar: Callum, for excellent work all term and amazing progress, particularly in maths.

Delightful Diners: Jack, Alice Bodimeade, Ollie A, Lukas, Caitlin, Callumn, Nacho and Jasmine

DIARY DATES

20/10/17	End of Autumn Term 1, 3.00pm
23/10/17 - 27/10/17	Half Term
30/10/17	Start of Autumn Term 2
05/11/17	Fireworks Fiesta!
17/11/17	Children in Need
23/11/17	Individual School Photos
27/11/17	Theatre Trip pm
13/12/17	Children Christmas Lunch
14/12/17	Nativity play to parents (Hedgehog/Badger Class), 9.30
15/12/17	
19/12/17	FOPS Christmas Party
20/12/17	End of Autumn Term 2, 1.15pm
21/12/17 - 03/01/18	Christmas Break
09/02/18	End of Spring Term 1, 3.00pm
12/02/18 - 16/02/18	Half Term
29/03/18	End of Spring Term 2, 1.15pm
30/03/18 - 16/04/18	Easter Break
25/05/18	End of Summer Term 1, 3.00pm
28/05/18 - 01/06/18	Half Term
20/07/18	End of Academic Year, 1.15pm

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