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Friday Bulletin

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"Far more than just a fun treat, seeing live shows offers a host of benefits for children."

Our visit to see Robin Hood at the Watermill Theatre this week was so magical. Watching the children's faces so full of awe and wonder was a pure delight. There were those who were mesmerised by what was going on on the stage, there were others in full pantomime mood and a few really bemused, that adults could behave like that on stage- it wasn't on television or in the cinema, it was real people!

Live theatre can boost literacy and vocabulary, encourage communication, imagination and curiosity, and lengthen the attention span. Experts are in full agreement, going to see live theatre shows can help aid children's understanding of emotions and it is particularly useful for families to visit together. I know that some of you are regular theatre goers but if you are not, look out for opportunities. Local amateur productions need not be expensive and are often very high quality. I know that some of our pupils are preparing to take part in the next Purley Players performance. Well done.

FOPS

Christmas Disco with DJ Jacko!

The children's Christmas Disco which will be held at Saint Mary's Church Purley on **Wednesday 19th December**. We're even hoping that Father Christmas has some time in his busy diary to pop in!

Timings:

5.00-6.15: Foundation (incl FS1), Year 1 & 2
6.30- 7.45: Year 3 upwards

Reminder: all forms and payments to be sent to school by Friday 7th December at the latest.

Christmas Shop

The Christmas Shop will be open in early December! We will once again be offering the children the opportunity to purchase gifts for their own family members. There will be a selection of small, affordable gifts to choose from ranging in price from £1.50 - £3.00. The children will bring the gifts home already wrapped and labelled.

Shed

Thank you to all the lovely volunteers who have offered their help to put the shed up. We have decided to give you back your weekends :) and have asked a local builder to carry out the work for us instead.

Recent purchases

In preparation for the upcoming nativity play which we're very excited about, FOPS have assisted the school in purchasing a stage for the children. A new playframe, outside power and plug socket have also been installed near Hedgehog class. The theatre trip transport was subsidised by FOPS and ice lollies were bought for the interval!

Late Night Shopping in Pangbourne

We have very kindly been offered a stall outside the Chinese restaurant at the late night opening event in Pangbourne on Fri 7th Dec. If there are any volunteers who would like to attend & run a fundraising stall for FOPS, please do email askfops@gmail.com.

Don't forget to use easyfundraising for all your Christmas shopping!

Visit **easyfundraising.org.uk** website or download the app!

Sign up, select our school and start raising funds today! All you need to do is remember to go to the app or the website every time you shop!

You've raised another **£97.79** since the beginning of November through easyfundraising! Thank you. It all helps.

YEAR 1 WOODLAND SCHOOL



The children noticed a rainbow as we drove to the woodland- many knew that the sun was shining through the rain to create it. Next we warmed up with a hide and seek game before setting off to continue our activities which included collecting lots of leaves, spearing them on a twig and using magnifying glasses to hunt for more mini-beasts. Ella found a ladybird and Brandon found a slug. Oscar found bright orange eggs and then discovered a caterpillar in the bark of the tree.

Despite a little sunshine we almost got caught in the rain but thankfully Sydney and Lewis helped to make us a shelter where we sat for our hot chocolate listening to a kite circling overhead. Luckily for us the sun came out again before we had to leave. There was excellent behaviour and cooperation from everyone - well done children - another super start to our school week. *Mrs Hodsdon*



VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY

Home-Start West Berkshire, a local family support charity is currently recruiting in this area. They need volunteers who can encourage, listen and offer practical support to parents with young children. Volunteers become a trusted friend and mentor to the family, to help them move forward. Their next training course will start on the 21st January 2019. It will run for 7 consecutive Mondays from 9.30-14.30pm, breaking for Half Term (Monday 18th February). If you are interested or would like to discuss this further please contact us now on 01635 760310 or email office@home-startwb.org.uk.

More information can be found on our website www.home-startwestberks.org.uk

CHILDREN IN NEED/ANTI-BULLYING

Thank you for all your generous donations. You have raised **£181.48**. The money will be split equally between Children and In Need and Safe! a local charity.

VACANCY

We have a vacancy for a Breakfast Club Play Assistant starting in January 2019. The position is for 2 hours per week (Wednesdays and Thursdays, 07.50 to 8.50 am). Please see further details on the school website:

<http://purleyprimaryschool.co.uk/current-job-vacancies.php>

CHESS CHAMPION



Congratulations to Oscar (Year 5) who won the Pang Valley District Cub Chess Competition at the weekend.

DATA COLLECTION

Data collections forms have been sent home today via your child's bookbag. Could you please check that all the details are correct. If you need to make any changes, simply write on the form with the new details. Once you've checked the form, please sign it and return it to school, even if there are no changes. Thank you.

ISS CHRISTMAS LUNCH - REMINDER

The date for our School Christmas lunch is **Tuesday 18th December**. Don't forget to return the lunch envelope by Friday 30th November at the latest ensure that your child's choices are clearly marked.

PURLEY VILLAGE PLAN

Look out for your copy of the Purley Village Plan that is due to be delivered to all local residents.

HEDGEHOG CLASS



The children have enjoyed singing lots of well-known nursery rhymes this week, as well as learning some new ones. On Wednesday, when the school was empty, the children went on an adventure around the school. They took the opportunity to make a map of the whole school to help them when they go to different classes for house assemblies or swap classes for creative challenge.

They found Purley on Google Earth and Cora noticed how it was surrounded by what looked like a green, patterned carpet. The children worked in groups to make a map of Reading and talked about how busy it was compared to their village. *Mrs Burton*

BADGER CLASS



Having researched Samuel Pepys and his famous diary, Badger class had a go at writing a diary entry as if they were in Tudor London during the great fire. They used interesting adjectives, time words and a range of conjunctions to bring their writing to life. Everyone tried really hard and thought carefully about their writing targets. They all felt proud of their efforts and were able to talk about what went well and what their next steps might be.

On Thursday we had a DT day and having looked at the characteristics of Tudor houses, we then created our own Pudding Lane from reclaimed materials. There was a buzz of excitement as the children worked on their models - measuring, cutting, sticking, shaping, folding and evaluating as they worked. The finished products look amazing.

In Maths, Y2 have continued to measure using centimetres and Y1 have continued to study 2D shapes. A reminder to all that maths homework is put on the active learning website every week for the children to consolidate their learning at home. Details of how to access this resource is in the back of their reading record books.

We have started to rehearse our Christmas performance and many children have been given words to learn. Please help your child to practise their lines at home. Thank you for your support.
Mrs Lyn-Jones

OWL CLASS



Last Friday, Berkshire Cricket Club came into school to discuss the values promoted and developed through playing and watching cricket. They also provided a mini workshop about the forthcoming Cricket World Cup being held here in England next year. The children planned what they would include in a cricket festival and then designed posters to promote it.

Robin Hood has stayed with us for our English writing this week. The children have enjoyed exploring the different versions of Robin Hood and the Golden Arrow. They have retold their own version of the story and enjoyed making mini play-lets in small group. This has tied in very nicely with our visit to The Watermill Theatre on Wednesday. The performance was very enjoyable and the children seemed to thoroughly enjoy it.

In Maths, the Cubes have been busy doubling and halving, using their knowledge of partitioning to support them. The pyramids have been learning column addition and subtraction carrying and borrowing tens. The water cycle has been the focus in Science. The children have set up their own water cycle experiment using soil, water, cress and cling-film. I am sure they will tell you some more. The Vesuvius Volcano art images by Andy Warhol have been our inspiration for our own pop art style images of volcanoes! The children have used a range of materials, pens, pencils and pastels to create their masterpieces.

Reminder: next Thursday, we will be going to Reading Climbing Centre. Children need to come into school wearing clothes appropriate for climbing, tracksuit trousers/leggings, t-shirts, sweatshirt and trainers. School dinners are not affected. *Mrs Pickering*

WOODPECKER CLASS



Many children in Woodpecker finished their modroc mayan temples this week and everyone has continued with their research and project-building.

Robin Hood at the Watermill was absolutely great and we were all very grateful to FOPS for the ice-olly treat during the interval. In English, we have completed our Armistice trail instructions and have practised reading comprehension skills.

In Maths, the Year 6 children have moved from calculating the area of rectilinear shapes and the volume of cuboids to finding fractions of amounts. Year 5 have been consolidating their understanding of angles: how to use a protractor to draw and measure angles accurately and how to calculate missing angles."

In Science, we have been extending our understanding of reversible physical processes by starting to look at dissolution. We explored a range of substances to see which ones dissolved and which didn't. Next week we will go on to look at factors which influence how fast a substance dissolves. *Mrs Archer*

STARS OF THE WEEK



Hedgehog Class

Star of the week: Jacob for his enthusiasm for learning

Friendship Star: Esme for helping her friends on the two-wheeled bike

Paragon: Margaux

Badger Class

Star of the week: Harry for using great problem solving skills when making his Tudor house

Friendship Star: Henry for always being a kind friend.

Paragon: Lewis

Woodland Star: Oscar for finding a caterpillar and eggs on an old tree trunk using a magnifying glass

Owl Class

Stars of the week: Syd for excellent engagement in his writing

Friendship Star: Elliott for joining in with new games at break/lunch

Paragon: Toby

Woodpecker Class

Star of the week: Evans for hard work and initiative and perseverance

Friendship Stars: Lucas and Hayden for excellent teamwork

Paragon: Natalya

Delightful Diners: Jacob H, Harry V, Julia, Zayneb, Jamie, Bailey, Elyssa and Anya

Reminders for next week:

- Owl Class: Climbing trip on Thursday 29th November
- All – deadline to return Christmas Lunch envelope is 30th November.
- PE kits – as it's getting colder, please send in jogging bottoms.

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

DIARY DATES

29/11/18	Owl Class – Reading Climbing Centre
13/12/18	Hedgehog/Badger Nativity Play, 9.45
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18/12/18	ISS Christmas Lunch
19/12/18	FOPS Christmas Party @ St Mary's Foundation 1/2 and KS1: 5:00-6:15 KS2: 6:30-7:45
20/12/18	End of Autumn Term 2, 1.15 p.m
21/12/18-04/01/19	Christmas Break
07/01/19	Start of Spring Term 1
15/02/19	End of Spring Term 1, 3.00 p.m
18/02/19-22/02/19	February Half Term
25/02/19	Start of Spring Term 2
05/04/19	End of Spring Term 2, 1.15 p.m
08/04/19-23/04/19	Easter Break
24/04/19	Start of Summer Term 1
23/05/19	End of Summer Term 1, 3.00 p.m
24/05/19-31/05/19	May Half Term
03/06/19	Start of Summer Term 2
24/07/19	End of Academic Year, 1.15 p.m

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CHRISTMAS MARKET

The Barn

Goosecroft, Purley on Thames

SUNDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2018

11.00 AM – 3.00 PM

Remember the buzz of previous years? ... back by popular demand with new stands and new delights to tempt you

Both barns packed with stalls: presents, crafts, books, ceramics, accessories, jewellery, glassware, artwork, cards, confectionary, vintage, home baking, children's toys and much, much more.

Also Father Christmas, refreshments, mulled wine & grand raffle.
Free entry and free parking.



Friends of Purley Barn www.fopb.org.uk

Thames Vale Singers A VERY MERRIE CHRISTMAS



8.00pm, Friday 7 December 2018
St Mary's Church, Purley on Thames

8.00pm, Saturday 8 December 2018
The Barn, Purley on Thames

Tickets £10 (including refreshments)
On sale Wednesday 14 November 2018
From: 0118 942 4372 or 0118 942 1880

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www.thamesvalesingers.org.uk

Do something like you've never done before!

Wanted! People to take part in a research project about how communities respond to extreme events.

Earn a £10 Amazon Gift Voucher AND do something interesting that is fun!

Come and play 'Shutdown', a cross between theatre and a game. This is part of a research project run by Kings College London facilitated by Fanshen, a company which makes interactive experiences.

You will be part of a team of 12 local people reviewing some fictional events. You'll watch video testimonies from characters, read some material, possibly out loud, and discuss. There will be nothing weird or embarrassing and the whole thing takes place sitting round a table so is not physically strenuous.

The event takes up to 2 and a half hours. The game runs for about 90 minutes and then there's a discussion with neuroscientist Dr Kris De Meyer. Drinks and biscuits will be provided.

There are 2 sessions on **Thursday 6th December, 10.30am** and **7pm**, both at **Purley Memorial Hall**.

To sign up for your preferred session email Rachel (Rachel@fanshen.org.uk).