



Purley CE Primary School

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Friday Bulletin

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"Parents should not let their outdated stereotypes influence their child's career," was a headline in the Telegraph this week. It quoted that only 1% would encourage their daughter to follow a career in engineering while 11% said that they would encourage their son. Engineering, "covers everything from mechanical and electrical engineering, to biological engineering - it could be building prosthetic limbs." During Delightful Dinners this week, a girl from Hedgehog class said she wanted to be a ship's captain and reminded me of this article. Some ideas might be mad and quite unnerving for parents. Let them explore, let them see what is out there, even if it is something you are not quite sure of," is the advice given. I look forward to hearing some interesting careers ideas from our young people.

FOPS

Christmas Shop



The Christmas Shop will run Mon-Fri lunch time next week! 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. Please send any money in in a named purse. The children will then bring the gifts home already wrapped and labelled. Each class will be invited to visit the shop in turn starting with Hedgehog class on Monday followed by Badger on Tuesday, Owl on Wednesday and Woodpecker on Thursday.

Christmas Disco with DJ Jacko!



The children's Christmas Disco 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. We are still looking for a few volunteers for the KS2 party, as well as setting up & clearing away - please let Mrs Ham or Karolina know if you feel you can spare an hour or so on the night!

Help needed!

We are looking for a few more volunteers to help with the much anticipated and always enjoyable Tour De Purley and Scootathon which will be held in May. Please do chat to Danni to find out more information.

Dates for your diary

FOPS are planning a Quiz Night on the 8th March and a Summer Fair on 29th June so please pop the dates in your diary and email askfops@gmail.com if you would like to get involved in helping organise either event.

YEAR 1 WOODLAND SCHOOL



Today the woods were looking very bare with few leaves left on the deciduous trees. The children spotted evergreen and deciduous trees - quiz them on their knowledge! Later Jax, Arthur, Daniel and Oscar enjoyed climbing the trees. Arlo and Oscar used chosen tools to dig in the ground and saw into the dead logs to make homes for mini-beasts.

Continuing from our Anti-bullying week, some of us wrote a happy note for other children to find. Lilly-May, Brandon and Ella were brilliant at writing these.

Jax, Annabelle, Theo and Amelia played as a team on the ball run - learning how to fix it when bits fell off! Sydney and Lewis took photos using the kiddi-cameras - trying to spot deciduous and evergreen trees. A **big** thank you to our adult helpers today, Mrs Smith and Mrs Hogg, for keeping us safe and making sure we had a really fun morning! *Mrs Hodsdon*



HEDGEHOG AND BADGER NATIVITY PLAY



The first performance will be on **Thursday 13th December at 9.45 am** in the school hall. You may bring younger siblings to this show.

The second performance will be on **Friday 14th December at 9.45** in the hall once again. This performance is for adults only.

We will send out a ticket request via Parentmail early next week.

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>

FESTIVE JUMPERS DAY

On Tuesday 18th December which is the day of our Christmas lunch, we will have a Christmas themed non-uniform day. You don't need to buy a new jumper, you can simply decorate one with

tinsel etc. In return, we would ask for a donation towards Save the Children Charity and the Children's Society.

CROSS COUNTRY EVENT

This week, we held our first ever cross country event with another school. A total of 30 children took part in the 2.5km run around the footpaths of Purley and Springs Farm. All the children were very enthusiastic and we certainly had some good running times and probably some personal bests. A huge well done to Olly Cundy who was not only the Year 5 winner but also the overall winner, completing the course in an amazing 12mins.

We are hoping to repeat the event in February, this time being hosted by Downsway School.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to Danni Tovey, Corrina Smith, Catherine Hester, Louise Miller and Jacob Bank's Nanny, Roz for all their help and support not only at the event but each Thursday during our running club. We could not offer this opportunity for our children without your weekly commitment. *Mrs Pickering*



HEDGEHOG CLASS



This week the children have been thinking about the characters in the nativity story and deciding on who was the most important. Baby Jesus came out as a clear winner as the story is all about his birthday, and he was the son of God.

Our Christmas play rehearsals are in full swing and the children have been taking part in Christmas activities. In Maths, they have been beginning to recognise coins and understand their value. Many thanks to Renee for her

patience in supporting the children with their sewing challenge!

Next week we are hoping to take the children to the shops to buy a stamp and post their Christmas cards to their families. Please can we ask each child to bring 58p to school to cover the cost of their stamps. *Mrs Burton*

BADGER CLASS



Badger class have been thinking about fairy tales this week and enjoying looking at their favourite ones. We discussed how all stories need a beginning, a middle and an end. After looking at a video clip called "The Clock Tower", we discussed any links to some of our well known fairy tales. We looked at how the story is sequenced and then retold parts of it using interesting and appropriate adjectives and nouns. In Maths, we have been consolidating our maths targets and KIRFS.

Please remind all children who have words for our Christmas play to keep practising them in a loud, clear voice. *Mrs Lyn-Jones*

OWL CLASS



It has been an adventurous week in Owl class. Mountains and mountaineers has been our focus across much of the curriculum. The children have been researching facts on Mount Everest, discovering where it is, how high it is and that it grows 0.6cm every year. Did you know that officially, it is not the tallest mountain in the world? Ask your child to explain why. They have found out that Sir Edmund Hilary and Tenzing Norgay achieved the first successful attempt to the summit on May 1953. They also discovered that George Mallory disappeared whilst climbing Everest in 1924 and his body was found 60 years later in a mummified state! I am sure they have loads more facts they could tell you if you ask them.

On Thursday the children were able to experience what it is like to overcome fears, nerves and difficulties when they themselves had the chance to climb the walls of Reading climbing centre. We had a fantastic morning and it was wonderful to see and hear them encouraging and supporting others. They will draw on this experience next week as they write a diary entry for the day they reached the summit of Everest.

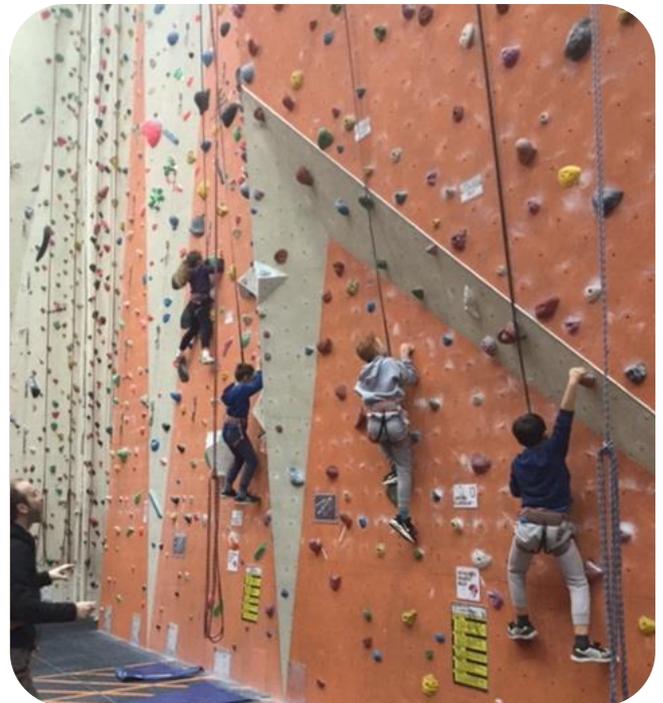
We will also be investigating the different ways that mountains are formed.

In Maths, the Cubes have been having fun with fractions whilst the Spheres have been learning the grid method to support multiplication.

Thank you to everyone who has supported their children with their home learning projects we have had some outstanding work presented so far. Just a reminder that children do need to practise their KIRFs regularly!

You will have seen some forms sent out about our link ups with our American partners, please don't worry if your child cannot attend this time, we will be doing this again after Christmas.

Mrs Pickering



WOODPECKER CLASS



We are so proud of a group of our top Year 6 mathematicians who represented the school through the first round of the National Young Mathematicians' Award.

They are the first team from Purley Primary School to pass this first round and will be competing again next week in the second round of the competition. In particular, our team were commended for their excellent collaboration and their ability to build on each other's' ideas.

In Maths, Year 6 have been consolidating their division methods and applying their division skills to fraction problems.

Year 5 have been working on placing numbers on number lines and rounding. They have explored rounding 5-digit numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000 and decimal numbers to the nearest whole number.

In Science, we continued investigating the dissolution of salt in water. We looked at which variables we could change and thought about how they might affect the process. The children then investigated how the speed of dissolution varied with water temperature. *Mrs Archer*

STARS OF THE WEEK



Hedgehog Class

Star of the week: Freya for her enthusiasm in writing during Independent Learning

Friendship Star: Daisy for dancing nicely with Freya

Paragon: Jacob

Badger Class

Star of the week: Jax for persevering with his writing and having lots of ideas.

Friendship Star: Lewis for playing kind games with his friends in the playground

Paragon: Sydney

Woodland Star: Annabelle for being an excellent partner whilst using a magnifying glass to search the woods.

Owl Class

Stars of the week: Milo for great problem solving in maths

Friendship Star: Alfie C for encouraging and supporting his friend who was feeling worried about climbing.

Paragon: Elliott

Woodpecker Class

Stars of the week: Lola M for her excellent work attitude at all times and Louie for engaging with homework, working hard in class and staying green.

Friendship Star: Alice Barber for being a positive friend

Paragon: Reid

Delightful Diners: Daisy, Margaux, Macie, Layla, Elliott, Jaihdn B, Cypher, Olly C

Reminders for next week:

- All forms and payments for Christmas Disco to be sent to school by **Friday 7th December** at the latest.
- Money for Christmas Shop (see FOPS items for day applicable to your child)
- Badger/Hedgehog: please bring in costumes in a named carrier bag.
- Hedgehog: bring 58p for stamps

DIARY DATES

13/12/18	Hedgehog/Badger Nativity Play, 9.45
14/12/18	Hedgehog/Badger Nativity Play, 9.45
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
08/03/19	FOPS Quiz
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
29/06/19	Summer Fair
24/07/19	End of Academic Year, 1.15 p.m

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

Community Page



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Messy
Christmas



Messy Church Christmas Special

Sunday 2 December

4.00-5.30pm

St. Mary's Church

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).

If you have any questions or want to discuss access needs you can email or call on 07734 947682

Village Concerts

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St Mary's Purley-on-Thames, West Berkshire



Saturday 9th February

James Kirby

Acoustic singer/songwriter James Kirby tours around the World in 2019.

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