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Friday Bulletin

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EXPAND VOCABULARY

I know, find, and use interesting words.

"Knowing more words make you smarter". This is a phrase I found in an article I read over the Christmas holidays. It built upon some other materials I had read which said that a good vocabulary was the way to achieved, and conversely a poor vocabulary kept you down. The article continued to say that 90% of vocabulary is acquired through reading. Do you encourage your child to read? Do you show a good example? Do you look up words you do not know? I love the Kindle for this; you can just press a word and find out what it means. Can you challenge yourselves/your family to use a new word every day? You never know where it could lead.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

In Collective Worship this week, we looked in the Bible at the story of "Samuel the Kingmaker." In it, we heard how God went about choosing a new king for his people.

We were very surprised to discover that God doesn't look at the outside of a person - what they look like or how big or strong they are - instead He looks at the inside of a person and what is in their heart. And so it was that Jesse's youngest son David was chosen who would go on to become one of the most famous kings in the Bible, not because he was big and strong, but because his heart was pure and because he loved God. We thought about how we view and treat other people.

FOPS



We are organising a quiz night in March and would love some help if anyone is available. Setting up, behind the bar or clearing away. Any help is very gratefully received. Please email askfops@gmail.com if you are able to help.

The next FOPS Committee meeting will be held on Thursday 31st January at 7.30pm. Please let us know if you have any fundraising ideas or contributions to planned events.

CONGRATULATIONS

Huge congratulations to Mrs Chohan, Miss Maisey, Mrs Street, Miss Clarke and Mrs Keegan who have successfully completed their Advanced Level Apprenticeship in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools.

EMOTIONAL HEALTH ACADEMY

The Emotional Health Academy (EHA) is a service offered by West Berkshire Council. It is launching a new service for parents. Parents can now buy services directly from the Emotional Health Academy to support their child with emerging, mild and moderate emotional difficulties. This is for parents who live both in and outside of West Berkshire. This is in addition to their free, universal triage service which remains unchanged, as a front door to early help emotional support within West Berkshire.

The cost is £50 +VAT per 50 minute session, which can be delivered in the home, at their offices or another mutually acceptable location.

They are holding an information event for parents at 4.30pm on Friday 8th February at Newbury Town Hall, with further dates to follow. Places are limited and can be booked via Booking Bug - https://booking.westberks.gov.uk/all_events.html#/event

Further details on the EHA can be found on their website. <https://info.westberks.gov.uk/eha>

SCHOOL GROUNDS

Please be mindful that the school grounds may become slippery during this cold weather spell. Grit is applied to paths early in the mornings when necessary.

HEDGEHOG CLASS



A surprise visit from Pippo the Penguin has helped start our Winter Wonders topic this week. The children used clues on the map he was carrying to discover that he was travelling from the South Pole to the North Pole. Pippo has been teaching us all some interesting facts about penguins – we found out that we can't hold our breath for as long as a penguin can under water!

Our focus children enjoyed sharing their photos with the class, and everyone asked questions to find out more. Next week our focus children will be Phoebe Tovey and Jacob.

Homework Competition time!

The Foundation Stage children have been invited to take part in a poetry competition and the best poet could win book tokens for themselves and the school. The children are encouraged to use their senses and imagination to create their own original riddle (with support from home of course). In class we have looked at riddles about winter, but any theme is fine. Entry to this competition is completely voluntary, but every child will bring home an entry sheet just in case they would like to have a go. Please return any entries to school by **Monday 11th February**. Good luck to all of Purley's budding poets!

Mrs Burton

BADGER CLASS



Badger class enjoyed the entry day for their new topic this week and we saw some fantastic costumes. What a lot of patients we had but luckily there were quite a few doctors on hand to look after them all! We have spent the week exploring different ways to gather data about ourselves - hair and eye colour, height, hand span and foot size. We then used the data to produce simple graphs and answer comparative questions about ourselves.

In English, we have started to read some "Happy Family" stories and we started with "Miss Dose the doctor's daughter." We wrote character descriptions about Miss Dose using interesting adjectives and retold the story using a range of time words.

In Maths, Y1 have been exploring measurement and Y2 have been consolidating their understanding of the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

In Art, we explored x-ray images and investigated different ways to work with white chalk on black paper.

Next week, we will be looking at how to upload a photo and change it into black and white.
Mrs Lyn-Jones

OWL CLASS



Wow! We have now well and truly walked into life as an Egyptian.

In English, the children have been looking at adverts and what makes them attractive and appealing, considering the language types used. This included alliteration, slogans and superlatives. They have then used these traits to design their adverts encouraging people to visit Egypt.

In Maths, the Cubes have been investigating patterns in the timetables and the spheres have revisited mental maths strategies and column method subtraction.

We launched into our topic with a mummification process on some of the children; we had so much fun mummifying them in toilet rolls. Please be assured no organs were removed during this activity!!

All the children have worked hard contributing ideas for the Egyptian dance which we would like to showcase to you on Tuesday, 12th February from approximately 2.30 pm. *Mrs Pickering*





STARS OF THE WEEK



WOODPECKER CLASS



Our 'Wonder' theme has taken us around the world this week as children have been researching and presenting their findings about the seven wonders of the ancient world.

We have also been learning about wonderful people: heroes who have fought the odds to become inspirational in their field.

In English, we have been considering August's point of view as he starts school. We are learning to both understand inferred meaning as we read, and how to convey such subtleties in our own writing.

Year 6 have been consolidating their understanding of fractions: how to convert these to decimal numbers and how to multiply fractions.

Year 5 have been extending their understanding of mental methods of addition and subtraction to include decimal numbers and applying them in solving word problems.

In Science, the children have now become naturalists and are creating presentations on the life cycles of a range of different animals: mammals, amphibians, insects and fish.

Mrs Archer

Hedgehog Class

Star of the week: Poppy for her sensible behaviour in class

Friendship Star: Phoebe Tigwell for taking care of a friend when they were hurt

Paragon: Zara

Badger Class

Star of the week: Brandon for being such a great reader

Friendship Star: Sydney for always wanting to help others

Paragon: Lewis

Owl Class

Stars of the week: Malakhai for his amazing work on column subtraction

Friendship Star: Syd for being supportive to his friends both in the classroom and on the playground

Paragon: Toby

Woodpecker Class

Star of the week: Louis for self-motivated determination to be excellent

Friendship Star: Caitlin for excellent friendship on the playground

Paragon: Emily

Delightful diners: Cora, Phoebe Tigwell, Ayman, Arlo, Charlie, Jaiden S, Iona, Lola 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

Reminders

- All PE kits to be in school at all times. It is advisable to provide black jogging bottoms during the colder months

DIARY DATES

21/01/19	Hedgehog/Badger Road Safety Show
11/02/19	Year 5 Modern Foreign Language sessions at Denefield School
12/02/19	Owl Class Showcase, 2.30 pm
13/02/19	Parents Evening, 3.30-6.00 pm
14/02/19	Parents Evening, 6.00-8.00 pm
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
25/02/19	Year 1 Woodland School restarts

08/03/19	FOPS Quiz
11/03/19	Year 6 singing at the Royal Albert Hall
20/03/19	Class photos
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

Community Page

a ROAR-SOME opportunity for children of Reading

The Reading Brick Show will be at Rivermead Leisure Centre on the 23rd & 24th February 2019 and the organisers would like to invite the children of Reading for be part of the show.

The LEGO® show will feature fantastic models made by the most talented builders in the UK and lots of fun activities for visitors of all ages.

If your child loves LEGO® and has the imagination to create something great then we would like to hear from you.

Send a photo of the best thing they have built using LEGO® bricks to erica@readibrick.com along with their name, age and school. We will announce the chosen builders on the 31st January. Those children will be invited to a free building session during February half term.

Guided by the show organisers (expert builders from Brick-Superstar), the children will build from their own imaginations, anything they want.

All models that are built will be kept safely and proudly displayed alongside the other exhibits for visitors to admire.

Each child chosen will be given 2 complementary tickets to the show (one for the child and one for an accompanying adult).

If you have any questions please contact Erica Grieve on 07834 838 999 or erica@readibrick.com

READING BRICK SHOW



The Reading Brick Show is proudly partnering with Fairy Bricks - an amazing charity who donate LEGO® sets to sick children in hospitals.

The Reading Brick Show will give a LEGO® set to each child in the Royal Berks hospital in Reading, using money from our show ticket sales.

More information on the Reading Brick Show can be found on Facebook or at www.ReadingBrickShow.com





Wednesday 6th February 2019

9.30am to 2.30pm

**Newbury College, Monks Lane,
Newbury , RG14 7TD**

West Berkshire Parent Carer Forum in collaboration with **West Berkshire Council**

Special Needs & Disabilities

SEND Local Offer Information Day

A FREE event for young people, parents and carers of children with special needs

A range of local service providers who are on the SEND Local Offer will be available to chat to and find out more about their services, and there will be some interesting speakers who will be holding workshops on a range of topics.

Keynote Speaker - Carly Jones MBE will be presenting

Autism Women & Girls Demystified

We anticipate this to be a very popular topic, so please book your free place at the following link, or use a barcode scanner to go straight to the page.

<https://autism-women-and-girls-demystified.eventbrite.co.uk>



Speaker Talks

Behaviour & Anxieties - Deputyship and Power Of Attorney — Benefits For Children

EHCP/SEN Support - PDA (Pathological Demand Avoidance)

These talks have limited places so make sure to book soon! Scan the QR code or go to the following link.



<https://special-needs-talk-tickets.eventbrite.co.uk>

Please do come along and support our Local Services, it gives you a great opportunity to network with other parent/carers and professionals, and to find out what's available to everyone in West Berkshire

FREE CAR PARKING— REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE ALL DAY— EASY ACCESS TO EVENT

For more information contact: fionaworby@roseroad.org.uk or call 07860 942 280



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