



Purley CE Primary School

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Friday Bulletin

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Did you know that children can gain 3 months of progress in every school year if parents and school work together to deliver the best outcome for their children? Yes 3 months every year- that is nearly 2 years additional progress during their time at primary school! I am well aware that so many of our parents give their children fantastic support, listening to them reading, practicing number bonds, testing times tables, visiting place of interest to enrich the topics they are doing at school etc. Some parents, however, find this a lot more challenging, knowing how to support. If you would like some guidance, please come and speak to either your child's class teacher or myself and we can point you in the right direction or provide some additional training.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

In Collective worship this week, the children learnt more about the life and times of King David. Although David had been anointed to be King, there was another King Saul who had fallen out with God. David spent some of his time caring for his father's sheep in the countryside. During his time as shepherd, David learnt how to protect the sheep from wild Bears and Lions, so when he faced the Giant Goliath, he was able to use his sling shot to knock him down quickly. David loved music and was a skilful harp player, so when Saul started to get angry, David was called, and his harp playing calmed Saul down. Just as David had talents that helped him in later life, the children, discussed the ordinary things, Maths, English, History that will help them now and later when they face SATS, exams and their future lives. David also had faith in God and knew how to pray when faced with problems, so the children were challenged to pray when faced with difficult situations. *Mrs Henson, Foundation Governor*

FOPS



CAKE SALE - We are planning to hold a Valentine's Day themed cake sale on **Friday 15th February** after school. Any donations of cakes (bought or home-made) would be

gratefully received. Please bring your cake donations to school on the day.



Would you like to test your general knowledge and have some fun? Fancy a night out with friends and family? FOPS are holding a quiz night starting at 7.30pm on **Friday 8th March** at The Barn,

Goosecroft Lane. Tickets are £10 per person and include a fish and chip supper, supplied by The Lemon Plaice. Maximum team size is six. There will be a licensed bar, raffle and quiz prizes. Please return the booking form as soon as possible. A form is in your child's bookbag and also attached to the newsletter.

PARENTAL SURVEY FEEDBACK

We would like to thank all those who completed the Parent Survey last term, your views and opinions are extremely important to us. The School's leadership team and the Governing Body continually strive to further the development of the School, and analysis of the results from this survey allows us to identify areas where you would like to see further improvement. Overall, the results were very positive and showed parents/carers to be highly satisfied with the School. There were however two clear areas of concern that were highlighted; provision of school meals and the School's website. As an update, the School is currently investigating what may be done to improve the school lunches with a more definitive report to follow, hopefully later this term. The School has also contacted website

developers with the aim of creating a newly designed website to address the concerns that have been raised with the format of the current site. *Mr Pritchard-Hawkes, Governor*

PARENTS EVENINGS

On Tuesday next week, you will receive a notification via Parentmail inviting you to book your parents evening meeting with your child's teacher. Dates are Wednesday 13th February (3.30-6.00) and Thursday 14th February (6.00-8.00). Please make sure that you allow for 10 minutes prior to your meeting to see your child's tray with all their work.

If you have any queries, please speak to Mrs Ham.

ROAD SAFETY SHOW



Badger and Hedgehog class enjoyed their Road Safety Road on Monday. Louis and his puppet Troy taught the children how to cross the road safely. They reminded the children to hold hands with their adults and look both ways before crossing.

HEDGEHOG CLASS



The snow and ice arrived just at the right time for our Winter Wonders topic! The children have been thinking about how they and the arctic animals keep warm in icy conditions. They learned that the penguins' waterproof feathers help them when they are in the cold sea, and the children investigated a range of fabrics to test if they are waterproof. In Maths, the children have been exploring 2D shapes to find a line of symmetry, and making winter butterflies.

Next week our focus children will be Samuel and Cora. In Maths, we will be counting in 2s and exploring odd and even numbers. *Mrs Burton*

BADGER CLASS



Badger class have been enjoying Happy Family stories in class and this week they had a go at writing their own story based on Master the Money the Millionaire. They tried really hard to think about a beginning, middle and end for their

stories, using a range of time words to move the story on.

In Art, they have enjoyed using their own close up photography to explore patterns and texture. They changed their photos into black and white and used chalk to extend the images.

In Science, we have looked at their bodies and reinforced the parts that are associated to their senses.

Y2 have been looking at arrays in maths and how they help with multiplication and Y1 have been ordering numbers and finding numbers in between. Please encourage your child to play the online homework that is accessible on Abacus (www.activelearnprimary.co.uk). All details on how to access the resource is at the back of their reading record books. Thank you. *Mrs Lyn-Jones*

OWL CLASS



Holidays to Egypt have been the topic of conversation in Owl Class this week. The children have been busy creating advertisements promoting a holiday there. They have considered a range of persuasive writing features to tempt the reader, these include: alliteration, slogans, rhetorical questions and superlatives (I am sure they can explain these to you!). We are hoping to have some of the posters on display at our Egyptian showcase on Tuesday 12th February. Next week in English we will be starting to create guidebooks.

In Maths, the Spheres are collecting data and presenting this on bar charts. The Cubes have been exploring a range of ways to support learning 4 and 8 times table and are now looking at column addition using partitioning.

Keeping on the Egyptian theme, the children have explored some Egyptian artefacts and considered what this tells us about their lifestyle and thought about what else they would like to know about each artefact. *Mrs Pickering*

WOODPECKER CLASS



This week, Wonder (our class novel) has diverted from August's point of view and the class are considering his story from Via's perspective.

Our writing in English, has centred around another character who is an outcast, and we have been considering how descriptive and emotive language can work together to craft deeper meaning within a story.

We have listened to the soundtrack from the scene when Lucy discovers the secrets of Narnia's wardrobe and considered how the music enhances the sense of wonder. We then muted the sound and groups of children came up with their own compositions.

We have continued our research on the Seven Wonders of the World and children are collaborating on a reference book in which they are collating their findings.

In Maths, Year 6 have been multiplying with decimal numbers.

Year 5 mathematicians started their week by consolidating counting up skills and applying them to solving subtractions and word problems. Most recently we have been working on identifying multiples and prime numbers.

In Science, the children finished off their lifecycle presentations and we are looking forward to watching them next week. *Mrs Archer*

STARS OF THE WEEK



Hedgehog Class

Star of the week: Phoebe Tovey for independently writing a sentence about arctic animals

Friendship Star: Poppy for being a good talk partner at carpet time

Paragon: Margaux

Badger Class

Star of the week: Lewis for gaining so much confidence as a writer

Friendship Star: Lilly May for helping her friend practise her maths target

Paragon: Ciara

Owl Class

Stars of the week: Hiba for her outstanding advertisement for a holiday to Egypt

Friendship Star: Frankie for being an excellent negotiator when things were tricky with friends

Paragon: Frankie

Woodpecker Class

Star of the week: Maegan for always working hard and stretching herself

Friendship Star: Corey for being a caring role model in school

Paragon: Ryan

Delightful diners: Lola G, Natalya, Bailey, Jamie W, Theo, Brandon, Zara, Freya

Reminders:

- **Badger class:** look at Abacus (online maths homework)
- **All:** bring make sure your child has a coat in school every day

DIARY DATES

11/02/19	Year 5 Modern Foreign Language sessions at Denefield School
12/02/19	Year 6 RATS! Rehearsal
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	FOPS Valentine themed cake sale after school
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, 7.30 at the Barn
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
w/c 01/07/19	Sports Week (incl Sports Day on 05/07/19)
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

Village Concerts

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

 <p>Saturday 9th February James Kirby</p> <p>Acoustic singer/songwriter James Kirby tours around the World in 2019.</p> <p>His beautiful & melodic songs captivate audiences of all ages and with his unique style of guitar playing, he is not to be missed!</p> <p>" Beautifully written songs " BBC Radio Merseyside</p> <p>All Concerts: Doors and Bar 7pm, Music 8pm £15 Adult, £10 Youth Age 14-17</p>	 <p>Saturday 30th March Naomi Banks</p> <p>Having worked with Gareth Malone, Keane, Laura Mvula, ELO, Lianne La Havas & many more, Naomi Banks is now pursuing her solo path as a powerful female vocalist.</p> <p>Naomi recently released her debut EP: Deja Vu – a buttery blend of genres coined as 'neo soul'.</p> <p>" Naomi Banks is one of the most exciting singers to emerge from the burgeoning Neo Soul and Jazz scenes this year." FAB UK Magazine</p>
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Oasis

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Got a baby or toddler? Need to chill?

Oasis provides an opportunity for parents and others caring for babies and toddlers to get together on the first and third Thursday in the month between 9.30am and 11.00am. We offer tea, coffee, cake and good company. There are toys for the children and a story-time between 10.30am and 11.00am.

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