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How many jobs can you see in the picture? I often ask the children what they would like to be when they grow up. Most do not have a clue beyond footballer or dancer but there is an occasional child who already knows what career they wish to pursue and already displaying some of the skills needed. I can think of a budding author and a scientist as I write. It is never too early to start investigating possible careers and encouraging your child to aim high.

The BBC are currently running their 500 words competition. Would be authors and journalists take note! This is a very interesting site with

animations to support in a child friendly way. Give it a go and be a part of the most successful story-writing competition for kids in the world <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00rfvk1>

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Oh What Now?!

Be honest, for a mo, we all like to moan and groan at times. In fact, I can honestly say there are occasions when I would win multiple Olympic gold medals, if it were a sport! We whinge and whine for all sorts of reasons - someone's annoyed us, a missed opportunity, asked to do something we'd rather not... This week, as we thought about whether moaning and groaning was justified, we read the story of Jonah. All too often, we get caught up with the big fish part of the story when actually, if we step back and look at Jonah, he is a gold medal moaner too.

The really important part is how God responds; like a caring teacher and a loving Father. Maybe you would like to ask your child(ren) about their moans and groans, or follow along with the stories in The Lion Storyteller Bible.

Pam Slingsby, Foundation Governor

FOPS UPDATE

REMINDER - don't forget to book your place for the quiz night which is being held on **Friday 24th February** at The Barn. You have until the 10th February. It's going to be a fun evening!

CAKE SALE - We are planning to hold a Valentine's Day themed cake sale on Friday 10th February. We need your help! Please bring your cake donations to school on the day.

SCHOOL UNIFORM - Have you got unwanted school uniform that no longer fits? FOPS are setting up a second hand school uniform shop which will be open termly. The first shop will be open on Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th April. All proceeds will go towards the school and donations should be brought to school on the 3rd and 4th April.

EASTER PANTO - The Hexagon are showing The Wizard of Oz during the Easter holidays on Monday 10th to Tuesday 11th April starring Bobby Davro and Britain's Got Talent's Ashleigh & Pudsey. FOPS will be reserving tickets for sale at a discounted rate. Look out for more information next week!

Facebook - Don't forget to check/like our Facebook page - Purley Church of England Primary School. It's a great way to keep up to date with FOPS events.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

We have recently held our School Council elections. Congratulations to the following children on being elected by their peers. The first school council meeting will be on Thursday 2nd February.

Foundation - Lukas

Year 1 – Jamie and Davontay

Year 2 – Samuel and Mia

Year 3 – Lucas and Brayden

Year 4 – Somaya and Elizabeth

Year 5 – Sienna and Teagan

Year 6 – Nathan and Ronan

MONEY

Could you please ensure that any money sent it to school is handed in in a named envelope with a description of what the money is for. It will help the office staff allocate money to the right event. Thank you.

PARENTS EVENINGS

The notifications for the parents' evenings have been sent out via Parentmail today.

Parents Evenings will take place on Wednesday 8th February (3.30 pm to 6.00 pm) and Thursday 9th February (6.00 pm to 8.00pm).

Please make sure that you allow for 10 minutes prior to your meeting to see your child's tray with all their work.

CONGRATULATIONS

We are delighted that Madeline has recently been offered a place at The Abbey School for September. Her outstanding academic ability, recognised in recent entrance examinations has led her to be awarded a prestigious Academic Scholarship.

SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS



Sainsbury's Active Kids is back and we need your help to collect lots of vouchers. So pick up vouchers when you shop at Sainsbury's and donate them to the school. We can then exchange them for new cooking and sports equipment and experiences for the children. Find out more about Active Kids at www.activekids.sainsburys.co.uk

purple mash

Purple mash can now be accessed directly by following the link below:

<http://www.purplemash.com/purley>

A set of generic usernames/passwords have been created for the children:

Username: Foundation, password: Foundation

Username: Year1, password: Year1

Username: Year2, password: Year2

Username: Year3, password: Year3

Username: Year4, password: Year4

Username: Year5, password: Year5

Username: Year6, password: Year6

If you were previously accessing Purple mash via MyLearning, you are still able to do this.

SLIPPERY PAVEMENTS

Please be very careful on all approaches to the school as the cold weather has meant that pavements are very slippery. We have been in contact with West Berkshire Council and they have advised us that Lister Close is not included for treatment as part of WBC Winter Service Plan.

The Parish Council, however, have put in a request with West Berkshire Council for the grit bin at the bottom of Lister Close to be relocated further up Lister Close so residents/parents can use it if need be.

Further information on WBC Winter Service Plan can be found here: <http://info.westberks.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=34808&p=0>

STARS OF THE WEEK



Hedgehog Class

Star of the week: Julia for her enthusiasm for reading and writing activities

Friendship Star: Henry for great partner work in PE

Purley Paragon: Alfie

Badger Class

Star of the week: Hiba for trying so hard to achieve her writing targets

Friendship Star: Sergio for having such a positive effect on the class

Purley Paragon: Sydney

Owl Class

Star of the week: Reid for perseverance in both Maths and English

Friendship Star: Jaime for always being supportive and helpful within the classroom

Purley Paragon: Emily

Woodpecker Class

Star of the week: Tyreese for excellent concentration through Year 6 SATS papers

Friendship Star: Evie for excellent work partnerships

Purley Paragon: Teyah

Delightful Diners: Henry, Davontay, Malakhai, Sergio, Alfie PH, Natalya HB, Caitlin, Lola M.

HEDGEHOG CLASS



This week, the Y1 children wrote their own Funnybones stories and shared them with the class. The stories were both scary and funny, just like the Ahlberg

originals! In science, we thought about what we need to stay alive and healthy. We imagined we had been marooned on a desert island with our pet dog and considered what would be useful to have in our suitcase. We listened to a range of music and explored what would be suitable for a recuperating patient, using the percussion instruments we have in school.

Next week, we will be investigating the importance of washing our hands, and on Wednesday we will be designing and making our own healthy smoothies. *If anyone is able to donate a small amount of soft fruit suitable for these we would be very grateful.* We will use our food preparation to support our investigations into fractions and capacity.

Mrs Burton

BADGER CLASS



Badger class have been using their research into Florence Nightingale to write some fact files about her life. If you would like to create a photo of yourself as Florence Nightingale, follow the link – we would love to see your photos! There is also a great template for developing fact file writing further at home. <https://www.purplemash.com/site#app/mashcam/florencemashcam> (see Purplemash item on the other page for login details).

Using some of the characters from the Happy Family stories we planned and wrote further adventures, taking care to ensure that our stories made sense. We thought carefully about the elements for a story - beginning, middle and end - and how the ideas needed to all link together. In Maths, we have continued to develop our understanding of fractions of whole shapes and numbers and we have tried to solve word problems involving halves, quarters and thirds. Next week we are going to be making a healthy smoothie.

Mrs Lyn-Jones

OWL CLASS



This week in Owl class we have immersed ourselves into Ancient Egypt. Our focus in English has

been to write a letter to a museum detailing our discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb. We have enjoyed learning all about the mummification process and have made our own mummies! Our focus for maths has been learning about Egyptian numbers and how to create a 3D pyramid. We have had a fantastic week and had a lot of fun learning about everything Egyptian. Our dance is coming along nicely ready for our showcase, and we have started turning our class into a museum ready for the parent showcase.

Miss Yardley

WOODPECKER CLASS



Woodpecker class have been learning about the different stages of life and looking at both human and animal life-cycles this week.

Year 6 children have been consolidating all KS2 skills in the mornings in preparation for their SATS tests next term.

In English, the rest of Woodpecker class have been using Michael Morpurgo's novels to inspire their own writing.

In maths, we have been solving problems involving units of time and have also learnt about prime numbers. *Mrs Archer*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

01/02/17	Choir performance rehearsal at Calcot Junior School
08/02/17	Parents Evening, 3.30-6.00pm
08/02/17	Owl Class Egyptian Showcase, 2.30pm
09/02/17	Parents Evening, 6.00-8.00pm
10/02/17	FOPS Cake Sale
10/02/17	End of Spring Term 1, 3.00pm
13/02/17-17/02/17	Half Term
20/02/17	Start of Spring Term 2
22/02/17	KS1 Road Safety Show
24/02/17	FOPS Quiz, The Barn, 7.30pm
02/03/17	World Book Day
08/03/17	Choir performance rehearsal at Calcot Junior School
30/03/17	Choir singing at the Anvil
06/04/17	Second-hand uniform sale
07/04/17	End of Spring Term 2, 1.15pm
10/04/17-24/04/17	Easter Holidays
25/04/17	Start of Summer Term 1
01/05/17	Bank Holiday
03/05/17	Year 5 Denefield Roadshow @ Long Lane Primary School, 7-8pm
w/c 08.05.17	Year 2 SATS (for 3 weeks)
w/c 08.05.17	Year 6 SATS (for 1 week)
10/05/17	Year 5 Denefield Roadshow @ Denefield School, 7-8pm
26/05/17	End of Summer Term 1, 3.00pm
29/05/17-02/06/17	Half Term
05/06/17	Start of Summer Term 2
11/06/17	Tour de Purley
w/c 12.06.17	Year 1 Phonics (for 1 week)
21/07/17	End of Academic Year, 1.15pm
05/11/17	Fireworks Fiesta!

Don't forget to check all the dates listed in the school calendar on the front page of the school website <http://purleyprimaryschool.co.uk/>

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

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Learn to Love, Love to Learn