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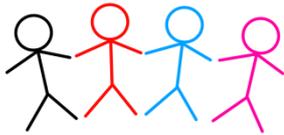
Friday Bulletin

1st February 2019



Mrs Archer and Mrs Pickering have been on an IT conference this week as part of our project with the JDO foundation. The project has benefitted both teachers' professional development immensely, which in turn has had a massive, positive impact on the school. Before Christmas, Mrs Archer held an inspiring information evening for parents. If you were unable to attend or would like a refresher, there are now notes on our website. Please take a look to see what amazing opportunities our pupils are accessing. <http://purleyprimaryschool.co.uk/teaching-and-learning.php>

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP



Collective Worship began with an original work written by a group of children from Woodpecker class. This

week, the children learnt about the friendship between King Saul's son Jonathan and David who one day would be the king in Saul's place. Saul was jealous of David and wanted to kill him but Jonathan protected David, and helped him to escape. Even after David had gone into hiding, the bond of friendship he shared with Jonathan remained strong.

We made comparisons between our friendships and that of David and Jonathan. We found some children had been friends since nursery; others formed friendships in Hedgehog class that were still strong. When asked, the children responded with: friends make you smile, give encouragement, play games with you, and care for you, just as Jonathan did for his friend David.

Two children from Owl class gave a short presentation about friendship; "friends" they said "should be kind, caring and always there for you." Friendship, we discovered, whether Johnathan and David or in our own lives, is important, and can make a huge difference to each one of us. The children were challenged to be good friends and to make sure no one is left out or alone. *Mrs Henson, Foundation Governor*

FOPS



CAKE SALE - 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. Look out for the lovely posters made by some of the children.

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 Plaiçe. Maximum team size is six. There will be a licensed bar, raffle and quiz prizes. Please return the booking form as soon as possible.

We would also like to thank Gareth Lewis from Renewables Consulting Group for generously sponsoring the school running club kit. The children will be so proud to be wearing professional kits.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Evie Morel, Samuel Miller and Jessica Hester-Lewis for their great performance during Purley Players' production of Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves.

EMOTIONAL HEALTH ACADEMY LAUNCH EVENT

The event for parents will run from 4.30pm - 6.00pm on Friday 8th February at Newbury Town Hall and will highlight the Emotional Health Academy's new services as well as a workshop, which will be delivered by one of the Emotional Health Workers, which will teach parents some skills to help support the emotional wellbeing of your child. This event can be booked at: https://booking.westberks.gov.uk/all_events.html#/event

INTERACTIVE INSTRUMENT SESSION

On Tuesday 5th February, we are delighted to be able to welcome to our school, Crash Bang Wallop! - a group of six professional musicians from local music organisation Berkshire Maestros.

Following this unique music experience enjoyed by the children, Crash Bang Wallop! would like to invite all parents along to an informal, interactive instrumental workshop taking place in Badger Class when school is finished for the day. This is your chance to come along and join in the fun, find out how much your child has discovered about music and provide an opportunity for them to try out some of the musical instruments.

The musicians are keen to help as many children as possible experience the benefits of playing a musical instrument. If your child is interested in taking up an instrument there will be an opportunity to learn more about music lessons with Berkshire Maestros.

WORLD BOOK DAY

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7 MARCH 2019

For world book day this year we are having a special week around the fantastic picture book "Where the wild things are!" by Maurice Sendak.

This wonderful story continues to be seen as a most distinguished piece of children's literature, dealing with the theme of children's emotions and the consequences of their actions.

On Wednesday 6th March the school have booked a dance choreographer to work with us and the children.

These Bringing Books to Life dance workshops give the children a unique insight into books by using dance and movement to tell stories. During the dance workshops the choreographer will work with each class, developing responses to the story book through language, movement and dance. *Mrs Lyn-Jones*

HEDGEHOG CLASS



After learning how children are welcomed into the church through baptism, this week the children have been thinking about how to welcome people to our class. Smiling and saying hello, showing where things are and helping people to learn our rules were thought to be the most important suggestions. The children have also practised being considerate, sharing and taking turns when playing games in groups and pairs. Finding lots of thick ice in the garden gave the children the opportunity to carry out experiments on melting. They tried various combinations of warm water, soapy water, salt, and sand and correctly predicted that the warm water was the quickest.

Next week we will be learning about how the Chinese celebrate their new year, and our maths will involve weighing and ordinal numbers. The focus children will be Rafa and Margaux.

Mrs Burton

BADGER CLASS



Badger class have been enjoying riddles this week. They had fun reading and solving some and have spent some time discussing how they are written and how they are set out. Following this they then had a go at writing their own riddle about a "Happy Family" character. The riddles were great and full of exciting clues. The class have really enjoyed reading this series of books by Allan Ahlberg.

In History they have started to find out about Florence Nightingale using non-fiction books and the internet. There are lots of activities to do

about her on Purple Mash and Espresso, if they should wish to continue with their research at home. Having looked at some of the Art work by German artist Hannah Hoch, the children then went on to make portraits of Florence Nightingale in the style of Hannah Hoch and they look very impressive. In maths Y1 pupils have been counting on from the larger number and Y2 have been working with division by grouping. Mrs Lyn-Jones

OWL CLASS



We have been continuing our Egyptian theme in English this week. The children have been learning all about the location, people and what there is to see and do in Egypt. They have then used this information to help write their introductory paragraph for their Ancient Egypt guide books. Next week, we will be completing the guide books using google docs on our iPads.

In Maths, the Spheres have had a busy week learning about angles, parallel and perpendicular lines, polygons and symmetry. The Cubes have been working on expanded column method for addition.

The children have also practiced their Egyptian dance ready for the showcase on the 12th February and have been busy designing their own Egyptian headdresses.

If any children have any left over Christmas or birthday money, a small Bluetooth keyboard for use with an iPad would be very useful in school. They are available at B&M at a very good price (don't forget the batteries). This is not a requirement just a suggestion.
Mrs Pickering and Mrs Street

WOODPECKER CLASS



Woodpecker Class have worked really hard this week while Mrs Archer has been away. In Maths, Year 6 have focused on properties of two-dimensional shapes and particularly triangles. Year 5 have been deepening their understanding of factors and multiples, practising mental methods for finding multiples of two and three-digit numbers and investigating patterns in square numbers.

English lessons have been based around events in Wonder. At one point in the story, Auggie overhears Jack Will (who he considers to be his best friend) saying some very unkind things. The children thought about the effect that this had on Auggie and wrote some very insightful e-mails from him to Jack, explaining his feelings. The children then had to switch viewpoints and consider how Jack might feel when he found out that Auggie had overheard him, in order to write an e-mail reply.

I have been incredibly impressed with the research that the children have carried out in science over the last couple of weeks. Each pair created a two-minute Google Slides presentation on the life-cycle of a particular animal, which they presented to the rest of the class this week. The level of information they included and their presentation skills were excellent. Whilst watching each other present, the children have used the information to find similarities and differences between the different life-cycles.

Mrs Jones.

STARS OF THE WEEK



Hedgehog Class

Star of the week: Jacob for his predictions on ways to melt ice

Friendship Star: Rafa for taking turns sensibly when playing games

Paragon: Cora

Badger Class

Star of the week: Annabelle for writing a great riddle full of exciting clues

Friendship Star: Arthur for being a happy friend to many

Paragon: Amelia-Mae

Owl Class

Stars of the week: Jessica for her thoughtful contribution to discussion in both ERIC and English lessons.

Friendship Star: Alfie C for supporting his friends in the classroom and the playground

Woodpecker Class

Star of the week: Louie for staying green and for working hard.

Friendship Star: Lizzie for looking after friends when they are sad

Paragon: Hayden

Delightful diners: Alfie PH, Abraham, Ciara, Jessica B, Brayden, Louie H, Amy, Molly

DIARY DATES

05/02/19	RATS! Anvil Rehearsal at Pangbourne Primary
05/02/19	Crash, Bang, Wallop! event after school in Badger Class
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
05/03/19	RATS! Anvil Rehearsal at Pangbourne Primary
07/03/19	World Book Day
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

NEW CLASS AT COTSWOLD SPORTS CENTRE!



let's get
active

ACTIVE FIT

(Instructor: Julie Anderson)

Ages 8-15yrs

Thursdays (16:00-17:00)

free trial (07/02/2019)

Bring a buddie and spread the word! £3.70/class

This is a pay as you go class, no booking necessary

(A health questionnaire must be completed before attending the class)

Thank you

Cotswold Sports Centre, Downs Way, Tilehurst, Reading, RG31 6SL, Tel: 01189 414 690

Oasis

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Connecting people with God



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.

www.stmaryspurley.org.uk

**Everybody welcome - just come along.
Contact Marjorie on 0118 941 8856**

Village Concerts

www.villageconcerts.eu
info@villageconcerts.eu

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



Saturday 9th February

James Kirby

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

His beautiful & melodic songs captivate audiences of all ages and with his unique style of guitar playing, he is not to be missed!

" Beautifully written songs "
BBC Radio Merseyside

All Concerts:

Doors and Bar 7pm, Music 8pm
£15 Adult, £10 Youth Age 14-17



Saturday 30th March

Naomi Banks

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.

Naomi recently released her debut EP: Deja Vu – a buttery blend of genres coined as 'neo soul'.

" Naomi Banks is one of the most exciting singers to emerge from the burgeoning Neo Soul and Jazz scenes this year." **FAB UK Magazine**

Messy Church

What is it?

Messy Church is a fun way of being church designed with young families in mind. Typically it includes a welcome, a creative time to explore a theme from the Bible through having fun and getting messy; a short celebration involving story, prayer, song and games; and a sit down tea together.

Who's it for?

It's primarily for those who don't already belong to another form of church. It's for people at any stage in their faith and of any age.

When and where?

Location

St. Mary's Church, St. Mary's Avenue, Purley on Thames, RG8 8BJ.

Dates and Times

Every first Sunday of the month (except August), 4.00pm to 5.30pm

6 January

3 February

3 March

7 April

Cost

Free

Contact

office@stmaryspurley.org.uk
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Safeguarding

We take our responsibility to protect children very seriously. All our activities are covered by the Church of England's child protection guidelines and all our regular helpers are DBS checked.