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Friday Bulletin

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COLLECTIVE WORSHIP



Can you become an excellent athlete, awe-inspiring artist or superb spelling whizz overnight?

There's a parable about the Lost Coin, or Lost Golf Ball in our case, which we explored together. Our champion 'Professional Pete' was determined to find his lost golf ball; he kept on looking because he knew he couldn't just give up and walk away from being the best golfer he could be. Often we are blessed with a talent or skill but unless we work hard at develop that skill, practice regularly we cannot be the best we can be. As the Bible reminds us it's all about pushing on, striving for the goal. God wants the best for you. stop holding back!
Pam Slingsby, Foundation Governor

PARENT EVENINGS

Our parents' evenings will take place on Wednesday 10th February and Thursday 11th February. Like last term, we will have a sign-up sheet in the main playground (at the back of the school) from the morning of Monday 1st February. Parents may sign up for a specific time slot. These sign-up sheets will be available every morning and afternoon from then on, until Thursday 4th February. If you are unable to be there in person, you can ask another parent or relative to sign up on your behalf. Please note that parents who have already had a meeting this term with their child's class teacher do not need to re-book an appointment. Confirmation of appointments will be sent out on Friday 5th February.

STAFF NEWS

We are pleased to confirm that Mrs Pavey has been appointed as our new Admin Assistant.

BIKES AND SCOOTERS



We are very pleased to see so many children use their bikes and scooters to come to school. We would however like to remind children that they can't use their scooters/bikes in any part of the school grounds at dropping off and picking up time as they could collide with other children including younger siblings. Thank you.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS, FRIENDS, PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS AND NEIGHBOURS....



Tour de Purley Sunday 15th May 2016

Plans are well under way for our next Tour de Purley! We're looking for more volunteers to help with marshalling and setting up on the day. If you could spare some time or you know someone who can, please get in touch with Danni Tovey (danyellet511@gmail.com) or Anne Bolland (anne.bolland1@btinternet.com). Thank you for your support.

TALENT SHOW AND PURLEY AT THE PALLADIUM

All the children will have the opportunity of showcasing their many talents in our own school talent show on 25th February. We will then select some of the acts to take part in our 'Purley at the Palladium' alongside the school choir on Wednesday 23rd March at 6.30 pm at the Barn. Tickets will be on sale after February half term. Proceeds will be used to fund the evening as well as funding other music opportunities.

BOOK PEOPLE ORDERS

Reminder – please ensure that you have paid for your order by Tuesday 2nd February. Without payment, your order will not be fulfilled.

STARS OF THE WEEK



Hedgehog Class

Star of the week: Percy for great listening and super contributions to class discussions.

Friendship Star: Alfie for always looking out for his friends.

Purley Paragon: Chloe

Badger Class

Star of the week: Amy for concentrating and working independently on her writing

Friendship Star: Olly for being considerate with those around him

Purley Paragon: Tiana

Owl Class

Star of the week: Corey for his excellent range of vocabulary, he is our class thesaurus!

Friendship Star: Jasmine for encouraging everyone to contribute to group discussions

Purley Paragon: Emily

Woodpecker Class

Star of the week: Nacho - brilliant literacy, expressive reading and powerful writing.

Friendship Star: Dylan for working well with any group of friends.

Purley Paragon: Tyreese

Delightful dinners: Tiana, Iona, Ben S, Molly, Evie, Elyssa

HEDGEHOG CLASS



The children in Hedgehog class have been exploring non-fiction books this week, especially focusing on the moon landing in 1969. We looked at the features of a non-fiction book and noted how it differs from a story book. We gathered lots of interesting information and then had a go at writing our own factual reports about Man on the Moon. In Maths, the Foundation children have been counting on and back and looking at numbers one more and one less. The Y1 children have started to learn about multiplication using practical activities and resources. In Art, we

designed and made clay aliens and also made astronauts, aliens and space buggies from recycled materials. As a class we listened to the music of Space Oddity by David Bowie and talked about the role of astronauts in space and how long they were away from planet earth. We tried another of our Space Food packs which had a mixed response with most children agreeing that they preferred 'Earth' food! Mrs Carr

BADGER CLASS



Badger class have been busy this week looking at non-fiction texts and doing their own independent research about the moon and Neil Armstrong. They looked at how a report is written and then, using their research, wrote their own reports. They tried to include a clear heading, sub headings and questions. They also looked at how fact boxes are used in reports and had a go at writing some using interesting information.

Having designed aliens last week, we enjoyed using clay to make them and next week we will be painting and finishing our models off.

In Maths, we have continued to look at multiplication and how to transfer a repeated addition into a multiplication sentence. We have explored word problems that involve multiplication and used multiplication in shopping activities.

Next week we will continue to explore non-fiction and report writing. There are a lot of exciting report templates for the children to use on My Learning (Purple Mash) which will give them more experience of writing their own.

The following website has a wealth of information about Tim Peake which the children have enjoyed exploring - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/highlights/curations/z34wxsg>

Mrs Lyn-Jones

OWL CLASS



This week in Owl class week we have continued to look at report writing in English. In Maths, we have been working on fabulous fractions, the children have investigated 1/2, 1/4 and 1/10 of shapes and started to look at fractions of a set of objects. As a class we are learning part of the lyrics to Space Oddity by David Bowie to

perform to the school. This will be done as a poem rather than a song. To help learn the words the children have copied out the words in their best handwriting for a class competition. The children have been thinking about the world and how countries and continents are similar and different. The countries they have compared are Russia, England and America. In Art, we have been looking at the abstract artist Peter Thorpe and have started art compositions in his style.

Mrs Pickering

WOODPECKER CLASS



Woodpecker had a great time painting space this week, learning to pull paint on the paper to create some stunning effects. We also wrote a newspaper article about Neil Armstrong's landing on the moon. Our Maths focus for this week has been times tables. Times tables are foundational skills and it is very difficult for children's maths to progress effectively if they don't have a solid understanding and recall of their times tables. By the beginning of year 4, children should be able to recall their 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10 times tables at speed and without difficulty. We are revising all these tables as many children are still struggling with them. Please could you help your child by quizzing them on their times tables, making flashcards or creating mini times tables games and silly stories such as: if Tim Peake finds aliens in space and they have 3 heads each, how many space helmets would he need to make for 6 aliens? Some mathematicians have consolidated their rounding skills and are now learning about calculations involving negative numbers. In English, we are promoting some crazy space attractions such as rocket dodgems, the black hole swimming pool and other weird and whacky creations. Science involved bringing earth into the classroom and taking a closer look with a magnifying glass. We were astonished at some of the things we found.

Mrs Archer

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

10/02/16	Parents Evening (3.30-6.00)
11/02/16	Parents Evening (6.00-8.00)
12/02/16	End of Spring Term 1 at 3.00pm
15/02/16-19/02/16	Half Term
22/02/16	Start of Spring Term 2
25/02/16	Talent Show
03/03/16	World Book Day
23/03/16	Purley at the Palladium, 6.30 pm (the Barn, Purley)
24/03/16	End of Spring Term 2 at 1.15pm
25/03/16-11/05/16	Easter Break
12/04/16	Start of Summer Term 1
15/05/16	Tour de Purley!
27/05/16	End of Summer Term 1 at 3.00pm
30/05/16-03/06/16	Half Term
06/06/16	Start of Summer Term 2
20/07/16	End of Academic Year at 1.15pm

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