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# Friday Bulletin

**8<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

Buried down in item 12 of its Terms of Service on You Tube is - "If you are under 13 years of age, then please do not use the Service". When I was teaching in Owl class recently, a pupil questioned, "Why did God put that apple in the garden of Eden if Adam and Eve were not supposed to eat it?" Similarly, I ask why is there children content on You Tube if you need to be 13 to use it? It is so difficult to police children's use of the internet. Having no technology that can access the internet in children's bedroom is a good place to start.



Tuesday 5th February was e-safety day. We are constantly reminding our pupils about on line safety. Visit <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2019> if you would like to find out more.

## FOPS



**CAKE SALE:** Friday 15th February after school. Any donations of cakes (bought or homemade) 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.



**UNIFORM SALE:** Second hand uniform sale will also be on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> after school**. If anyone has any items of uniform to donate, they would be gratefully received. Or just come and buy!



**QUIZ NIGHT:** - 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.



**DEDICATE A BRICK:** We are delighted to offer you the opportunity to make a permanent

mark on the school by dedicating a brick with your child or family name. Each brick will be individually engraved with your child or family name and permanently displayed within the School for generations to come. Proceeds from each brick purchased will also make a valuable contribution towards school equipment. Each brick costs £40.00 for up to 2 lines, or £50.00 for 3 lines. Order forms are available from the office. The children who have a "family brick" really love seeing the brick in school as they enjoy their day.

**MY NAMETAGS:** With all the lovely uniform you are sure to find at the second hand sale, you might need to check your stock of name labels! The website [www.mynametags.com](http://www.mynametags.com) offer fantastic labels (and the children love to help design them) and they are having a special offer on their postage now for just £1. Remember to enter our school ID code 18975 at the checkout so that the school benefits too!

## PARENTS EVENINGS

Thank you for booking the appointments so promptly.

Parents Evenings will take place on Wednesday 13th February (3.30 pm to 6.00 pm) and Thursday 14th 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.

## HALF TERM

The children will finish school on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 3pm. Spring Term 2 starts on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February.

## BERKSHIRE MAESTROS CONCERT

The children had a fantastic experience when Berkshire Maestros visited the school. The concert "Crash Bang Wallop" involved percussion, brass, woodwind and strings instruments and was inspiring for the children to have the experience of listening to live music. The taster sessions were hugely successful and it would appear that we have many aspiring musicians amongst us. *Mrs Lyn-Jones*



## YEAR 3 VIOLIN LESSONS



on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March.**

The Year 3 children will have the great opportunity of taking part in the In2Music Violin Project offered by Berkshire Maestros. They will have 16 weeks of violin tuition starting

## HEDGEHOG CLASS



The children have embraced learning with an oriental theme this week. They made money envelopes, practised Chinese writing, tasted a variety of Chinese foods, and even played a Chinese version of snap on the Interactive Whiteboard. Using a balance, the children found out that a plastic pig was as heavy as seventeen plastic lids or one big dog and three small ones.

A story about Smartie the Penguin sparked a circle time about internet safety, and the children all agreed that they would always check with an adult if they were using the internet.

Next week our focus children will be Casey and Esme. In Maths, we will be beginning to find half and double. *Mrs Burton*

## BADGER CLASS



Badger class have been discussing the importance of breakfast this week. They collected data to see which breakfast food was the most popular in the class. Using non-fiction books and the internet, they researched where the different foods came from and how they ended up on our breakfast tables. The children were excited to receive a letter from the hospital asking them to create healthy breakfast smoothies to give to their patients. They worked together to prepare and blend the different fruits and then made posters to advertise their smoothies.

In Maths, Y2 have been investigating division by grouping and Y1 have been counting on and counting back from numbers up to 50. *Mrs Lyn-Jones*

## OWL CLASS



Travel guides have been the main focus in Owl Class this week. The children have now got all the details they need and are busy writing their travel guide entry on Ancient Egypt. They are very excited to be doing this on google docs rather than handwriting it.

In Maths, the Cubes have been placing 3 digit numbers in a blank number line from 0-1000. They have then used this to support their understanding of rounding a 3 digit number to

the nearest 100. The Spheres have been exploring symmetry and how to multiply by 4 using the doubling and doubling again strategy.

The Egyptian dance is coming along well and we look forward to seeing some of you on our revised date of **Friday 15th February at 2.30 pm**, when the children will be performing it. The children have enjoyed learning about the mummification process, especially the gory parts! They are now in the process of making a mini movie to explain how it was done. We will endeavour to show some of these at our showcase too.

Just a reminder to keep up the reading! There has been a great improvement from most children. Also remember to practice those times-tables on Time Tables Rockstars. Finally, spelling test day is Friday and this is also when new spellings are issued. *Mrs Pickering*

### WOODPECKER CLASS



There was high excitement in Woodpecker class this week as we considered the human life-cycle.

For year 5s, this involved considering the changes that occur from gestation through to old age.

But for year 6, the taboo topic of puberty was on the agenda. As always, there was a diverse range of knowledge, engagement and curiosity. After the first session, children were encouraged to consider any questions they might have. The children were split into smaller groups on Wednesday and invited to ask me anything. The girls were barely sat down before the torrent of questions began - and continued - and hasn't stopped yet. The boys however, came in and sat down. "Any questions?" I asked. "Nope," came the united reply. And that was that. I have encouraged all children to talk with parents and carers if they have further questions and hope this will facilitate some open conversations.

In English, we have been learning about inference - reading between the lines to discover an implied meaning. We have been targetting our use of very specific verbs and adverbs to build inference into our own writing.

In Maths, the focus has been measuring: angles, weight and length. *Mrs Archer*

### STARS OF THE WEEK



#### Hedgehog Class

**Star of the week:** Harry V for trying hard in phonics

**Friendship Star:** Margaux for always showing care for others

**Paragon:** Freya

#### Badger Class

**Star of the week:** Macie for independent research about breakfast foods

**Friendship Star:** Jessica for helping to solve an argument

**Paragon:** Lewis

#### Owl Class

**Stars of the week:** Toby for always working to the best of his ability across the entire curriculum

**Friendship Star:** Davontay for being kind and considerate to all his friends

**Paragon:** Molly

#### Woodpecker Class

**Star of the week:** Hayden for working hard in school and continuing to stretch his learning at home.

**Friendship Star:** Evelyn for being kind to other children when they are feeling sad

**Paragon:** Gracie

**Delightful diners:** Poppy, Daisy, Ollie A, Lukas R, Harry H, Toby, Niamh, Jasmine

### DIARY DATES

11/02/19	Year 5 Modern Foreign Language sessions at Denefield School
12/02/19	Year 6 RATS! Rehearsal at Pangbourne
12/02/19	Woodpecker hangout with US school
13/02/19	Parents Evening, 3.30-6.00 pm
14/02/19	Parents Evening, 6.00-8.00 pm
14/02/19	Woodpecker hangout with US school
15/02/19	Owl Class Showcase, 2.30 pm
15/02/19	FOPS Valentine themed cake/second hand uniform sale after school
15/02/19	End of Spring Term 1, <b>3.00 p.m</b>
<b>18/02/19-22/02/19</b>	<b>February Half Term</b>
25/02/19	Start of Spring Term 2
25/02/19	Year 1 Woodland School restarts
01/03/19	Owl Class hangout with US school

05/03/19	RATS! Anvil Rehearsal at Bradfield 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
26/03/19	Choir singing at the Anvil
05/04/19	End of Spring Term 2, <b>1.15 p.m</b>
<b>08/04/19-23/04/19</b>	<b>Easter Break</b>
24/04/19	Start of Summer Term 1
23/05/19	End of Summer Term 1, 3.00 p.m
<b>24/05/19-31/05/19</b>	<b>May Half Term</b>
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)
<b>24/07/19</b>	<b>End of Academic Year, 1.15 p.m</b>

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](mailto:headteacher@purley.w-berks.sch.uk)

**Karen Fakes (Headteacher),**  
*Learn to Love, love to Learn*

## Community Page



### School Holiday Club

#### Coaching to improve cycling through games and fun

Do you have a budding triathlete who needs more time on a bike, a confident cyclist who thinks they might like to try cycle sport or a youngster who just enjoys being on their bike?

Coaches from Sprockets Cycle Club will be running a day of cycle coaching, games and fun for all developing young riders. This will be run on a traffic free site at Shinfield St Mary's School, Chestnut Crescent, Shinfield, Wokingham. This will be run by both male and female coaches who are DBS Checked, First Aid Trained and hold full British Cycling Coach qualifications.

Activities will be both on tarmac and on grass and will include skills and technique coaching and some games and races. Participants will need to dress for the weather, have a roadworthy bike (2 working brakes,) a helmet and gloves and bring drinks and a packed lunch. Participants need to ride confidently and be able to start unassisted.

Toilets and top up for drinks are on-site and refreshments for morning and afternoon breaks will be provided. Riders with allergies or intolerances will need to bring their own snacks.

Payment is requested in advance and guardians will need to complete a contact/consent form before riders can participate. A refund will be provided in the event of cancellation by Sprockets, but weather is unlikely to prevent this event running.

**Monday 18th February, 10am - 2.30pm.**

**Cycle Coaching for young riders aged 7-16. £15 per rider.**

Booking or enquiries via [Sprockets.bike@gmail.com](mailto:Sprockets.bike@gmail.com)



# FEBRUARY HALF TERM

Visit us throughout the holidays at **Reading Museum** and enjoy a range of craft ideas on our Activity Cart



**Reading Guild of Artists Half Term Takeover**  
 Monday 18 February – Saturday 23 February  
 Drop in throughout the week for fantastic drawing and craft activities. Then browse the affordable art on sale.  
**All ages 10am - 4pm**  
**Free, drop in**

**Early Birds and Late Owls**  
 Monday 18 February  
 We would like to trial some quieter hours for families of children with sensory conditions.  
**Early Birds 9am – 10am & Late Owls 4pm – 5pm. All welcome, free, drop in**

**Stop! Hama Time**  
 Tuesday 19 February  
 Have you ever tried hama beading? Create your own fabulous design inspired by our collection!  
**Ages 5+, 1-hour sessions starting at 10am, 11.15am, 1pm & 2.15pm**  
**£4, book online or pay on the day**

**Victorian Schoolroom Experience in the Gateway**  
 Tuesday 19 February  
 Our 45-minute experience for adults and children, now in the brand new setting of the historic Abbey Gateway.  
**Ages 5+, 11.30am, 1.15pm & 2.30pm**  
**£1 per person, book online or pay on the day**

**Make & Take: Museum Superheroes**  
 Wednesday 20 February  
 Design your own mask and accessories, then take your photo in our selfie corner.  
**Families, half-hour sessions 10am – 12pm & 1pm – 3pm**  
**£1, pay on the day, drop in**

**Young Archaeologists Club**  
 Thursday 21 February  
 Learn about the fascinating world of the Abbey Quarter and medieval medicine. Have a go at making a medieval tooth salve and your own ink. Then design and write your own illuminated manuscript!  
**Ages 7+, 2-hour sessions starting at 10am & 1pm. £10, booking essential, see our website or call us**

**Reading Museum on Wheels: Museum Craft at Whitley Library**  
 Thursday 21 February  
**Families, 10am – 12pm & 1pm – 3pm**  
**Free, drop in**

**Escape Room Trail at Reading Museum**  
 Thursday 21 & Friday 22 February  
 Take the Reading Museum challenge and solve the riddles in each gallery!  
**Families, available throughout the day**  
**£1, pay on the day, drop in**