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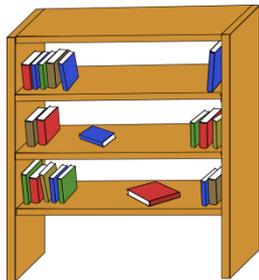
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Friday Bulletin

23rd February 2018



Do you read with your child? Do you read school books and other books? Don't stop sharing books with your child even when they are fluent readers.

Pupil A reads 20 mins a day = 3600 minutes a school year

Pupil B reads 5 mins a day = 900 minutes a school year

Pupil C reads 1 minute a day = 180 minutes in a school year

Which pupil do you think will have the better vocabulary? By the age of 10

Pupil A 1,800,000 words

Pupil B 282,000 words

Pupil C 8,000 words

Why not give your child the best start in life? If you already read daily with your child, congratulate yourself and your child.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

In Collective Worship we looked in the Bible at the amazing story in which God uses a burning bush to get someone's attention. He wanted Moses to do a task for him, but Moses said he wouldn't be able to do it and came up with all sorts of excuses! Moses said he was shy and wasn't good at talking to people. But we know from the Bible that he did do the job for God. He went to Pharaoh in Egypt and eventually Pharaoh let God's people go. But it wasn't easy and took a lot of courage and determination! Moses knew he wasn't the brave, bold sort. He thought he couldn't do the task God had given him, but with God's help he did.

We thought about times when we feel afraid or unwilling to do something. We prayed that we might trust God to help us.
Rev Archer

FOPS

The cake sale raised £79.30. Thank you for your support.

Date for the diary: Quiz night will be on Friday 11th May.

WOODLAND SCHOOL



We began our return to the Woodland by thinking about the animals that have been living there over the winter. We thought about the food and shelter they need to survive. We pretended to be squirrels and went to hide our acorns. We had to remember where we put them as we were to collect them at the end of the session.

Next we worked in pairs or alone to make a shelter for an animal. Ciara and Jessica made exciting homes for squirrels which included a swinging bed and a place to climb. Mason, Ollie, Lukas, Zayneb, Sienna and Julia used a trowel to dig a den for a badger.

It was hard work even with a trowel and we thought about how sharp and powerful badger claws must be. Henry and Harry found a small hole in the bottom of the tree trunk and used it to create a home for a mouse.

Isaak, Macie and Layla found tree roots and they thought about why they are useful. Layla explained that plants need sunlight and water to grow. We talked about how roots help trees to stay upright. We visited all of the animal shelters

and agreed that some animals may move in by next week! After some warming hot chocolate we chose how to play, making bows and exploring the area. We finished by gathering our acorns, most of which were found! *Mrs Hodsdon*

NB: Next Monday's session has been cancelled. Please see Parentmail.



WHAT TALENT!

Firstly apologies if you had to wait for your child to be dismissed on Thursday afternoon but..... it was because we have such talent here at Purley School. There were 33 items in our talent show ranging from gymnastic, instrument playing, magic, dance and singing. Congratulations to all those that took part. There was a fantastic range of skills, ages and confidence. There were acts that had taken many hours of rehearsal, there were some very brave children who overcame fear to put themselves forward and there were some that were good enough for a west end stage! We must forget our tech people either. Mrs Ham for sorting out loads of music and Jack for seamless organisation ensuring that each act was appropriately backed. Thank you also to you the parents who nurtured and rehearsed your children to produce such a fantastic show.

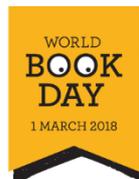
The choir sang many items (including solo parts for Percy, Ellie, Anya, Mia, Louis, Abraham and Samuel.

Other children who took part:

Tiana and Lola M – gymnastics
Anya and Evie – comedy sketch
Oscar, Lewis, Louis and Olly – dance
Elizabeth – poem
Casey A – dance
Alice Bodimeade – dance
Alfie PH – jokes
Evelyn – dance
Hayden and James – singing
Isaak – singing

Maegan, Jessica, Kira – dance
Mia and Callum – violin
Alice and Evie – singing
Emily and Niamh – magic
Ruby and Teagan – magic
Elsie and Frankie – recorders
Gracie – singing
Iona – singing
Jasmine and Elyssa – singing
Darcy – gymnastics
Evelyn and Lola G – cup song
Lola G – tap dance

WORLD BOOK DAY



World Book Day is on **Thursday 1st March**. At school, we shall be having a pyjama day and shall be sharing lots of stories with each other. Children can wear any bedtime clothing and shall spend the day in it. Please remember appropriate footwear to wear outside! Parents/Carers are invited to join us in the morning (08.50-09.30). Please bring some of your favourite stories to share with your child and their friends.

To celebrate the event this year, we have partnered with Usborne Books and there will be a book fair on **Tuesday 6th March**. Your child will come home on World Book Day with a leaflet showing some of the books that will be on sale. There is a link to an online catalogue to see the full range. A letter with further details about the Book Fair is attached to the newsletter.

DRAWING COMPETITION



Linked with Place2Be/Children's Mental Health Week, there's a drawing competition from BAFTA which is open to children/schools right across the country. Happy drawing!

<http://www.baftakids.org/competitions/being-ourselves-bafta-kids-selfie-competition>

The closing date for the competition is 5pm GMT on Monday 19 March 2018.

GUITAR LESSONS



Berkshire Maestros have advised that they can offer small group guitar lessons in school if they have a minimum of 9 children. If your child is interested, please let Mrs Ham know.

HEDGEHOG CLASS



In Hedgehog Class this week, the children looked closely at a spring plant in a pot and drew a picture of what they could see. As the plant label was missing, they wrote their prediction of what they thought it would develop into, and three children correctly guessed it was a daffodil. Several children guessed it may be a dandelion, buttercup or yellow rose, as they could see a hint of yellow in the bud. They also found a heavy, melon shaped object in class which could possibly be a dinosaur egg?! The children listened to the egg with a stethoscope and Ella thought she could hear a bumping noise just like a heartbeat. They imagined what kind of dinosaur may be growing inside the egg, and thought about what words could be used to describe it.

Next week our focus children will be Ella and Ayman. *Mrs Burton*

BADGER CLASS



Badger class have really enjoyed the start of our new topic "What's in the box?" It was lovely to see them sharing their memory boxes with their class friends, listening and asking each other questions. They were all well prepared and confident to talk about their personal treasures.

We have set up a Julia Donaldson book box in the classroom and are enjoying reading her stories. Having read "The Gruffalo", we then designed our own story maps to help us retell the story using story language and time words. We then rewrote the story from the point of view of the Gruffalo.

In Art, we have looked at different Julia Donaldson book covers and had a go at drawing our own, adding colour and detail to make them eye catching.

In Maths, Y2 have been exploring multiplication and division and knowing one is the inverse of the other. Y1 have been looking at place value and 1 more/1 less, particularly from a tens number. *Mrs Lyn-Jones*

OWL CLASS



This week in Owl Class we have finalised our Roman project,

grouting our mosaics and photographing our Roman jewellery. The enthusiasm of the children's learning through this topic has been beyond expectations. Thank you for all you help and support in encouraging them outside of the school day. Our topic this term is Will's Wonderful Words. We will be looking at some of the plays by Shakespeare, his life and The Globe theatre. Our aim to hold a small production at the end of the term. Please keep your eyes open for the date. We also welcome Mr House, a student teacher, who will be working in Owl Class until Easter.

In English we are currently creating our own incredible sports. The children will then be producing a newspaper article promoting their new sports. In Maths, the Cubes are looking at properties of 2D shapes and perimeters, whilst the Spheres are looking at strategies to support mental multiplication.

This term we will be changing our spelling day to a Friday. Please can you ensure that your child's yellow spelling book is in school every Friday.

Mrs Pickering

WOODPECKER CLASS



Woodpecker class have the incredibly exciting – and somewhat daunting – opportunity to engage in a 5-week STEAM (science, technology, engineering and maths) challenge this term. Following some of the pioneering work we do with iPads, we have been approached to trial the new pi-top, typically marketed for secondary-aged students, to discover if the computer science projects and investigations are achievable in primary schools. Naturally, I am aspirational for the class and I immediately nailed our colours to the mast and declared my confidence that our upper key stage 2 students would engage fully with such learning opportunities. So, this week, we received a shipment of 30 pi-tops (<https://pi-top.com/>) and the children have started to build laptops.

This works very well with our topic for the term: Victorian Revolution. Queen Victoria's reign was a very dynamic period of history, and the Industrial Revolution, which occurred during this time, challenged everyone's way of thinking. New machines were taking over jobs which had previously been done by people, and many felt threatened by the revolution taking place. We will be comparing this period of history with many of the changes taking place today – a period of technological revolution, where, once

again, many jobs previously done by people, are being taken over by computers.

During English, we have been studying an anthology of short stories and we will be working towards writing our own Victorian short story.

In Maths, children have been working with decimal numbers and considering how to solve real-life problems involving decimal numbers.

Mrs Archer



STARS OF THE WEEK



Hedgehog Class

Star of the week: Arthur for challenging himself with his writing and number work.

Friendship Star: Ayman for getting along with everyone in class

Paragon: Daniel

Badger Class

Star of the week: Molly for working so hard with her phonics.

Friendship Star: Zayneb for being a happy and cheery friend to many

Paragon: Layla

Woodland Star: Layla for knowing that we should take care of the trees roots because they help it to stay alive.

Owl Class

Stars of the week: Brayden for his excellent work in Maths

Friendship Star: Alfie for interacting well with his peers both in class and at playtimes.

Paragon: Jacob

Woodpecker Class

Star of the week: James for persevering with his KIRFs and working really hard on them through half-term

Friendship Star: Gracie, for being mentioned by the majority of children as being the kindest child in class.

Paragon: Natalya

Delightful diners: Louie H, Reid, Tiana, Lola M, Isaak, Mason, James and Corey

DIARY DATES

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| 28/02/18 | Choir performance rehearsal at Calcot Junior School (am) |
| 01/03/18 | World Book Day |
| 08/03/18 | Reading Comprehension Evening 6.30: KS1, 7.00: KS2 |
| 13/03/18 | Choir performing at the Anvil |
| 18/03/18 | Green Park Challenge |
| 21/03/18 | Class Photo |
| 29/03/18 | End of Spring Term 2, 1.15pm |
| 30/03/18 - 16/04/18 | Easter Break |
| 25/04/18 | Purley at the Palladium (Denefield) |
| 11/05/18 | FOPS Quiz night |
| 25/05/18 | End of Summer Term 1, 3.00pm |
| 28/05/18 - 01/06/18 | Half Term |
| 15/06/18 | Sports Day |
| 22/06/18 | Sports Day (Reserve) |
| 20/07/18 | End of Academic Year, 1.15pm |
| 04/11/18 | Thameside Fireworks Fiesta |

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

Open to all those that work on Arlington
plus friends and family

internet safety talk for parents

Tuesday 13th March 12.30–1.30pm

Supporting
**young
people**
online



Free buffet lunch and
refreshments
served 12.15–12.45pm

café
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A workshop to help parents navigate the world of
social media that their children are exposed to.

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