



# Purley CE Primary School

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## Friday Bulletin

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A very full week at school this week and a full newsletter!

The cuts that West Berkshire have recently announced are another blow for our community. The possible closure of Pangbourne library and the Children Centres will be a loss to many. With this in mind, together with our new library at the school, we will be reintroducing a lending library for the children. The children will have access to both fiction and non-fiction books. A charge will be made to replace any lost or damaged books. In order to facilitate this we would be grateful if any parents could commit to helping on a weekly basis.

We are also considering starting a regular story time for preschool children, where a member of staff will read a story and children can access some books. Depending on numbers we may even be able to provide a cup of tea! If you like this idea, please let us know so that we can start organising it and collecting some books.

### COLLECTIVE WORSHIP



In Collective Worship this week we looked at Jesus' parable, The Rich Fool. In the animation we watched, Jesus tells a story of a farmer who becomes very rich. The farmer was also very selfish and thought only about himself. He wasn't interested in how he could help those who worked for him, or how he could help the needy. The Bible teaches that what is most important in life, is not how many 'things' we have, or how much 'stuff' we get, it is what we are like, and who we become. And the most important thing in life? That we come to know who God really is.  
Rev Archer

### Purley at the Palladium

Our preparation plans are well under way. The children have been busy rehearsing. Information on how to book tickets will be sent out early next week. Please note the venue has moved to Denefield School.

### MATHS HOMEWORK

In response to our own evaluations and parental feedback through our survey and parents evenings, we are introducing weekly maths homework. It is optional until Easter for Year 1-6 but compulsory after Easter.

This week you will have had a log in for your child, as the homework is accessed online. There are further instructions on how to log in using an iPad attached to this newsletter. If you continue to have difficulties, please contact the school. If you do not have access to the technology please contact the class teacher so that arrangements can be made for access before/during the school day.

On Thursday 21st April we will be holding parent information sessions to give further guidance on how to support your child with Maths including using My Maths and for you to ask any questions. The afternoon session will start at 2:30 pm and the evening session at 6:30 pm. There will not be any childcare available in the evening session. If childcare is an issue, please attend the afternoon session and bring something to occupy your child.

We hope that **every child** will be represented by a parent/carer at one of the sessions. A letter will be sent next week for you to indicate which session you will be attending for us to have an idea of numbers.

## GRANT

We are delighted to confirm that Purley Parish Council has given the school a grant to pay for our KS2 library bookshelves. The work has been carried out and the children are enjoying using this new resource.

## FIREWORKS



The PTA have secured a date and provider for the 2016 Thames-side Firework display which will be held on Thursday 3rd November. Please put the date in your diary and let your family and friends know!

If you would be interested in helping to organise the event please contact me or let Mrs Ham know. Nearer the time we will also be looking for parents to help on some of the stalls or as a marshal on the night. Any help and ideas are gratefully received.

*Nicky Gibbens, Chair of FOPS PTA*

## WORLD BOOK DAY



The children had a great day with a lot of reading related activities. The £1 book token has been given to your child – it can be swapped for one of 10 exclusive World Book Day books (see full list at [WORLDBOOKDAY.COM/BOOKS](http://WORLDBOOKDAY.COM/BOOKS)) or used to get £1 off any book costing £2.99 or more. Participating bookstores include Waterstones, WH Smith, Asda, Morrisons, Sainsbury's and Tesco stores.

## WOODLAND SCHOOL

Our first session back at Basildon Park was a dry one. The day started out chilly until the sun came out. A perfect morning for Woodland School. The children remembered all the Woodland rules to keep us safe.

Our first task was to work in pairs to create a suitable home for a dinosaur. The criteria was to build a dry shelter that would protect the dinosaurs from the cold, the wind, the rain and predators. We witnessed examples of good teamwork and cooperation, sharing ideas and using them. Another task in pairs was for one child to find a natural object and describe it to their partner. This worked well and the children enjoyed it. In their independent activities, climbing the fallen tree was very popular.

Thank you to Mrs Miller for her help during our session. *Mrs Herbert*



## KS1 QUIZ

Well done to Jessica, Louis, Ben, Elsie, Samuel and Iona who took part in a KS1 quiz with many other local schools.



## SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS



Don't forget to bring in your vouchers to school and pop them in our collection box which is located by the glass door in the back playground. You can ask friends, work colleagues, grandparents and neighbours to collect them on your behalf. The more we collect the more equipment we can buy. Thank you for your support.

## PARENT SURVEYS

It's great to see a few more surveys coming in. Don't forget, deadline to return them is **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March**. Thank you.

## STARS OF THE WEEK



### Hedgehog Class

**Star of the week:** Elliott for joining in PE and working well with a partner.

**Friendship Star:** Iqra for always including friends in her games.

**Purley Paragon:** Samuel

**Woodland star:** Abraham for being considerate when working with his partner. He listened to their ideas and then they used them in the building of the dinosaur shelter.

### Badger Class

**Star of the week:** Firhan for being a great reader

**Friendship Star:** Hiba for always looking after others

**Paragon:** Maegan

### Owl Class

**Star of the week:** Ryan, for keeping focused on his work set throughout the day.

**Friendship Star:** Emily, for inviting others who were sat alone eating their lunch to join her.

**Purley Paragon:** Elyssa

### Woodpecker Class

**Star of the week:** Ronan for pushing himself further in every aspect of his learning.

**Friendship Star:** Erika for kindness and consideration towards everyone in class.

**Purley Paragon:** Dylan

**Delightful dinners:** Natalya HB, Niamh, James, Corey, Ellie, Elsie

## HEDGEHOG CLASS



In Hedgehog class we have continued to look at books by author Julia Donaldson.

The children have loved joining in with familiar stories and discovering characters from new ones. We made story maps following the story of the Gruffalo and Y1 children went on to make their own books with their own stories. They worked hard to make sure they had interesting ideas with the use of ambitious adjectives and time words. In Science, we explored the senses through different practical activities and games. All children took part smelling a variety of aromas, tasting different flavours of popcorn and putting their hands into feely boxes! In Maths, the Y1 children have

been continuing with subtraction and the Foundation have been making 5 in different ways.

Many thanks to Percy's Mum who came in to school for a lively storytelling session. All the KS1 children enjoyed listening to stories presented in different ways through the use of props, pop out books and a story acted out with entertaining voices and actions!

If anyone has any small boxes e.g toothpaste, herbal teas, perfume etc. could you please send in to school. Thank you. *Mrs Carr*

## BADGER CLASS



As part of Book Week Badger class have written their own story books. They planned their stories, thinking about the beginning, middle and end and rehearsed their ideas before writing. They used different time words to move their stories on. Next week to finish the books off they will make front covers with bold titles and write a blurb on the back. In Maths, we have continued to work on addition. Y1 have practiced counting on from the larger number using a 100 square to help them. Y2 have practiced adding two 2 digit numbers by partitioning - adding the tens first and then the units. In dance, we watched a video clip from Chitty Chitty Bang Bang and had fun exploring movements to create our own music box and Jack in the box dances.

*Mrs Lyn-Jones*

## OWL CLASS



Direction writing has been the focus in English with an emphasis on ensuring they are both clear and effective. They have thought about the impact of using imperative verbs and how adjectives and adverbs can support the clarity of the directions. In Maths, we have been looking at multiplication using the grid method to multiply a two digit number by a 1 digit number. Some children have starting using the column method. Both of these methods are in out mathematics policy which is available through the school website. Please use these methods if supporting your children to avoid confusion.

The children enjoyed an afternoon listening to music from four of the key music eras; Baroque, Classical, Romantic and Modern. They had to identify the instruments used in the piece and

think about why that instrument was used and why the range and choice of instruments changed as music developed.

Owl class had a lovely World Book day, making new covers for our favourite books and discussing with each other why this was our favourite book. The teachers also took part with their favourite childhood book.

Mrs Pickering

## WOODPECKER CLASS



We've had a packed week with lots of topic fun, maths, English and of course, book week activities. Our English work has focussed on creating vivid villain

characters which the children have taken to with alarming alacrity. In Maths, we have been dividing by 10 and by 100 and using these skills to convert mm to cm and pence to pounds. Some mathematicians have been working with calculations involving square numbers. To celebrate World Book Day, we have written to authors, designed book tokens, listened to storytellers, solved cryptic book puzzles to name but a few of the activities we have encountered throughout the week. In Science, the children have been considering how sound is made and investigated ways of creating different sounds. Mrs Archer

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

08/03/16	Woodpecker Orienteering at Denefield
18/03/16	Sports Relief – details to follow
22/03/16	Year 5 visit to Denefield
23/03/16	Purley at the Palladium, 6.30 pm (Denefield School)
24/03/16	End of Spring Term 2 at <b>1.15pm</b>
25/03/16-11/05/16	Easter Break
12/04/16	Start of Summer Term 1
15/05/16	Tour de Purley!
21/04/16	Maths Information session, 2.30 & 6.30
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 <b>1.15pm</b>
03/11/16	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](mailto:headteacher@purley.w-berks.sch.uk)

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

# BOYS BEATING CANCER

A fun day out for the whole family at Newbury Showground!  
Sunday, 24th July 2016

**200m & 1km Family Fun Runs**  
**5k & 10k Chip-Timed Events**

10:45am - 200m Toddler Dash	£1.50
11:00am - 1k Family Fun Run	£3.00
11:30am - 5k Chip-Timed Run	£7.50
11:30am - 10k Chip-Timed Run	£15.00
<b>NEW!</b> Enter a Team of 4-7 People	<b>£60.00</b>

[www.boysbeatingcancer.org](http://www.boysbeatingcancer.org)

Please Note: Registration on the Day will cost £3 / £5 / £10 / £20 / £65