



Purley CE Primary School

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Friday Bulletin

18th March 2016

Purley at the Palladium
Wednesday 23rd March, 6.30pm
Denefield School

Come and be amazed!
Singing, dancing, gymnastics, poems, magic
show etc

£5 per ticket/person

Tickets are still available – forms are available
from the office

If you've already ordered tickets,
they are in your child's bookbag.

Soft drink bar also available

Where did the Spring term go? With Easter early this year we have had to work even harder to fit in everything we would normally do over seven weeks into five weeks. Staff and children are working extremely hard not only with the short time frame but with the new curriculum and all its challenges. I was very pleased that this term we managed to start a chess club. A big thank you to FOPS for providing the money to purchase the chess sets. We are hoping to enter into a local tournament against other schools in the Summer term.

REMINDER: school finishes at 1.15pm on Thursday 24th March. The children will have lunch as normal on that day. Fish and chips menu is on offer that day.

WOODLAND SCHOOL

This week's session was a little different because we were unable to use the Pangbourne minibus. This did not deter Ash group and we walked down to Bucknells Meadow instead.

Our task was to gather natural materials for the Easter gardens we will be making next week. We collected small sticks, twigs, bark and leaves. We are looking forward to making our Easter gardens. The children worked in pairs and showed consideration for each other. This is the last Woodland School session for this term. *Mrs Herbert*



Booking.com; Expedia.co.uk; Hotels.com; Thomas Cook Airlines to name but a few.

REMEMBER to go through Easy Fundraising whenever you shop on line!!

It's very simple – just visit **www.easyfundraising.org.uk** to register and book your holiday or short break.

It's easy money!!

The total reached so far for the school is **£402.92** and rising steadily

PARENTS SURVEYS

Thank you to all of you who responded to our survey. We have not fully analysed the results yet but it has provided us with some useful information to support us with moving the school forward. We were very pleased with how positive your responses were. One of the areas that we would like to focus on following the survey is the website. There were a few responses that indicated that the website did not provide you with all the information you need. I would be very grateful if those parents would let us know what information they would like included so that we can develop it further and make it a useful tool for you as parents. Please contact the office or make an appointment to discuss with me any suggestions you may have.

LOST PROPERTY

Our lost property box is growing! It will be out in the playground every day next week until we break up on Thursday. Anything left will be taken to the charity shop.

NSPCC



A huge thank you to all the children's efforts with their maths challenge. We managed to raise **£868.96** so far for the NSPCC childline. Donations can be brought to school until **Monday 21st March**.

EASY FUNDRAISING

Thinking of booking a holiday?

Cracking Deals – Cracking Donations

Before you know it, the Easter Break will be here and whether you're looking for a short break or a family getaway, you'll collect a BIG donation for Purley Primary School when you book a holiday. You can book through

ISS NEW MENU

A hard copy of the new ISS menu has been sent via your child's bookbag. This menu is effective from w/c 11th April.

FOPS UPDATE

Big Thank You

Thanks to Manjit Kaur and Lloyds Bank for a "matched funding" contribution of £500 to FOPS. If you work for a company who offers matched funding please ask if they would be prepared to contribute to FOPS fundraising events.

Guess the number of Easter sweets in the Jar

Next week there will be a big jar of Easter sweets that can be one lucky individual (child or parent). For a 50p donation, just take a guess at how many individual sweets are in the jar to win the whole jar to yourself!! It will be available during school time for the children but also after school for parents/carers.

Tour de Purley and school Fete - Sunday 15th May 2016

Please keep the date in your diary. We are combining the Tour de Purley cycling event and school Fete this year and it will be held in Bucknells Meadow which will give us more room for stalls than our school grounds. We will have all the normal fete activities such as raffle, auction, tombola, lucky dip, hook a duck etc plus some new ones are being planned - watch this space.

Fundraising Target - New Outdoor canopy

The fundraising that FOPS has done over the year has enabled children to take part in Year 2 swimming lessons, Year 3 Rushall Farm visits and Woodland School sessions for the younger

ones. This year we also hope to subsidise the Year 6 residential trip.

For the coming year, we would like to focus on a new fundraising effort for a new canopy which will cover the whole area between Mrs Ham and Mrs Lees' office and the Hedgehog classroom. This will enable the children to play/work outside more often without having to worry about the weather! It is expensive though, at £8000 so we are also going to apply for grants to help fund this. If you have any ideas on businesses/trusts to apply to, please let us know (via Mrs Ham).

Shortly on the FOPS Facebook page we will have a fundraising thermometer to show progress. A percentage of the funds raised from the Tour de Purley and Fete will go towards the canopy so please give us as much support as possible by helping out in any way you can by, providing or selling cakes, buying raffle tickets, suggesting sponsors or giving ideas. Thank you

And keep an eye on the Thermometer!!

If you don't already follow us on Facebook, just search for

Purley Church of England Primary School

AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

We will send out a list of clubs after the Easter holidays. A big thank you to Mrs Bodimeade for running our very popular Cheerleading Club. The children did a brilliant performance to staff and parents this week.

Gym Club – there are 3 spaces left on next term's gym club. If interested, please email Kara direct (kara@virtuegymnastics.co.uk).

STARS OF THE WEEK



Hedgehog Class

Star of the week: Frankie for joining in enthusiastically in activities

Friendship Star: Abigail for helping a friend when she was hurt at playtime

Purley Paragon: Malakhai

Badger Class

Star of the week: Jacob for trying hard in his maths

Friendship Star: Kira for being helpful in the classroom

Paragon: Olly

Woodland star: Hiba for always being a good listener and giving 100% in all the teacher led activities and in her own independent learning too.

Owl Class

Star of the week: Evie for consistently trying her best in everything she does and using her feedback to support her learning.

Friendship Star: Natalya, for being a kind, caring and considerate, whoever she is with.

Purley Paragon: Caitlin

Woodpecker Class

Star of the week: Freddie, for hard work and motivated learning especially in Science.

Friendship Star: Nathan, for compassionate support for other children in the class.

Purley Paragon: Callum

Delightful dinners: Lucas, Milo, Iqra, Daisy, Emily and Elizabeth

HEDGEHOG CLASS



In Hedgehog class in English this week we have been learning why instructions are important and why we need them. We looked at lots of examples and the Y1 wrote instructions on how they made their Jack in the boxes.

The Foundation children learnt how to follow instructions to program Beebot. They had great fun making the roaming toys move in different directions. The FS children have been counting up to 100 and have started to count in 10's. They have also been putting three numbers in order, smallest to largest. In Maths the Y1 children have been completing end of term assessments and working on their challenges. In Science we made an umbrella to keep Teddy dry and thought about the properties of different materials. **Please see Badger Class information about Easter gardens and matchboxes.** Mrs Carr

BADGER CLASS



This week in Badger class, we have been looking at how to write instructions. We thought carefully about how we had made our Jack in the boxes and then wrote clear instructions for someone else to follow. In music we have been exploring tuned and untuned percussion instruments. We grouped our instruments according to how they are played and created different musical

patterns to then assemble into a musical piece. In Maths, we have continued to explore weighing and reading different scales. Next week, we will be making Easter gardens. Could you please help us to collect items like stones, twigs, leaves, flowers/petals, moss, containers/shallow boxes for the children to make their Easter gardens; it would be really appreciated. Thank you for your support

Remember we will be collecting in the filled match boxes and giving a prize for the one with the most different items inside.

Mrs Lyn-Jones

OWL CLASS



The children have been working really hard on assessments this week. It is really rewarding to see how hard they concentrate and

how they are starting to think things through for themselves. I am sure they will be exhausted this weekend, and you will be in for a nice relaxing time! In English, the children have been exploring the Last Supper. They have imagined they were one of the disciples that Jesus invited. We have discussed what we would like to thank Jesus for after the Supper and what we are sorry for. The children have then used these ideas to create their letter to Jesus. As part of our topic, "What's on your play list?", the children have explored musical eras. In groups, they have created an information poster for a specific era and given a short presentation to the class.

On Friday, the children were treated to a host of activities. In the morning a group of Drama students came to deliver a workshop and production, based on traveling through the ages. Thank you to Mrs Crew (Percy's mum) for bringing in her students. In the afternoon, we held a sports taster session in support of Sport Relief. The children had the opportunity to have a go at gymnastics, martial arts and hockey. A big thank you to Mrs Adamski and Mr Bell for helping out. Mrs Pickering

WOODPECKER CLASS



It has been a very exciting week in Woodpecker Class, as, after weeks of preparation, the iPads, on loan to us from the JDO Foundation, were finally ready to

be rolled out. Each child received their iPad (for educational use in school) together with a

Google Classroom account and we have had tremendous fun learning to navigate the device and exploring Google Apps for Education. Whilst children each have an email address now, which they can access from home, we have set filters on the accounts to limit sending and receiving emails to school users only. We will be running an information evening next term for parents to learn more about this exciting project, the iPads, the apps and our collaboration with Annunciation School in Denver. In Maths, some have started to consolidate understanding of 6 different quadrilaterals and their properties, whilst others have been learning how to read and interpret line graphs. English is bringing us towards the end of our current mission, to create a great story for 'Animate 4 U' who are seeking to create an animation out of the children's stories. It feels as though the term has galloped by and it is hard to believe that next week brings us to the Easter break. Homework books are due in on Monday so that final house points can be tallied. Mrs Archer

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| 22/03/16 | Year 5 visit to Denefield (Easter Egg Challenge) |
| 23/03/16 | Purley at the Palladium, 6.30 pm (Denefield School) |
| 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 |
| 21/04/16 | Maths Information session, 2.30 & 6.30 |
| 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 |
| 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.wberks.sch.uk

Karen Fakes (Headteacher)

Learn to Love, Love to Learn