



# Purley CE Primary School

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## Thursday Bulletin

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### Have a restful Easter break. See you all on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April



The value that we have been focussing on this term has been "Joy" and so much has given us joy this term. At last, we have access to the back of the school. At the end of every term I audit attendance, first aid and behaviour and was delighted at how some children have succeeded to stay green this term and how others have cut the number of cards right down. I have a feeling we will add even more to the good to be green register next term.

Thank you to everyone who has supported us in getting the school attendance figures up. It is one way that the school's performance is judged.

The Purley at the Palladium concert last night was joy unlimited. I am so proud of our pupils not only for showcasing their amazing talents but also for the support they gave each other.

Those of you who attended the assessment information evening will know how concerned we are regarding assessment in schools at present. You only have to listen to the news to know that it is a very difficult time for all. Despite this however, we continue to provide the children at Purley School with a creative and enjoyable curriculum. We can see great progress in their learning and their attitudes to learning. Thank you for your support, it is a team effort.

All that is left for me to say is, enjoy the Easter break, enjoy your children, they are not children for long!

#### COLLECTIVE WORSHIP



In Collective Worship this week we looked at the Easter story. We watched a short Bible animation retelling the story of Jesus' life, his death and his resurrection. We talked about the real meaning of Easter - that Jesus came to earth as God and did amazing things like healing people of all kinds of illness, teaching them about God and explaining how their sins could be forgiven - all because God loves us so much. But some people didn't like Jesus and were jealous of him, so they had him arrested and sentenced to death. Amazingly for us, Jesus rose again from the dead and is alive today! If we put our trust in Jesus and choose to follow his ways, rather than our own selfish

ways, we can know God and experience the amazing life He promises.

#### NSPCC



New total update: **£1004.96!**  
Thank you for all your sponsorship. Well done.

#### YEAR 5 EXCELLING AT DENEFIELD!

Last Friday, five Year 5 pupils from Woodpecker Class visited Denefield for a fun-filled Super Learning Day. Working in teams with children from other primary schools, Madeline, Dugald, Ronan, Josh and Tanisha took part in a range of challenging lessons. In science, they had to break codes using the Periodic Table, invisible writing and universal indicator. In Maths, they

solved number problems to find a hidden phrase and in English they wrote a Prime Minister's speech, newspaper article or safety brochure explaining how to deal with aliens who were invading the planet! Particular congratulations must go to Ronan who received the runner's up prize for History for his excellent poem on how to identify witches, according to King James I. It was a great opportunity for the children to experience the secondary school environment and to get to know children from other schools.

On Tuesday, all the Year 5 children from Woodpecker Class were invited to Denefield to take part in an Easter Egg Challenge. Working in teams of 5 and supported by Denefield pupils, they completed a range of challenges run by Denefield student ambassadors, keeping an eye out for numbered eggs as they went. The clues and challenges were located all around the school and they enjoyed finding their way around, having fun and demonstrating some great teamwork. Very well done to Nathan who answered a very tricky tie-breaking question correctly! Mrs Jones

## FOPS UPDATE

### Guess the number of Easter sweets in the Jar

Thank you for all your guesses. The correct number was 244. Samuel M has won the jars. Well done! The runners up are Ayden and Sydney. If you haven't paid your 50p, please bring your money on 12<sup>th</sup> April Thank you.

**Don't forget to put Tour de Purley and school Fete (Sunday 15th May 2016).**

## STARS OF THE WEEK



### Hedgehog Class

**Star of the week:** Benjamin for good listening and thoughtful answers

**Friendship Star:** Percy for sharing and making new friends

**Purley Paragon:** Harry

**Superstar:** Toby for exceptional sitting and listening and always trying his best

### Badger Class

**Star of the week:** Ethan for concentrating fully when making his beautiful Easter garden.

**Friendship Star:** Reid for helping others when making their Easter crosses.

**Paragon:** Milo

**Superstar:** Maegan for consistently trying hard in everything she does

### Owl Class

**Star of the week:** Gracie for embracing her role in the Easter Service

**Friendship Star:** Jaime for showing help and support to peers and staff

**Purley Paragon:** The children have found it incredibly difficult to nominate one person this week as everyone has worked so hard and tried their best. We have therefore decided to nominate all of Owl class as Purley Paragons!

**Superstar:** Leo for showing maturity in his approach to his work and for thinking carefully about the choice he makes.

### Woodpecker Class

**Star of the week:** Madeline for outstanding work in Maths and for being a wonderful ambassador for the school wherever she goes and whatever she does: Super Learning Days, Easter challenges at Denefield, Purley Palladium performance and Violin grade exams.

**Friendship Star:** Jack for such helpfulness in class.

**Purley Paragon:** Tyreese

**Superstar:** Ronan for amazing motivation throughout the term. Constantly working beyond expectations to give of his very best.

## HEDGEHOG CLASS



Firstly I would like to say a very big thank you to Percy's Mum who came in last week with students from Henley College. They gave a great performance with fun follow-up activities which enriched the children's learning and enabled them to see a traditional tale from another viewpoint. This week in Maths, we have been learning about time and have been working out o'clock times linked to our school day. The Y1 children went on to record o'clock times and are working on half past. We linked our English to Science using correct scientific vocabulary, speaking and listening and working in a group. The children looked at the changes in chocolate when heated and cooled and had fun making Easter nests. Following listening to the Easter story, they made Easter gardens containing items representing the story. All the children have worked hard this term and are ready for a break! I hope you all have a happy and restful Easter and look forward to coming back refreshed for the new term. Please could you check your child's PE pumps for correct size as we will be doing outdoor PE, weather permitting.

Finally, Chloe is the winner of our matchbox competition with an eye catching presentation matchbox containing 80 items! Mrs Carr

### BADGER CLASS



This week, Badger class have discussed why Christians celebrate Easter and considered the meanings behind many Easter symbols. We discussed how Easter is a sad but also a happy time - a celebration of new life. The children had fun creating their Easter gardens and worked well supporting each other and sharing their collected resources. In Maths, we have looked at telling the time. Y1 worked with o'clock and half past and Y2 looked also at quarter past, quarter to and counting to 5 minutes. Jessica and Oscar won our matchbox challenge fitting 62 different items inside. Well done to all who took part. Happy Easter. Mrs Lyn-Jones

### OWL CLASS



This week, Owl class have been thinking about what Easter means to Christians. The children have looked at similarities and differences between The Last Supper and the Jewish celebration of the Passover. They worked extremely hard preparing for leading our Easter Service at church on Thursday morning. They were absolutely fantastic and I felt extremely proud of them all.

We look forward to linking with a partner school in Denver, Colorado next term. This will provide a host of opportunities for the children to explore a range of IT skills. Details of a main topic will follow after the Easter Break.

Thank you for all help and support with the children's learning this half term. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy Easter and an enjoyable Easter break. Mrs Pickering

### WOODPECKER CLASS



The children in Woodpecker Class have had a diverse and exciting week. On Monday, many were out at rehearsals for our wonderful Purley at the Palladium evening. In the afternoon, the

class investigated the Easter story, backtracking through several of the events leading up to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus. Tuesday started with the year 5s out at Denefield for their super Easter Challenge, whilst back at school, year 4s created a home-grown super Easter Challenge. Wednesday brought about the amazing talent evening itself and it was wonderful to see so many parents, friends and family at the event supporting the children. We know how much work goes on behind the scenes in growing and nurturing the talent which was showcased on Wednesday evening and want to thank all those who have encouraged, harassed and pleaded with children to practice their dances, exercises, music, songs, gymnastics and magic tricks. Interspersing all these events and preparations for Easter, Woodpecker have also been completing assessments in Maths and English and it has been very encouraging to see how much progress children have made.

Over the Easter break, have fun and enjoy yourselves. Please also keep reading, keep practicing those times tables (3, 4, 5 and 6) and remember you can continue to develop your Google apps skills using your Google Drive. Mrs Archer

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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
17/06/16	Sports Day
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)

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