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Friday Bulletin

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Do you know how to recognise wood sorrel, cow parley or bluebells? With children now better at identifying Pokémon characters than common species of British plants and wildlife, there are concerns that we are increasingly losing touch with nature. With the weather improving as hopefully we move deeper into Spring, why not do some "treasure" hunts of nature with your child.

The woodland trust has a Scavenger hunts for a variety of different ages.

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/naturedetectives/activities/2016/03/spring-scavenger-hunt/>

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/naturedetectives/activities/2015/06/flower-hunt/>

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/naturedetectives/activities/2016/03/spring-flowers-id/>

There are many more different examples online if the above don't fit the bill. Enjoy!

Soon after the Easter holidays, the school is putting on a variety show. We are grateful to Denefield School for offering us the use of their hall. This means that we do not have to limit the tickets. Acts include singing, dancing, magic show, comedy acts etc. Everyone is invited whether you have a child performing or not. Monies raised will support music at the school.

To book your tickets, please go to parentmail and click on payments, then the shop tab at the bottom.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

"If you do that once more..."

Nobody's perfect, we all recognise that. So does God. This is why throughout his story, God has sent messengers to encourage people to live the right kind of life. Jeremiah was such a prophet. The king was just like the rest of us can be...stubborn. The king refused to listen to God's message to the point at which you could almost hear God saying 'If I have to say this one more time...'. It was no surprise that we all felt a sense of relief to discover that it didn't matter how old or young, important or ordinary we are, we can all push our family, friends, teachers, leaders and God to the limit with some of our behaviour. And while we occasionally find it difficult to respond to pleas to listen better, do better, be better, the amazing message of Easter is that God loved us so much that He sent Jesus not only to show us how to be better, but to show His unfailing love for each of us.

Pam Slingsby, Foundation Governor

CLUBS

A list of clubs for next term will be circulated when we return after Easter. Reading Football

PURLEY AT THE PALLADIUM

Wednesday 25th April,
6.30 pm,
Denefield School

Come and be amazed!
Singing from the choir alongside
dancing, gymnastics, poems, magic
show etc

£5 per ticket for adults/£4 per child
Soft drink bar also available

Tickets can be ordered via the payment/shop
section in Parentmail. Please contact the office if
you have any queries.

Sp Adobe Spa

Club is unable to help us for the Summer Term. We're looking at alternative provisions.

ISS NEW MENU

The new menu from ISS is attached to this newsletter. It will be effective from Tuesday 17th April.

FOPS



FOPS are holding a quiz night starting at 7.30pm on **Friday 11th May** 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. Please return the booking form as soon as possible. Spare forms available from the office.

FOUNDATION WOODLAND SCHOOL



The foundation children (FS2) will start their woodland sessions after Easter. Details were sent out via parentmail.

PANBOURNE LIBRARY

Acclaimed children's author Holly Webb will be visiting Pangbourne Library on Friday 6th April between 11.00 am 12.15pm. She will talk about her Animal Stories and take part in the 'animal' craft session.

To book a free place, call: 0118 9844117 or email: pangbournelibrary@westberks.gov.uk

HEDGEHOG CLASS



The children had great fun decorating their eggs with Easter symbols and rolling them down the hill. They thought about how to record the distances by marking with leaves, writing on whiteboards and by measuring with tape measures. In Maths, they are becoming experts at finding ways of making 5 and 6, and of saying one more than a number up to 20. The children reflected on what they had learned about the dinosaurs this term, and after talking about their interests this term, they have chosen a new topic for next term: Whose Home?

Our focus children for the week beginning 16th April will be Lilly-May and Jax. *Mrs Burton*

BADGER CLASS



Badger class have organised their own collective worship this week and lead the school worship on Wednesday. They had some lovely ideas to share with the other classes and were feeling confident and excited. Following a class handwriting competition, I am proud to announce the Y1 winner as Macie and the Y2 winner as Toby. Their winning entries will be on display in the classroom. The children had fun designing colourful Easter eggs for our annual Easter egg hunt. *Mrs Lyn-Jones*

OWL CLASS



We finished last week on a sporty note with a 'beep' style running challenge, in support of Sports Relief. All the children did exceptionally well and we will be repeating this activity at some point next term, to see if there has been any improvement.

However, it has been a mixed bag of activities in Owl Class this week. The year 4 children went to Denefield for an Easter Egg challenge. They engaged in a series of fun activities to win eggs and found hidden lettered eggs to solve a cryptic anagram. All the children had a lovely morning and enjoyed exploring Denefield School and said they wanted to go there! Whilst the year 4 children were out, the year 3 children made chocolate nests and completed some fun Easter activities. Fingers crossed they will get to go on the Easter egg hunt next year!

We are so proud of each and every one of the children. They have worked so hard to learn their lines for the Shakespeare showcase; we do hope you enjoyed it too. We have really enjoyed our topic this term and it has been wonderful to see how the children have embraced the Shakespeare plays. Owl class also led the Easter Service at the church. Thank you to all of you who have supported the children in learning their lines.

I have one little project for all children over the holidays - to read a novel in preparation of sharing their views on it when returning to school. Your help in supporting them with this would be very much appreciated. It may be useful to read and discuss it together to enrich their reading experience.

We said farewell to Mr House this week as he returns to his mentor school to finish his teacher training. He has been inspirational to the children during his placement here at Purley and we have enjoyed having him in the classroom. He will definitely be missed. We all wish him the best of luck as he embarks on his teaching career.

Cbeebies are showing the Tempest on Good Friday at 9.20 am or 4.00 pm in case you're interested.

Wishing you all a Happy Easter! *Mrs Pickering*

WOODPECKER CLASS



We had a wonderful start to the week with a fully equipped film crew visiting Woodpecker class to record our innovative computer science work. Our components included a potentiometer to vary the resistance in our circuit. We then added a speaker to the circuit and programmed the potentiometer to control the pitch of sounds being emitted by the speaker. This helped us to understand how important variable resistors are in controlling dimmer switches, volume buttons, oven temperatures and many other every-day devices. The team from Pi-top was incredibly complimentary about the children and our school. In particular, they commented on the children's team work and tenacity, persevering when their codes failed, and helping one another to debug their programs.

Variables have also been prominent in our Maths this week as the children have been learning about algebra - and how a letter can represent a variable. We took turns to come up with a secret 2-function rule (ie $x5, +3$). Others in the class had to work out the rule by choosing a number to input. The person who knows the 2-function rule shares what the output would be and the children work to calculate the hidden rule. For example, in this case if the number 6 was chosen, the output would be 33. The next step was expressing the calculation algebraically (answer = $5n + 3$).

In English, year 6 are focusing on their upcoming SATS and are learning techniques for managing time in their reading comprehension and answering questions as accurately and efficiently as possible. Year 5 children have also been covering reading comprehension techniques and have been learning about noun phrases too.

Mrs Archer

STARS OF THE WEEK



Hedgehog Class

Star of the week: Oscar for his positive attitude to learning

Friendship Star: Daniel for choosing to play with new friends

Paragon: Ella

Superstar: Lilly-May for always trying her best

Badger Class

Star of the week: Iqra for being a grammar and punctuation queen

Friendship Star: Ben for being a thoughtful member of the class

Paragon: Harry H

Superstar: Samuel for always working with such enthusiasm and showing great maturity.

Owl Class

Stars of the week: Louie Herbert for much improved attitude and focus to his all his learning.

Friendship Star: Alfie for thinking of others and bringing in props to support their roles in our play.

Paragon: Malakhai

Superstar: Sergio for consistently working hard, always trying this best and being a great friend.

Woodpecker Class

Star of the week: Elizabeth for superb writing, excellent initiative and a big smile this week.

Friendship Star: Sara for always being kind, polite and helpful

Paragon: Evie

Superstar: Sam for excellent perseverance and hard work resulting in outstanding progress.

DIARY DATES

30/03/18 - 16/04/18	Easter Break
17/04/18	Start of Summer Term 1
25/04/18	Purley at the Palladium (Denefield)
08/05/18	Year 5 Denefield Road Show (7.15pm to 8.15pm) at Long Lane School
11/05/18	FOPS Quiz night, The Barn, 7.30pm
14/05/18-17/05/18	KS2 SATS
w/c 14/05/18	KS1 SATS (over 2 weeks)
25/05/18	End of Summer Term 1, 3.00pm
28/05/18 - 01/06/18	Half Term

04/06/18	Start of Summer Term 2
04/06/18 – 08/06/18	Year 6 Residential Trip to Swanage
07/06/18 & 08/06/18	Year 4/5 Camping Trip to Rushall Farm
w/c 11/06/18	Year 1 Phonics
15/06/18	Sports Day (KS1 am/KS2 pm)
20/06/18	Whole School Photo
22/06/18	Sports Day (Reserve)
27/06/18	New Foundation Welcome Evening
11/07/18	Hedgehog/Badger School Trip to Woolley Firs
11/07/18 12/07/18	Year 6 Production, 6.30pm

13/07/18	FOPS Summer Party
18/07/18	Open Afternoon, 1.30 pm
19/07/18	Year 6 Leavers Party, 9.15
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

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Book & DVD Sale

nothing more than £1

Friday 13th April – Saturday 21st April
during library opening hours at Theale Library

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