

# Purley CE Primary School

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## Friday Bulletin



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### Tour de Purley 2014



A big thank you to everyone for their help and support and what a great day it was! We're still finalising all the money raised so please bring any sponsorship money to school office by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May. We are also very grateful to Alok Sharma who still did the 9 mile course despite being injured. It is still possible to sponsor him on My Donate website.

You also have the opportunity of purchasing the photos kindly taken by Tina Cleary from Clearmoments Photography. Please see the attached notes on how to order the photos. They make great souvenirs! All monies raised will be donated to our building fund!

Finally, due to popular demand we may be doing it again next year!

#### OWL CLASS



Owl class started finding out about the different layers in the rainforest and followed this up by writing explanations about each layer. They used non-fiction books and the internet to research their work. During their Forest School session, the children collected lots of natural material and they used it to create our own Rainforest strata.

The children looked at atlases and tried to locate and map out the different rainforests in the world. They were interested to learn about the equator and how all the rainforests are within the tropics. In science the class planned their own and set up

investigations to see what green plants need to thrive. They will be keeping a diary of the results over the next few weeks.

In Numeracy the Year 2 children worked on subtracting one 2-digit number from another not crossing and crossing a multiple of 10. The Year 3 children worked on subtracting ones, tens and hundreds from a three digit number using a number line method and column written method.

#### HEDGEHOG CLASS



In Hedgehog class we have continued with our 'water' topic. We started the week by thinking of adjectives to describe

water. To inspire us we put our hands in hot, cold and bubbly water and listened to different sound clips of water. The children thought of some excellent words and sentences and wrote these on droplets which are hanging in the classroom. Rainbows fascinate all of them so we moved onto making our own rainbows using water and nail varnish. The children found that the more drops of nail varnish they added, the bigger their rainbow became. We learnt why a real rainbow appears in the sky and the order of the colours. We created some possible mnemonics to try to remember the order.

The children enjoyed creating 'floods' in the garden last week. This week we listened to the story 'Noah's Ark'. In the story God had made a promise to Noah. We discussed the importance of keeping a promise. The children enjoyed role-playing preparation for flooding! They devised a list of foods and other items we would need to pack on our ark.

We have been learning how to write numbers in words this week as well as recapping our number bonds and working on addition of one digit and two digit numbers.

We listened to the story Mr Gumpy's Outing where lots of animals join Mr Gumpy for a ride in his boat which eventually breaks. Following this, the children created their own boats and tested them out in the water trays outside. They experimented with using different materials to ensure their boat could hold some of our plastic animals. The boys have also been working hard in the garden to build their own race track. Using the guttering, they found that the different sized pieces should be raised and by pouring water down them the cars go much faster!

## BADGER CLASS



The children have had lots of fun being story detectives again this week! They have been hunting for traditional tales that start with "Once upon a time" and finish with "They all lived happily ever after". To further their investigations, they compared characters that appeared within the stories - there is often a wolf that likes to eat other characters, a 'goodie' and a 'baddie' and they often live in the woods. Other similarities

were uncovered including magic, wishes and talking animals. The main focus has been on character descriptions of both Jack and the Giant from Jack and the Beanstalk.

Next week the children will be using all their understanding of traditional tales to write one of their own.

At the beginning of the week in Numeracy, the focus has been on place value and how we can use our understanding of how digits are made to help solve mathematical problems and puzzles. Halves and quarters was the focus for the end of the week. The children are learning that halving is the splitting of a whole into two equal parts and quarters gives 4 equal parts. The Year 2 children have also started to explore thirds.

Mrs Fakes led a music session for the children using our topic of 'The Rainforest' for inspiration. I have not heard it yet but have been assured it was amazing, and I am looking forward to a performance soon! Staying with the rainforest we have been looking at which animals live there and at what level. The Year 2 children have looked at the four different levels: emergent, canopy, under level and forest floor discussing why certain animals live on certain levels.

The Year 1 children had their first football session with coaches and all said it was really good and are looking forward to it again next week.

Finally with the weather hopefully starting to get warmer and drier could I ask that all children have trainers and spare socks in their PE bags for when we go to the field. Thank you.

## STARS OF THE WEEK



### Hedgehog Class

**Star of the Week:** Cypher for his excellent sentence writing and knowledge of water.

**Friendship Star:** Nathan for always being a happy and friendly member of the class

**Woodland Star:** Tyler for good listening and being engaged when we were making things with sticks

## Badger Class

**Star of the Week:** Natalya for her fantastic knowledge and understanding of Traditional Tales and contributing to class discussions.

**Friendship Star:** Shannon for looking after a friend when she was feeling sad and encouraging her with her swimming.

## Owl Class

**Star of the week:** Ronan for working hard in Numeracy.

**Friendship Star:** Joshua for helping a friend in need.

**Woodland Star:** Samuel for collecting a great selection of natural material for our Rainforest strata



**Delightful Diners:** Isabella, Nathan B, Samuel, Leo, Lola G, Oscar, Brayden, Ollie.

## COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week in Collective Worship we looked at the story of Joseph to help us think about being patient. There were many ups and downs in Joseph's life but through it all he patiently trusted God – and in the end, after the King, Joseph became the most important man in Egypt. If you would like to find out more about the life of Joseph, I recommend the film 'Joseph King of Dreams' by DreamWorks. Rev Archer

## TOP TIPS OF THE WEEK!



### Friendships

Best friends and worst enemies! Children have ups and downs...Learn how to support and encourage your child's friendships on their terms. Whether they have a wide social circle, or just a few close friends, they may be happier than you realise. The video clips below will give you good tips!

<http://www.parentchannel.tv/video/friendship-worries>

## FOREST SCHOOL



**Birch group:** the children were very excited to have their first Forest Adventures at Basildon Park.

They enjoyed their first ride in the minibus too, chatting about all they could see out of the window. Although it was muddy, it stayed dry and the sun made an appearance. The children enjoyed looking for bugs and climbing a large fallen down tree. By the end of the morning we were all making bows and arrows and fishing rods with sticks and wool.

**Oak group:** The weather was beautiful and the children were excited to explore Pike Shaw again. Nathan made a bird nest using twigs and leaves and placed it on a tree with the help of an adult. Some children built a den and Madeline found a huge branch for the roof. Ronan and Erika completed their shade of green colour hunt. They collected natural green materials and made a bookmark out of it. Sara and Natalia explored the woods and found some hiding places. Teyah managed to camouflage herself by using mud over her face!

## QUIZ TEAM

Congratulation to our quiz team - Samuel, Jamie, Elyssa, Lizzie, Oscar and Iona who came second out of 10 teams last week in the inter school competition. There were a variety of questions and challenges including drawing an electrical circuit, who was the author of The Gruffalo, anagrams etc. We are very proud of them.



## FOPS – WINE TASTING



FOPS wine tasting event is taking place on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30-10.30pm at the Barn. Come along and enjoy a fun evening tasting a selection of wines from around the world. In the style of 'Call my Bluff', three 'experts' will describe each of 8 wines. Your team picks which of A, B or C best describes the wine to try to win. To reserve a table, please email FOPS (Askfops@gmail.com)



**Saturday 14th June 2014**

**2pm – 10pm**

**Bucknell Meadows**

[www.purleyinthepark.com](http://www.purleyinthepark.com)

twitter: @purleyinthepark

The plans are now shaping up....

There will be a Cream Tea Tent  
 Pimm's Stall  
 Auction of experiences  
 Sumo Wrestling  
 Food and refreshments  
 Beer Tent  
 Tug of War  
 Lob the Egg – hopefully getting into the Guinness Book of Records!  
 Steam Train ride for children  
 Classic Cars  
 And much much more....

Tickets will cost £2 per adult, £1 per child, or £5 for a family ticket (2 adults + 2 children).

To find out more, visit the website or follow us on twitter (details above).

### BEAT THE STREET!



The school is taking part in this new initiative funded by the NHS to encourage people to walk to school, shops, work etc. A letter explaining the initiative was sent

out yesterday including a map of the 'beat boxes' in the area and a personalised key fob. So get walking!

### SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

Sainsbury's



Active Kids

We have now over 1500 points! Thank

you for your help collecting the vouchers. They are being issued until 20<sup>th</sup> May so please bring them to school as soon as possible. **Please also ask family and friends to collect the vouchers.**

### OPEN DOOR

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)

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

05/05/14	Bank Holiday
15/05/16	Whole School Photo
16/05/14	FOPS Wine Tasting
26/05-30/05	Half Term
02/06/14	Start of Summer Term 2
04/06/14	Foundation Open Morning (8.50-9.15)
14/06/14	Purley in the Park
01/07/14	Year 2 Swimming Gala (am)
01/07/14	Foundation Open Morning (8.50-9.15)
07/07/14	Sports Day (am)
16/07/14	Open Afternoon
18/07/14	End of Year Assembly (Year 2 & 3) 9.30 am
23/07/14	End of Academic Year at 1.15 pm

Please note: further details will be sent out nearer the time of events and some dates may change though we will try and avoid this.

**Karen Fakes (Headteacher)**