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Friday Bulletin

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What a busy but rewarding week it has been! I'm exhausted as I'm sure many of the pupils are. It has been a pleasure to have so many of our pupils representing the school either on stage or on the playing field. They have been a credit to themselves, to you and the school. Thank you for your help in supporting such valuable opportunities for our children.



Wow! What a show! The children were amazing. So many great acts and all the children did the school very proud.

A huge thank you to Mrs Bodimeade for helping with choreography and to Mr Bodimeade for preparing all the music. Great support from Jack as our 'sound engineer' on the night and to Ruby for being our amazing stage hand.

This event wouldn't have been possible without the support of Deneffield School and their staff for working tirelessly to set up stage, tables, sounds etc.

Another big thank to FOPS who kindly ran our refreshments and gave the school the proceeds of £63.50 to the school.

Finally a big thank you to all our parents for supporting the children for the last few weeks; finding props, rehearsing songs, dances etc. It was all worth it!

We raised just over £470 from ticket sales. We will use this money raised to enhance music provision in school.



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Feeling important

Sometimes I think it would be nice to be important, and then I think what about the responsibility. I guess as I look at the news, I am not alone in thinking some are not fulfilling their duty - all the power and importance whilst not being there for those who need them.

This week, when exploring the story of Namaan and the servant girl, we considered who was the most important character. It wasn't the powerful king, it was...well I'll let you ask your child(ren) or read about it yourself in the Bible, but the story reminded us we all have a part to play in making this world better for our neighbours. But more importantly, we are all important to God.

Pam Slingsby, Foundation Governor

CLUBS

Confirmation of the clubs is in your child's bookbag. The first "Fridayz" session for Year 5/6 is today at St Mary's church. Pick up at 4.30 pm prompt. £1 per session to be sent to Mrs Archer please. Thank you.

FOPS



Quiz

Please note that all booking forms for our Fish & Chips Quiz night need to be in by **Tuesday 1st May** in order to secure your place! The quiz will be on Fri 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 6. No tickets will be issued - there will be a list of names on the door instead.

Starship Enterprise

We were delighted to be asked to attend Woodpecker's Starship Enterprise closing presentations and are very proud of all the hard work and dedication the children showed in successfully making all their businesses profitable. Having invested £119.80 initially into their 7 businesses, we were presented with £328.62 in takings this week which meant together they made a fantastic profit of £208.82! Congratulations to them all and a huge thank you to all parents and staff who helped behind the scenes. We will be chatting to Mrs Archer to agree how best to re-invest this money to benefit Woodpecker class.

Purley at the Palladium

Well done to everyone who took part in Purley at the Palladium on Wednesday - it was a fabulous fun-packed evening! The FOPS ran a soft drinks bar raised £63.47 which will be put towards teaching the Arts at school. Thank you!

FOUNDATION WOODLAND SCHOOL



The first Woodland session was a great experience for all the children and their brilliant behaviour made it even more of a pleasure to be with them. When we arrived, we kept very still and quiet to listen to the birds and children were able to identify the call of the kite. We also took a closer look at the types of trees and flowers in the woods and children identified the holly tree and bluebells. After discussing safety rules and boundaries, children were extremely sensible. They spent their time selecting different activities including climbing trees, moving branches and logs, using the ball runs, digging and balancing on the fallen tree trunks. We had such a wonderful time in the spring sunshine! Next week, children are looking forward to sharing their adventures with Mrs Burton. *Mrs Hodsdon and Mrs Chohan.*



SPORTING NEWS

We sent a team of footballers and for the first time, a team of netballers to take part in a tournament at Kennet School. The children showed great sportsmanship and enthusiasm which was commented on by other teams.

Well done to Hayden, James, Emily, Jaime, Samuel, Lucas, Louie, Leo, Callum, Nacho, Natalya, Elyssa, Jasmine, Evelyn, Anya, Jacob and Dylan.



SCHOOL GROUNDS

You may have noticed that we have a lot of new shrubs growing at the back of the school. Thank you to our caretaker Paul for doing all the planting and a big thank you to the Purley Horticultural Society who kindly provided many bags of wood chip to cover the soil.

HEDGEHOG CLASS



After starting the week at woodland school and discussing woodland

animals, the children were keen to talk about their homes and draw pictures of them. It was lovely to see where the children live. We then read *The Three Little Pigs* and spoke about the different materials the pigs used and how they compare to our homes. Later in the week, we even had the three little pigs and a big bad wolf acting the story out to the rest of the class. Our wolf had big lungs with lots of huff and puff!!!

We also looked at 2D and 3D shapes, how they differ and things that are similar too. Arlo recognised he had seen a square base pyramid in the desert. Focus children next week are Annabelle and Brandon. *Mrs Chohan*

BADGER CLASS



Thinking back to their Victorian school morning Badger class have been writing recounts of the event. They used a range of time words and tried hard to make their writing exciting by adding interesting detail. Having taken photos of themselves wearing Victorian looking clothes, they have started to make their own photo frames in a Victorian style. In Science, we have researched how we keep our teeth clean and why it is so important. In Maths, we have continued to explore fractions. Y1 have investigated how to find halves and quarters. Y2 have investigated halves, quarters and thirds. They have also practised counting in fractions and being able to explain what the notation actually means.

Mrs Lyn-Jones

OWL CLASS



Owl class have been working extremely hard this week across all areas of the curriculum. In English, the children have watched the first 20 seconds of a short film and listened to the backing track of music for the complete film. Using just that 20 seconds clip and listening to the rhythm, beat and lyrics of the music, they have created a background story for the film. We have had some great imaginative ideas filled with super emotional vocabulary and descriptive sentences to engage the reader. In Maths, the Spheres are working on 12 and 24 hour digital clock. Some children are finding this challenging as they are still insecure with telling the time on an analogue clock. It would be extremely helpful if you could practice telling the time with your child using an analogue clock. It is also useful for them to wear an analogue watch. The Cubes have been using

counting on to support subtraction using 3 digit numbers and hunting for patterns in answers to specific challenges. Our topic, 'Cool Composers', is now in full flow and the children have been busy researching four musical eras; Baroque, Classical, Modern and Romantic. They will be presenting their findings in a small group to the rest of the class. *Mrs Pickering*

WOODPECKER CLASS



This week, Woodpecker class invited FOPs reps back into the classroom and presented their Enterprise project results. All groups used their FOPs investment to raise money for FOPs and the projects were incredibly successful. I think many children have begun to realise how hard it is to actually make a significant profit and we have a heightened respect for the wonderful FOPs reps and all those involved in fundraising for our school.

Our topic work included making a river this week. Mrs Archer was seen marching her way down from the Rectory with a barrow full of mud, sand, rocks and peat. We spread the mix out on a tarpaulin and then ran water to imitate rain precipitation. Children ran lengths of coloured wool along the course they predicted would be followed by the water but our final river surprised us all. Initially, the soil mix soaked up much of the water like a sponge but after it reached saturation point, a muddy puddle began to form and the source of our river was born. The puddle overflowed and our river coursed its way down the slope. Small tributaries also joined the main flow of the river which took a very surprising path, almost doubling back on itself before widening out at the source. We learned that water doesn't travel in straight lines – and that different parts of our muddy base behaved in different ways when caught up by the river. Sand was carried by the water to the mouth of the river, twigs floated along on the water and the bigger stones mostly stayed put but would sometimes gently roll with the pressure of the water.

We have continued our focus on spelling, punctuation and grammar in English. We have additional support this term from a Reading University student, Miss Shaw, who will be teaching alongside Mrs Archer and Mrs Jones. This has facilitated smaller breakout groups with many children having additional support where needed.

In Maths, we have covered negative numbers, percentages, fractions and decimals. In

particular, we have been considering what to use and what to convert when tackling word problems. For example: Katie brought lots of mini eggs to school. Half of them were given to her class of 30 students. One quarter of them were given to teachers. Katie ate some eggs herself and by the time she got home only 15% of the eggs were left. How many eggs did Katie eat?

And finally, a huge WELL DONE to all who braved the stage on Wednesday. It takes huge courage present to an audience of friends and family and we all so incredibly proud of you.

Mrs Archer

STARS OF THE WEEK



Hedgehog Class

Star of the week: Lewis for an amazing act at the Talent Show

Friendship Star: Annabelle for looking after her friend when she was feeling unwell and helping the FS1 children with their work, a real friend to everyone.

Paragon: Brandon

Woodland Star: Sydney for listening to the safety rules and only going as far as the red string.

Badger Class

Star of the week: Layla for trying so hard with her reading when working with Mrs Bolland

Friendship Star: Darcy for being a helpful friend

Paragon: Henry

Owl Class

Star of the week: Milo for having a positive and happy attitude whilst adapting to challenging mobility issues.

Friendship Star: Kira for kind and helpful in the class and the wider community.

Paragon: Reid

Woodpecker Class

Star of the week: Corey for overcoming his fear and making excellent progress

Friendship Star: Jaime for demonstrating outstanding sportsmanship at the football tournament

Paragon: Anya

Delightful diners: Theo, Arlo, Jacob, Cypher, Frankie, Elsie, Elizabeth and Elyssa

DIARY DATES

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

Reminders

- **Water Bottles:** please send your child in every day with named water bottle.
- **FOPS Quiz:** deadline to enter teams is 1st May. Spare forms available from the office.

Community Page

Family Exchange

I am looking for families who would be interested in doing an exchange with a Spanish family during the summer (Spanish children to stay with English family for 15 days(+/-) in the holidays, and then English children would go to Spain for 15 days. The ages of the children are: a boy who is almost 12 and a girl who is 10. If anyone is interested, please email me:

evaruaro@hotmail.com

Colour Run

On Saturday 16th June, Style Acre is bringing a Colour Run to Didcot! Walkers and runners of all ages will be showered in colour as they complete laps of Edmonds Park.

It'll be a joyful, riotous event with a colour village with food, music and activities in addition to the main event.

Each lap is approximately 1km, and you can run up to 5 laps. This is a family friendly, inclusive event to bring together the local community for some messy, colourful fun.

Entry is £15 for adults and £10 for children with a family ticket for £40 (2 adults/2 children) – your race pack includes a white t-shirt (which will end up non-white!), and water on the day.

To register, please visit:

<https://styleacre.org.uk/events/didcot-colour-run-saturday-16th-june/>

ABC to Read

This Charity provides reading mentors to work with children who are struggling with their reading. The school has used reading mentors very successfully in the past. There is currently a shortage of trained volunteers.

If you are interested in becoming a Reading Mentors, please get in touch with ABC to Read direct via email: abctoread@btconnect.com or call: 0118 951 1336.

Further information is available on their website: www.abctoread.org.uk

Purley Parish Council

A great way to find out what's on locally is to look at this link: <http://www.purleyonthames-pc.gov.uk/whats-on/>

You can also subscribe to the Parish Council electronic newsletter by emailing Sarah Williams (Assistant Clerk), asstclerk@purleyonthames-pc.gov.uk



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Attention Girls!!!
Purley on Thames Cricket Club is starting a new Girls section

Girls section training for School Years 5, 6 and 7 will be on Friday evenings from April 20th 1830-2000hrs at the Goosecroft Recreation Ground, Beech Road

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