

# Purley CE Primary School

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## Friday Bulletin



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### STAFF NEWS

After half term, Mrs Barden will return to Hedgehog Class following maternity leave. She has decided that she would like to spend some more time with her son Evan and will be stepping down from her post at the end of the Summer Term. We are delighted to have appointed Miss Bernardi as a permanent member of staff from September.

### WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTO

The school photographer is coming in to school next Thursday morning to take a whole school picture. We will be offering once again the traditional photograph and the class Vista version.

### OWL CLASS



Owl Class this week have been looking at how to write an exciting ending to a story. We looked at how some famous authors, like Roald Dahl and CS Lewis end their stories and used this to help with our own endings. We enjoyed sharing our stories with each other. As part of the Rainforest topic we have started to research different animals that are found there using non-fiction books and the internet. We made notes as we researched and have started to write fact files about some of the animals. When at Forest School we had great fun going on a mini-beast hunt and discovering the variety of life in the woodland. It led us to compare the two environments and begin to understand how animals have adapted to living in their natural habitats. In Maths we

used the data collected in the woodland to create graphs and frequency tables about the mini-beasts. We have also been looking at finding the difference between 2 and 3 digit numbers by counting on and have investigated word problems involving finding the difference.

### HEDGEHOG CLASS



In Hedgehog Class this week, our role play area has become a weather station. The children have enjoyed pretending to be weather reporters! We have been writing weather words such as 'windy' and 'sunny'. We have learnt about the four seasons, the months of the year they cover and the typical weather conditions of each. We discussed what we would need to wear on a sunny/cold day. Continuing with our 'water' theme, we learnt about the water cycle. We were fascinated to learn that the water we bathe in might be the same water that dinosaurs bathed in! We learnt the meanings of the words 'evaporation' 'vapour' and 'precipitation'. The children painted their own diagrams of the water cycle and were able to recall what occurs in each stage. We acted it out to help us remember by grouping together to form a cloud and then separating to represent the rain falling. The children were keen to leave water on the pavement and wait for it to evaporate in the warm sun.

We had a real fish from the fishmongers in our classroom for a day. We used nearly all of our senses to explore the fish and came up with some excellent adjectives. We learnt what the different parts of a fish were such as gills, scales, fins. The children were keen to draw and label their own fish pictures. We

also created some lovely fish collages using shiny paper for the scales.

On Friday we spent the day getting to know Mrs Barden as she will be teaching us after half term. We each told her something about us and drew a picture or wrote a sentence about ourselves.

## BADGER CLASS



This week the children have been writing their own version of a traditional tale. They have taken their structure from Jack and the Beanstalk and made some variations. Some children changed what he sold the cow for and consequently what grew instead of the beanstalk. Others changed what happened to Jack when he got to the top of the beanstalk. They then have had the opportunity to share their stories with friends and to be a critical friend explaining what they liked and disliked about the story. In Maths the focus has been on subtraction as the inverse of addition. The children have been using their number bonds to 10 and 20 to help them with this concept. Many of the children have targets to learn their number bonds to 10 or 20 and to be able to recall them very quickly. If you are travelling in the car, waiting in a long queue or just have a spare 10 minutes, give them a number between 0-10 and ask them for its pair that makes 10 or 20. Let's see how speedy they can get!

The runner beans that were planted last week have been examined! Some are starting to shoot! The children are starting to notice how different conditions can affect the growth of a seed. They have each made a bean seed diary to record what is happening on a weekly basis.

The Year 1 children have been exploring what animals live where in the rainforest and what the different layers of it are called. We will be looking further into animal life in the rainforest in Literacy next week. The weather forecast is not looking so good for the weekend, so if you are shut in doors perhaps the children could do some research on the internet about animals that live in the rainforest!

## STARS OF THE WEEK



### Hedgehog Class

**Star of the Week:** Oscar. He wrote a weekly weather forecast, writing the days of the week in the right order and the weather for each day. He was also able to recall the stages of the water cycle accurately.

**Friendship Star:** Louis Hodgson. He is a great friend to everyone in the class. This week he was very kind and decided to help a child get ready after Dance who was struggling with their shoes.

**Woodland Star:** Cypher for good listening and answering lots questions about spring.

### Badger Class

**Star of the Week:** Isabella for stretching herself in all aspects of her learning and successfully attempting our traditional tale quiz in challenge time!

**Friendship Star:** Gracie is always looking out for other members of the class and helping them to tidy away and get ready to continue with their learning. She is also a good friend to all the teachers in the class for always being in the right place at the right time!

### Owl Class

**Star of the week:** Erika for always working her hardest and taking great care with the presentation of her work.

**Friendship Star:** Dugald for helping a friend in need when at Forest School.

**Woodland Star:** Ronan for being very caring with the creatures he collected on the minibeast hunt and making sure he put them back where he had found them.



**Delightful Diners:** Sara, Natalia, Louis, Tyler, Kira, Maegan, Emily, Rosemary

## TOP TIP OF THE WEEK!



### Time

Are we there yet? How many times have you heard this? Children start to show an interest in time at about the same time as they start school. Start by familiarising them with how long a minute is. Set a timer for a minute and do an activity until it pings. Use time words such as days of the week early, late etc. Talk about past,

present and future. Look at the calendar daily and ask what sort of day they have had and what they will do tomorrow.

Practice counting in 5s up to 60. Bring out an analogue clock and study the hands or make your own clock out of card. There are learning to tell the time apps and you tube clips to support you. Take it one step at a time. Some children need to be "ready" before they can read the clock but they can still increase their time words vocabulary.

## FOREST SCHOOL



**Birch group:** The weather was quite cold and windy in Pike Shaw woods and it also rained from time to time. We looked for signs of spring and the weather was one of them. Louis Hodgson pointed out some flower buds which were opening. Cypher found some bluebells, Evans looked for a stinging nettle and Nathan observed a slug, he said: "It's moving at completely slow motion!" Louie Herbert built a land rover out of a log, sticks and branches and soon drove off with Brayden! Some children played 'I spy' and 'What's the time Mr Wolf?' Others preferred to run around the trees and tall cow parsley. The rain didn't stop us having fun!

**Oak group:** see report in Owl Class section.

## UNIFORM

A final decision about uniform will be made by the governors when they meet next week for the Full Governing Body Meeting. We will then inform all the parents.

## 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's Meadows**

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

twitter: @purleyinthepark

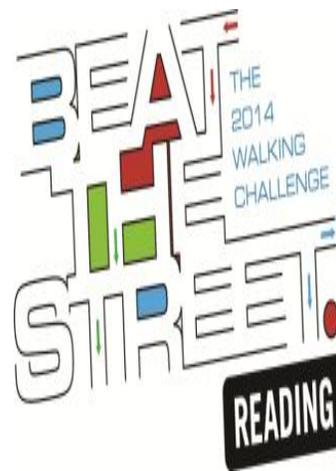
The plans are now shaping up....

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.**

## HALF TERM ACTIVITES AT SHAW HOUSE

This May at Shaw House there will be a family activity day on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May. Families are invited to make either a ladybird or bumblebee windmill and to complete the May trail - the activities are aimed at 4-11 year olds. There will also be additional trails available should they wish to do them. The family activities day is drop in between 10am and 3.30pm. There is a small charge in addition to admission for these activities. Under 15s must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

## 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

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)**