



Purley CE Primary School

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Friday Bulletin

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There has been a steady stream of children visiting the treasure box over the last two weeks. It is a delight to see their joy and to discuss with them how they earned their stickers. Another joyful experience is seeing how well the children in KS2 are using their new iPads. They are being used in such a variety of ways; videoing themselves making news reports, research, designing posters and Owl class are really enjoying using the skeleton app. It is a credit to the children and teachers how quickly they have been incorporated into daily use without taking over. The progress they have made with their computing skills this term is phenomenal.

TOUR DE PURLEY AND SCHOOL FETE Sunday 15 May 2016

Weather forecast is looking ok!!

**You can still register online (www.tourdepurley.org) or you can register on the day....so bring along your family and friends to Bucknells Meadow; registration starts at 8:30am for the longer 5, 15, 30 and 60 mile courses and at 11:30am for the children's loop.
All stalls are open from 11am.**

REMINDER

Raffle tickets can be bought on the day and donations of fresh cakes can be brought on the morning.

There will be food available from 8:30am with pastries for breakfast before you cycle then burgers, hotdogs and samosas for lunch including plenty of vegetarian options. We will also have a cake stall and tea/coffee and soft drinks.

FOPS Committee

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

We all have bad days, when everything seems to go wrong. We grump and snarl, even hide away from the world to avoid things getting worse. But what should we really do when we feel like this? Tough question! We started this week by thinking of Paul and Silas - they travelled around the Mediterranean shortly after Jesus' resurrection, sharing the Good News. Things seemed to go from bad to worse for them. They were even imprisoned. But instead of giving up or being angry, they reflected on what was going right and praised God. Even on the blackest of days, there is a reason to smile. The trick is to find out what it is and turn that frown upside down.
Pam Slingsby, Foundation Governor

WOODLAND SCHOOL



It was a warm, dry day at Basildon Park. Our task was to find a woodland picture using our frames fit enough to go in a gallery.

Building camps was popular with all the children. Lots of good examples of teamwork to be seen. We explored trees of all heights and ages. Sergio and Elliott found lots of saplings. *Mrs Herbert*



STAFFING NEWS

As previously notified, Mrs Carr stepped into the breach to teach in Hedgehog Class this year. We are extremely thankful to her. I am delighted to tell you that we have successfully appointed a new class teacher in Hedgehog for September. Mrs Burton is already known to the children in Badger Class where she has been supporting over the past year. We are

currently also recruiting a teaching assistant to work with Mrs Burton in Hedgehog.

AFTERSCHOOL CRICKET CLUB

We still have a few places left on this club. It starts after half term and is available from Year 2 upwards. The coaches are charging £10 for the 6 weeks but are donating all their fees to school. If your child is interested, please speak to Mrs Ham.

ONLINE SAFETY

Net Aware is a parents' guide to the social networks children and young people use. Stay up to date and keep your child safe in today's digital world. www.net-aware.org.uk/
Another useful website:
<http://parentinfo.org/article/staying-safe-on-minecraft>

SCHOOL PHOTO

The school photographer took the class photos this week. He will return next Thursday and take a whole school photo (weather permitting).

SAINSBURYS ACTIVE KIDS

We have now over **1782** points! Thank you for your help collecting the vouchers. They have stopped being issued now so please bring any you may still have to school as soon as possible. We're hoping to put our order in for new equipment after half term. Find out more about Active Kids at activekids.sainsburys.co.uk

OPEN AFTERNOON

As advertised in the diary dates you are invited to come into school between 1.30pm and 2.45pm on the afternoon of Tuesday 12th July to share your child's work over the past year. Please come to the classroom to collect your child and their work. You can then find a quiet spot around the school or grounds (weather permitting!) so your child can share their work with you and talk about what they have done over the last academic year and celebrate their successes. You may sign your child out with their class teacher and take him/her home

after you've finished. If you can't make it, it would be great if a grandparent or another family member or family friend attends. The Open Afternoon is very well attended and the children really enjoy sharing their work.

MESSAGE FROM JDO

Thank you so much for sharing your class presentations. They were wonderful! Your meeting was attended by people from:

JDO Foundation
Purley Church of England Primary School
St. Rose of Lima Catholic Academy

I was very impressed to see how your classes compared and collaborated on the topic of recycling. I loved seeing the Venn diagram that showed how U.S and UK programs for recycling are different and the same. I also enjoyed hearing how your students observed that they as students have more similarities than differences. Please pass on to your students that they did an excellent job of sharing information and posing questions to their partners.

We are thrilled that your classes have made new friends and communicated on this Earth Day topic. We look forward to further assisting you with communication and collaboration between your classes next year.

*Heather Rooney, Project Coordinator
JDO Foundation*

STARS OF THE WEEK



Hedgehog Class

Star of the week: Ben for superb sitting, good listening and thoughtful answers

Friendship Star: Samuel for looking after a friend who had been poorly

Purley Paragon: Frankie

Woodland Star: Daisy for persevering at walking along the tree trunk unaided. She had support to keep her balance on the tree trunk from Mrs Chohan. She practiced some more until she was able to do it all alone, without holding someone's hand.

Badger Class

Star of the week: Hiba for making a detailed map of the UK

Friendship Star: Cypher for helping his friend work hard and challenge himself

Paragon: Tiana

Owl Class

Star of the week: Grace for her amazing letter to Norman the gnome.

Friendship Star: Somaya for being kind and considerate to both children and adults all the time.

Purley Paragon: Jasmine

Woodpecker Class

Star of the week: Ruby for outstanding hard work.

Friendship Star: Callum for always being kind and considerate and looking after other people.

Purley Paragon: Josh

Delightful diners: Nathan, Ronan, Jaime, Hiba, Sienna, Ruby

HEDGEHOG CLASS



In Hedgehog class this week we have been exploring the story of Little Red Riding Hood.

We discussed the character of the wolf and thought about different words we could use to describe him. The children thought of interesting questions to ask the wolf 'in the hotseat' which further developed their questioning, speaking and listening skills. The children drew story maps of Red Riding Hood's journey and wrote character descriptions. In Maths the Y1 children have been extending their learning of fractions and the foundation children have been revising 3D shape. Through History and DT we made different Victorian toys and learnt about children's games in Victorian times. We have also been practising skipping rhymes and traditional songs from Victorian times. *Mrs Carr*

BADGER CLASS



Badger class have looked more into fairytales this week and discussed the different characters. They explored the wolf through drama and then wrote some missing posters describing his behaviour, appearance, diet and habitat. We have also looked closely at the story of Little Red Riding Hood and made story maps to help us sequence the story in a logical way.

In Science, we have been investigating natural and man made materials and we went on a material hunt to look at the materials used in our Victorian school. As part of our Geography

we have looked at maps of the United Kingdom and learnt that maps can show us lots of different information. We then labelled our own maps of the UK. In Maths, we have worked more on consolidating our understanding of fractions and applying it to measurement problems. Next week, we will be looking at how to describe the setting of a story using exciting language.

We would still like to set up a Library session one afternoon but need a parent volunteer to run it. This would involve helping the children choose a book, keeping a record of the books being borrowed and then ticking them off once returned. If you have any free time and would like to help out please see me. Thank you. *Mrs Lyn-Jones*

OWL CLASS



It has been another very busy week in Owl class with another meeting via webex with our friends in Denver. We have now presented our findings about recycling in both countries using a Venn diagram. We will keep in contact with them via google classroom until they finish for Summer on 6th June. We are hoping to do a similar project with them again next year. Thank you for your help and support in allowing children to stay behind after school to be part of this wonderful technology project. Both the children and I have learnt so much in such a small space of time.

In English, the children have been learning how to add quotations to a text. They have interviewed Henry the gnome and his uncaring owners, Mr and Mrs Bumble. They have used some of the quotes from them in a letter to Norman, the head gnome. Next week, we will be writing newspaper reports about Henry the Gnome and why he had to come alive in Purley School. All the children have done amazingly well understanding the bus-stop method for division. We have progressed on to numbers that involve remainders and some problem solving. Next week we will be problem solving using all the mathematical operations and revisiting some previously learnt strategies that may help us. In Science, we have been exploring our teeth and learning about the different types we have and what they do.

Please can you ensure that children have a PE kit in school every day including trainers as we

are now using the field on a regular basis. Pumps are not particularly suitable for use in the field especially if it has been raining. *Mrs Pickering*

WOODPECKER CLASS



Woodpecker Class have measured different parts of their bodies this week and have looked to see if there are any patterns. Do people with long arms have the big heads or blue eyes?

In Maths, all children have been working on complex problems using their knowledge of inverse operations. Our English work has continued to centre on Dr X - is he innocent or guilty?

There has been great excitement surrounding our Earth Day presentation to the JDO foundation on Thursday afternoon and it was great to collaborate with our partner school in Denver. *Mrs Archer*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

15/05/16	Tour de Purley
19/05/16	Whole School Photo
27/05/16	End of Summer Term 1 at 3.00 pm
30/05/16-03/06/16	Half Term
06/06/16	Start of Summer Term 2
17/06/16	Sports Day
12/07/16	Open Afternoon (1.45-3.00)
14/07/16	Class Swap Afternoon and FS visit
15/07/16	Hedgehog/Badger School Trip
20/07/16	End of Academic Year at 1.15 pm
03/11/16	Fireworks Fiesta!

Check www.purleyprimaryschool.co.uk for all the latest dates.

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