

Purley CE Primary School

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Friday Bulletin



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SUNNY WEATHER

As the weather is finally becoming warmer, may we remind you that the children need a sun hat to wear for playtimes and outdoor games. The children may also use a high factor sunscreen (SPF 15+) – please apply sunscreen before arriving to school. If you wish, you can send your child with a named sunscreen bottle which must be handed to the class teacher to be kept in a cupboard and can be used to top up if they do outdoor games in the afternoon. Please ensure that your child does not bring sunglasses to school as they can be dangerous when children are running about at playtime or during sports activities.

OWL CLASS



This week in Owl class we carried on with our research about the rainforest animals. The children worked on the iPads, computers and read non-fiction books and fact files. They made notes, using bullet points when recording their facts. Later in the week we reminded ourselves on how to layout and write a good riddle. Then using our notes we wrote riddles about the different rainforest creatures.

We listened to rainforest sounds and through dance and drama pretended to explore the rainforest. When we stopped to look around we thought about which animals we might see and acted it out using dance movements. We also explored the theme of the destruction of the rainforest through cutting the trees down and this led onto discussions about the effect of destroying this precious environment and natural habitat for many creatures.

In Maths, the Year 2 worked on using and applying subtraction and the Year 3 worked on using and applying subtraction, addition and money problems. Both groups also looked at measuring and reading a scale using millilitres and litres and then applied this to problem solving questions.

Mrs Lyn-Jones and Mrs Fullbrook

HEDGEHOG CLASS



This week in Hedgehog Class we have been ice explorers! We recapped all the words we could use to describe water and learnt that the water came from the tap in the form of a 'liquid'. Oscar named lots of other liquids such as milk, juice and ginger beer! We identified that when it is very cold, water freezes. We explored different sized pieces of ice and predicted which sized pieces would melt fastest. We experimented using salt on some pieces and hot and cold water on others. We filled some latex gloves and clear boxes with water and toys from the classroom and put them in the freezer overnight to see what would happen. Thank you for all the ice that you also provided. The children have loved experimenting with it during independent learning. It has inspired their writing and Olly and Evans took up the challenge to write their own 'ice' describing words in independent learning. Well done to Kira for remembering what an 'adjective' was.

In Maths, we have been focusing on solving subtraction problems and using a number line to count back. We know that we need to start from the larger number so we have been doing lots of practice identifying the largest number in a set. This is something that could be practiced at home. We have also been doing problem solving; there were three different types of scarves and three

different cold teddies. The children identified ways to measure their length in order to determine which scarf would be best for which teddy.

The children were talking about Eskimos so this led nicely onto researching 'Inuit' people who live in the Arctic. The children had the challenge to build an igloo with construction materials such as the bricks outside, the junk modelling or the Lego, ensuring it could fit their small world person or animal. The children were very methodical, thinking about where the opening of their igloo would be and what supplies they should keep in there.

On Wednesday, we used the parachute to sit under to pretend we were inside an igloo. We passed a bag of props round the circle and created a story together, each using a prop to add another part to the story.

As well as exploring the ice, the children have enjoyed making potions in the water tray as suggested by Jaihdn. Ethan created a train from the building materials outside and Nathan served all the refreshments to the passengers. Kira has loved using the paintbrushes and water to paint words on the ground outside.

Miss Bernardi

BADGER CLASS



I would firstly like to say how proud I am of all the Year 1 children who wrote an amazing alternative version to Jack and the Beanstalk last week. We had some super ideas: Jack had chocolate beans that grew into a chocolate beanstalk and then melted in the sun, the beanstalk took Jack to a beach where he found a treasure chest full of treasure that made him rich. We even had Jack meeting Rapunzel and falling in love and living happily ever after! As you can tell they have an amazing imagination! It has been back to reality in Literacy this week. The children have been researchers finding out about animals that live in the rainforest. To help them they have used non-fiction books, animal fact sheets and the internet. The information they have found has been used to make their own rainforest animal fact sheet. The animal fact that has caused the most interest and laughs this week is the fact that sloths only go to the toilet once a week! We will be continuing with the rainforest next week and looking further into

the features of a rainforest and how it helps our environment. You may like to do some research with your children about this at home so that they can share with the class.

Our week of Numeracy started with consolidating our understanding of using addition to help us with subtraction through problem solving. It was then on to capacity and lots of fun with water! The pentagon group practised reading a scale for millimetres and litres by making magic potions for invisibility and super strength. The rest of the class have been exploring the amount of water different shaped and size containers hold using non-standard measuring units.

Our bean experiment is going well and we have had a few surprise results from what we initially predicted. The children have also been thinking about why plants are important to us and our world, not just for food and to make our garden look pretty. In RE, our focus is the creation story and the children all made collages to show how Christians believe God made our world.

Finally, thank you to all parents for ensuring the children have a full PE kit in school every day. It really does make these sessions so much more enjoyable. Staying on the subject of PE, during half term, could you all check that your child's pumps and trainers still fit them. They are obviously having a growth spurt as I have had some complaints of squashed toes.

Mrs Pickering

STARS OF THE WEEK



Hedgehog Class

Star of the Week: Alice: she was inspired to write her own story after we had made one up as a group. She remembered to use 'Once upon a time' and capital letters and full stops.

Friendship Star: Leo for setting a good example as to how to be a good friend. He was able to solve a disagreement between two other children. He brought them both together and helped them to make up.

Woodland Star: Kira for being so good at finding minibeasts and worms. She was also very careful to return them to where she found them.

Badger Class

Star of the Week: Callum for his super research and presentation on sloths! He really is a true sloth expert!

Friendship Star: Dylan for always being a kind and helpful member of the class and playing well with everyone at break times

Owl Class

Star of the week: Will for being a Maths champ when measuring the capacity of containers and reading the scale.

Friendship Star: Tanisha for helping the playground monitors when they need help.

Woodland Star: Erika for being a great hunting bird!



Delightful Diners: Frankie, Freddie, Lucas, Ethan, Elyssa, Anya, Dugald and Joshua

TOP TIP OF THE WEEK!



Does your child say words like 'Lelo' for yellow or 'wiv' for with? This can affect their ability to write their words correctly as well. Make sure you model it and correct your child occasionally. Be careful not to be over do this so that they become too self-conscious and reluctant to speak.

FOREST SCHOOL



Birch group: We had a good morning at Basildon Park this week. The sun was shining although it as still quite muddy in places. The children enjoyed it though! It was easier to dig and make patters in it. We hunted for minibeasts under logs and in damp, dark paces.

Oak group: We had an action packed Forest School session this week at Basildon Park. Following on from our work in class about camouflage, the children split into two teams - the birds and the bugs! The bugs had to hide multi-coloured pasta shapes in a designated area, which the birds then had 3 minutes to find as many as possible. It was great fun and taught the class lots about the importance of camouflage in protecting species and allowing them to evolve. Erika was the greatest hunting bird of all! We all agreed that if we were a bug we would definitely want to be one that blended into its natural environment.

Help....Do you fancy a couple of hours playing in the woods? We're looking for some adult helpers for our Forest School sessions after half term. There is a choice of different sessions: Wednesday am, Wednesday pm and Thursday pm from 18th June until 10th July (4 weeks). If you are free to help on any of the sessions, please speak to Mrs Ham. Your help would be very much appreciated.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP



On Monday of this week in Collective Worship we explored Creation by looking at a wonderful slide show of pictures ranging from the stars, the moon, the earth, the sea, the animals and ending with humans. We talked about how amazing God's Creation is. We ended by reading the story of Creation from the Bible in Genesis 1 and 2. Rev Archer.

SCHOOL DINNERS

From September 2014, the government has introduced the option of a free school meal for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. (Of course, children can still bring a packed lunch if this is preferred). West Berkshire Council is working in partnership with schools to be ready for this expected increase in school meals numbers by reviewing kitchen and dining capacity and implementing changes as necessary. This includes the Council providing new or additional kitchen equipment and crockery, cutlery, dining tables and chairs, for example. The Council is also working in partnership with ISS, our catering contractor to make sure they are prepared to deliver additional meals, whilst retaining the current levels of choice and nutritional standards. Plans are well advanced and the Council is confident that the infrastructure in our school will be ready by the end of the summer term.

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in September, they are entitled to a free school meal every day. We hope that you will want to take up this free meal for your child from September. For children in other year groups, the standard price for a school meal will apply, unless you qualify for free

school meals under the low income families' criteria.

Do you think that your child may be eligible for Free School Meals? Even though all 4-7 year olds will receive free school meals from September, if you qualify, you will also get support to pay for school activities and trips. For more information on eligibility, please visit:

<http://www.westberks.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=23106> or contact West Berkshire Council on: 01635 503090. Please note that this checking service will be unavailable between 12th June and 30th June 2014. If you need support with this, please contact the school office.

NB: A picnic bag option will be available from Monday 19th May. Please see attached menu.

YEAR 2 SWIMMING

There is an inter-school swimming gala taking place next Tuesday. Four Purley children have been selected to represent the school. The other year 2 will stay in school.

DO YOU ENJOY BOOKS?

The school has received an incredible donation of many books (both reading books and library books). Mrs Fisher has very kindly stamped them. We now need some help categorising all the new books for our library. If you have a few spare hours and would like a little project. We would really appreciate your support.

FOPS – WINE TASTING



We look forward to seeing you tonight!



Saturday 14th June 2014

2pm – 10pm

Bucknell's Meadows

www.purleyinthepark.com

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The Fundraising Team are producing a coloured Programme for Purley in the Park which will be available by 22/23 May to be delivered to 2,500 houses in Purley. These will be batched in street names and it would be appreciated if you could take a road nearest to you, as well as another road unknown to you (otherwise Mrs Bolland will have to deliver these herself!!). This is the best way we can advertise Purley in the Park to the wider community and Purley Primary parents' help would be very much appreciated. Unfortunately, we do not have the help of the scouts as they are on camp during half term week.

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

23/05/14 3.pm	End of Summer Term 1
23/05/14 3.pm	FOPS Lollipops Sale
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
18/07/14	FOPS End of Term Party (Children only)
23/07/14	End of Academic Year at 1.15 pm
03/09/14	Start of New Academic Year
23/09/14	FOPS AGM

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)