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Friday Bulletin

19th May 2017

As our first cohort of year 6s are coming closer to the end of their time at Purley School, it is all systems go. They will be joining with Pangbourne School next week on a residential visit. There is great excitement and a little bit of anxiousness; but what a wonderful opportunity. I hope to visit them midweek and of course, there will be a daily blog for parents to be updated on the fun they are having. Soon, the Year 4s and Year 5s will be going on their overnight stay at Rushall farm, another wonderful opportunity and a chance for these children, some of whom may not have stayed away overnight before with anyone other than family, to have this experience ready before their 5 day residential in Upper KS2. A big thank you to FOPS for funding the canoeing, which will make this extra special.



Sunday 11th June 2017

Don't forget to return your raffle ticket stubs. **If you'd like some more raffle tickets, please come to the office.** There are some excellent prizes on offer including a Fitbit, a purple child's bike, Prosecco, chocolates, vouchers for Madhouse and David Lloyd gym. Please let us know if you have any raffle prizes you could donate to this or for the school fete in September.

Sign up online to do the cycle ride. There is a length of ride to suit anyone; from the small children's ride around Purley to the 30 mile ride through the beautiful Berkshire countryside! Any cyclist can get sponsorship to raise extra money for the school. All proceeds from the TdP will go towards upgrading the staff kitchen to enable children to develop their cooking skills.

Don't forget to register your place at www.tourdepurley.org

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP



In this week's Collective Worship we looked in the Bible at the story of The Big Spender. It is one of Jesus brilliant short stories, or parables, about a father and his two sons. The younger son selfishly demands his inheritance from his dad and immediately goes and blows it all on wild living! Eventually he realises the wrong he has done and returns to his dad to say sorry. His dad forgives him and welcomes him back home with open arms! He throws an amazing party to celebrate that his son who was lost, has now returned home safely. It is a wonderful picture of how God, our heavenly Father, welcomes us back with open arms. When we return to God, and ask for His forgiveness for the ways we have messed up and the wrong in our lives, He totally forgives us! *Rev Archer*

JDO

I was contacted by JDO recently. The JDO foundation is the one that has been so supportive of our school with the provision of the iPads and IT training. This year, they have been very selective in who they invite to the International Society of Technology in

Education-ISTE conference and have extended the invitation to both Mrs Archer and Mrs Pickering (out of only 10 from the UK). Both teachers have worked so hard to make this collaboration a success. We are now seen by many schools in West Berkshire as leading the way. The pupils have benefitted greatly from the equipment and the collaboration. We estimate the school has benefitted in the region of £26,000. I was so proud when the head of the Foundation congratulated the school in having "two educators of such excellence is amazing and we are truly encouraged and inspired each day by them". The conference will take place the last week in June.

WOODLAND SCHOOL



As it had been raining, the woods were rather damp this week and the children had to think of safe ways of moving over the logs. They worked as a team to build a shelter to keep the water bottles and bags dry. The children sensibly worked in pairs to carry heavy, long sticks, or remembered to drag them safely. The children listened to the sounds in the woods as they shared their snack and hot chocolate whilst sitting on a waterproof mat. *Mrs Burton*



SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS

Don't forget to bring in your vouchers! We've started counting them and we will put an order in after half term. Thank you for your support.

FOPS UPDATE

Easyfundraising!

We were pleased to receive a cheque for **£131.90** in commission from Easyfundraising. Thank you for your support. It all adds up!

Don't forget to use Easyfundraising for when booking your summer holidays! Visit: www.easyfundraising.org.uk (or the app which is available on the app store or googleplay)

STARS OF THE WEEK



Hedgehog Class

Star of the week: Ollie for always choosing to do his work first before Independent Learning

Friendship Star: Jessica for working well with a partner and as part of a team

Purley Paragon: Toby

Woodland Star: Layla for using her imagination in finding ways to travel along the logs

Badger Class

Star of the week: Louie for trying hard to maintain his concentration in class

Friendship Star: Sergio for being patient and supportive with his work partner

Purley Paragon: Bailey

Owl Class

Star of the week: Niamh for trying exceptionally hard in maths this week

Friendship Star: Leo for positive encouragement to peers with their learning.

Purley Paragon: Reid

Woodpecker Class

Star of the week: Jack for creating an outstanding intruder alarm from electrical components.

Friendship Star: Callum for great partner work.

Purley Paragon: Elyssa

Delightful diners: Henry, Elsie, Darcy, Oscar, Milo, Sergio, Samuel W, Rosemary

HEDGEHOG CLASS



Amidst much excitement, Fairy Buttercup wrote a letter to ask if she could stay in our garden this week and the children have been busy writing letters to reply to her, thinking about where she could stay. The Year Ones made information leaflets to help her choose which exciting activity she might wish to try during her stay, and the Foundation children have been sewing blankets and writing mini books for her too. The installation of our temporary mud kitchen has been popular, giving the children the chance to practise mathematical vocabulary such as more than/less than, heavier/lighter as they cook and wash up!
Mrs Burton

BADGER CLASS



Y2 pupils in Badger class have been working very hard with their SAT tests this week. They have all tried their hardest and shown perseverance and determination. I have been very proud of them and they have just taken it all in their stride. The rest of the class have been looking at retelling a story using a range of time words to link their ideas. They have also tried writing questions and exclamatory sentences in their story telling.

In Maths, they have been investigating mathematical problems and using a systematic approach to find all possibilities. We have started to explore the online programme - "Studio code" (<https://studio.code.org/>) which teaches children about algorithms and how they are used to complete a computer process. The class are enjoying the program which can be accessed at home. *Mrs Lyn-Jones*

OWL CLASS



Owls have been preparing their river poems for publication this week. They are all amazing and we are very proud of them. We have also been preparing for writing an adventure story about a journey along the river. We have used images and animation to support our ideas. The children have been

considering varying their sentence structure to create tension and effect.

In Maths, the Spheres have continued to investigate fractions. The Cubes have been consolidating their learning of measurement and are now exploring finding a fraction of an amount.

The children have used atlases to locate major UK rivers and identify the sea that they flow into.

Please note there will be no JDO computing club next Tuesday, 23rd May. *Mrs Pickering*

WOODPECKER CLASS



The final sprint to the end of WW2 is taking place in Woodpecker Class. We have been learning that brains and brawn were needed by the Allies to outmanoeuvre the Axis. The brilliant mathematicians at Bletchley Park were responsible for breaking codes and decrypting enemy messages - and this in turn, gave our forces invaluable information. We have been code-breaking in class and using our mathematical skills to decipher coded messages using a Caesar Shift Wheel, Pigpen cipher, transposition codes and for an extra challenge, the Vigenere Square. We have also learnt about the retreat from Dunkirk - and finally, the Normandy landings.

In Maths, years 4 & 5 have been calculating with decimal numbers and learning how to find a missing number half-way between two others. This has been tricky for some children and home practice would be helpful. Try asking your child what number falls half way between 58 and 92 ... or any other pair of numbers. Year 6s have been learning how to create an algebraic expression to find the nth term in a sequence of numbers.

The harrowing tale of William Beech has occupied much of our English lessons this week. 'Goodnight Mr Tom' is our class novel, and the protagonist, William Beech has been summoned back to his mother in London. She is abusive to him, and the class have been considering the circumstances in which this was able to happen and how the child was isolated from everyone apart from Mr Tom.

We have discussed the importance of sharing with someone you trust when situations make you feel uneasy and looking out for one another. The children have been gripped by the tale but we will turn our attention to a lighter tome next term - a bit of light-hearted humour would be good!

Science has been particularly exciting this week. Having spent some time investigating electrical circuits, the children were challenged to create their own set of traffic lights or intruder alarm. They were incredibly inventive and came up with some excellent ideas; Woodpecker classroom now has its very own working intruder alarm!

We have also been delighted to witness the emergence of our painted lady butterflies from their chrysalides this week. The process of metamorphosis has been fascinating to observe and the children have really enjoyed watching the insects grow and change.

Mrs Archer

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

w/c 08.05.17	Year 2 SATS (for 3 weeks)
26/05/17	End of Summer Term 1, 3.00pm
29/05/17-02/06/17	Half Term
05/06/17	Start of Summer Term 2
11/06/17	Tour de Purley
w/c 12.06.17	Year 1 Phonics (for 1 week)
16/06/17	Sports Day (KS1 am, KS2 pm)
19/06/17	Year 2 interschool swimming gala
23/06/17	Sports Day Reserve Day
26/06/17	Year 2 final swimming lesson (parents invited to watch) 9.30-10.30
03/07/17 & 04/07/17	Year 4/5 Camping Trip to Rushall Farm
13/07/17	Year 3/4 Legoland Trip
14/07/17	Wine Tasting (TBC)
20/07/17	FOPS End of Year Party
21/07/17	Leavers' Assembly, 9.15am
21/07/17	End of Academic Year, 1.15pm
05/11/17	Fireworks Fiesta!

PURLEY ● PRIMARY

**TOUR DE PURLEY
2017**

Cycle Ride for all the family

Routes to suit all
abilities: 5, 15, 30 miles

Short ride /scooter challenge
for the younger ones

Post ride Barbecue – hot &
cold refreshments

All things bikes: 2nd hand
bike sale, vintage cycle
display and much more!

Over 200 riders took part
in 2016!

Sunday 11th June 2017

Bucknell's Meadow, Purley on Thames

A great day out for all!

For more info and to sign up visit: www.tourdepurley.org

Free goodie bags and medals for the children

Individual and family Tickets available online or pay on the day to enter

Individual sponsorship welcome