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Friday Bulletin



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HAVE A RELAXING HALF TERM. SEE YOU ALL ON MONDAY 2ND JUNE!

STARS OF THE WEEK



Hedgehog Class

Star of the Week: Brayden for his hard work and good attitude to learning all week. He was very keen to draw and write a name for his superhero.

Friendship Star: Ethan for being a great friend to everyone in the class, as well as the teachers. He always offers to help others.

Woodland Star: Iona for achieving her personal goal of walking across a long tree trunk without holding on an adult's hand.

Superstar: Kira for her consistent hard work all term. She is always motivated to achieve her personal target and take up challenges in class.

Badger Class

Star of the Week: Freddie for continually putting 100% into all his work this week and for sharing his wealth of knowledge about why plants need the sun to grow.

Friendship Star: Elyssa for helping and supporting her friends during group activities this week.

Superstar: Hayden for making significant progress with his writing through constant practice.

Owl Class

Star of the week: Jamie for writing an exciting adventure with a beginning, middle and end.

Friendship Star: Teyah for organising a fun game for a group of friends at Forest School

Woodland Star: Will for being so well camouflaged and working as a team.

Superstar: Ronan for excellent effort in all his work throughout the topic at school and at home.



Delightful Diners: Erika, Sara, Tanisha, Dylan, Samuel, Emily, Nacho and Louis.

TOP TIP OF THE WEEK!



EXAM time tips and information

You will be aware that it is now exam season time - GCSEs, A levels etc but the children at primary school are also tested, the children just don't know it!

At the end of every half term there is a mini assessment in writing and maths.

Year 2 children are given national test papers (May/June) in reading writing spelling and maths.

During the week of June 16th, **Year 1** children will be taking a nationally set phonics reading test.

The school submits all end of year results to the local authority. The Year 2 SATs (Standardised Assessment Tasks), the Year 1 phonics and all **Foundation** results are reported nationally.

The assessment results along with the continuous assessment the teachers do daily, help us to target support where it is needed or provide extension activities

What can you do to help?

- Keep calm, there is no need to remind the children or put them under any

pressure. Make sure your child is in school- many of the tests are prepared for in the weeks leading up to them, for example, background information which would help with the content of writing, ways of approaching sums and the layout of the test papers.

- Make sure that your child goes to bed at a reasonable time and off any electronic games for a period before bedtime.
- Make sure they are having a good breakfast.
- Ask them how their school work is going and if they are finding anything difficult you could help with.

PE KITS

The children have started using the field at lunchtime and for P.E so could you ensure that they have plimsolls or trainers in their P.E kits. After half term, the children will start practising for Sports Day!

FOREST SCHOOL



Birch group: Beech group enjoyed their last Forest School Adventures at Basildon Park. We explored a different part of the woods which enabled us to build dens and climb trees. We had a great time and ate our fruit in a wigwam made of sticks.

Oak group: At forest school this week we started by working in small teams to test out if we could camouflage ourselves, like the creatures have to do in the wild. The children had to decide between them who was going to be camouflaged, how they would be camouflaged and where they would go to be best hidden. All groups worked differently - some choosing to cover themselves with sticky leaves, ferns and small twigs, others completely covering one member with vegetation and another group thinking carefully about what colours they were wearing first, in order to select an appropriate camouflaged hiding place. The adults acted as judges and it was a very hard decision to make. The team work was lovely to see!

The sessions will start again on 18th June with the new groups – Beech, Elm and Ash. A letter is in your child's bookbag.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP



On Monday of this week in Collective Worship we looked at the story of Noah. It's a much loved and well known story with an important message. God was very sad because everywhere he looked, he saw people making bad choices, hurting each other, and making a mess of his beautiful world. He decided that he needed to start again and so he chose Noah who was a good man. God asked him to build an ark to hold Noah, his family and every living creature. A huge flood came and the world was washed clean. Noah, his family and all the animals could start life again. To remind us all God painted the world's first rainbow along with the promise that he would never send a flood like that again. Rev Archer.

YEAR 2 SWIMMING

This Tuesday, four Year 2 children (Will, Dylan, Shannon and Frankie) represented our school in a Swimming Gala at the Oratory. The competition was tough but our Purley swimmers didn't give up and swam their best against Basildon and Englefield Primary Schools. We were so proud when we found out that we won! Well done to our future Olympians!

A big thank you to Mrs Fullbrook for organising the swimming gala!

The swimming lessons will resume on Tuesday 3rd June. Don't forget – Swimming Gala is on Tuesday 1st July. Parents are welcome to come along to support the children!

REQUESTS FOR TERM TIME LEAVE

Unfortunately, despite being informed several times, some parents are still requesting term time leave.

- Schools are legally required to enforce the attendance policy.
- It needs to apply to all parents, it can damage your relationship with other parents if you take your child out of school in term time if they have abided by the policy themselves.
- If affects your child's education.

- It affects the school's OFSTED judgement if children are taken out of school for holidays.
- It creates extra work for the school at all levels.
- You could be fined and even given a criminal record!
- If you think your case qualifies under "special circumstances", please request a meeting with Mrs Fakes **before** booking the holiday.

Thank you for your support.



Saturday 14th June 2014

2pm – 10pm

Bucknell's Meadows

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Thank you for taking some of the brochures. Your help is very much appreciated.

OWL CLASS



The children were inspired by the Oxford Reading Tree 'glowing key' adventures and they wrote their own adventure stories. In

preparation, we acted out the beginning of our stories to develop vocabulary and ideas. They then worked really hard to develop the beginning and include an exciting middle and end.

In Maths the Year 2 children worked with money, finding out totals of two or three items and the Year 3s worked on solving two steps problems involving money, finding totals and giving out change. We introduced the term decimal point and looked at how it was used to separate the pounds from the pence. Following on from this, the children worked on writing decimals with 1 decimal place and ordering decimals with 1 or 2 decimal places.

In our Dance session we followed the Destruction of the Rainforest theme. We thought about how the animals felt when they lost their habitat. We explored the ways in which the animals move and chose some movements related to them: animals

travelling to find food, hiding from machine and looking for new homes. To complete the dance we performed as a group in unison.

Mrs Lyn-Jones & Mrs Fullbrook

BADGER CLASS



We have had an extremely busy week in Badger class, with all the children working hard. This week has been an assessment week. In

Literacy, the Year 1 children have written fact sheets about the rainforest; we certainly do have some rainforest experts in the class! The Year 2 children have been working with Owl class and have been writing an adventure story. In Maths, the focus for Year 2 has been assessment and revising any areas of weakness. The Year 1 children have completed a shorter assessment and continued to explore capacity. As a whole class we have designed masks of animals from the rainforest and had a Design and Technology morning making them. Thanking you in advance for supporting your child with the spellings that have been sent home for the half term together with the reading comprehension for our Year 2 children.

Mrs Pickering

HEDGEHOG CLASS



Last week the children thoroughly enjoyed dressing up in the superhero costumes in independent learning so to start the week we each created our own

superhero! The children thought of a name, costume and special power for their superhero then shared their idea with a friend. We then drew and wrote sentences about our superheroes. I was really impressed with everyone's writing.

On Tuesday our superheroes went on a mission to the rainforest. We were fortunate to have some Year 2 children in our class for the morning and they shared their wealth of knowledge with us as they have been learning about this. We learnt about the different layers of the rainforest, where the biggest one in the world is and the animals

and plants that live there. Alice, Iona, Louis and Lola created some detailed rainforest pictures, drawing the tall trees and the animals hiding in them. Alice labelled each layer. We learnt what materials we get from trees and the children completed some tree rubbings outside. The children were fascinated that we get paper from trees! We moved onto learning about the importance of trees in the rainforest and the damage that deforestation is causing which many of the children were already aware of. We listened to the story 'Monkey Puzzle' where the monkey in the rainforest is trying to find its mother. We then created our own versions, writing descriptions of our own animal that was being searched for.

We completed an experiment to find the most suitable material for Pip our Hedgehog puppet to wear. She was going on a journey to the rainforest and knew that it would be wet. We tested lots of different materials to find which was waterproof and some of the children decided to go and create an outfit for her.

In Maths this week we have been practicing to order sequences of numbers. We have then been finding the 'missing number' in a sequence.

I hope you all enjoy the half term. I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching Hedgehog class this year. Thank you very much for all your support. I look forward to seeing the children again when I return in September.

Miss Bernardi

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

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)