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Friday Bulletin



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Saturday 14th June 2014

2pm – 10pm

Bucknell's Meadows

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The fundraising committee are finalising all their plans for Purley in the Park. It promises to be a fantastic event!

What can you do to help?

- The Horticultural Society are selling plants on their stall. If you have any bedding plants left over from your allotment, then they would be pleased to receive an unused plants.
- The raffle ladies would also like to make up any unused toiletries into nice raffle prize packs, so if you could donate a few of these then that would be good. You may have some unwanted toiletries in the cupboard or you could add a couple in your basket when you're next out shopping. There are lots of buy one get one free offers on at the moment!
- Finally, we would really appreciate donations of 'tray bakes' or brownies, loaf, flapjack for the kind volunteers who are manning the tea tent. Thank you to those who have signed up already.

All the donations can be brought to school on Friday 13th June.

Thank you for all your support. We know that most of you have very little spare time so your help is very much appreciated.

STARS OF THE WEEK



Hedgehog Class

Star of the Week: Connor for good listening all week.

Friendship Star: Iona for being a good friend to everyone.

Badger Class

Star of the Week: Ainhoa, for trying really hard with her writing in English

Friendship Star: Evie for supporting and helping a friend.

Owl Class

Star of the week: Nathan for always challenging himself in maths and morning challenge times.

Friendship Star: Nacho for helping a friend put books back tidily in the library.

Delightful Diners: Frankie, Sienna, Maegan, Callum, Connor, Evie, Gracie and Somaya

TOP TIP OF THE WEEK!



Estimation

Maths estimation is an essential skill that is part of life.

Children prefer to find the exact answer because estimating seems like extra work and, developmentally, estimating is a challenging task for young children. Support your child by using such words and phrases as about, close, just about, a little more (or less) than, and between. You may or may not have time to check the answer but it will help them mathematically if they acquire this skill. It will help in everyday life, e.g.

estimating the cost of their shopping and with their maths in school - is their calculation answer a sensible answer?

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP



This week in Collective Worship we explored the story in the Bible of Daniel and the Lions. Daniel was a very hard worker and became very successful even working for the King. With all his success he never forgot about God and always prayed to him. Some of the King's men were very jealous of Daniel and talked the King into making a new law stopping people praying to God. But Daniel continued to pray. As a result he was thrown into a dark deep pit full of lions - even then he carried on praying. Amazingly the lions didn't harm Daniel as God sent an enormous angel to protect him. I talked with the children that when we're in a difficult situation, afraid or need help, we too can pray to God. Rev Archer.

SWIMMING



Having heard glowing reports regarding the progress our Year 2 swimmers have made this year, I visited the Oratory swimming pool and observed a lesson this week. It was a pleasure to see the children swimming the length of the pool; some were confident swimmers and others facing their fears and making strides forward in their confidence levels in the pool. I hope you enjoy the forthcoming swimming gala and are equally proud of their achievements.

Important!

Please ensure that your child has a PE kit in school every day with suitable footwear. We may call you to bring the kit to school to enable you child to access the PE curriculum should they not have it.

CHEERLEADERS

Could all the cheerleaders return their costumes to school by Monday 9th June. Thank you.

IS YOUR CHILD MISSING A JUMPER, CARDIGAN, GLOVE, HAT OR THE ODD SOCK?

You'll be amazed what we have in our lost property box! It will be in the main playground every morning from Monday for the week. Hopefully, most items will be reunited with its rightful owner. Any left overs will be taken to the charity shop.

OWL CLASS



This week the Year 2 children wrote some fantastic riddles about a 4 legged animal of their choice. They composed a variety of clues to describe the creature's appearance, behaviour, diet and habitat. They had fun trying to guess each other's riddles. The Year 3 children worked on developing their punctuation and reading comprehension skills. We are continuing with the Rainforest topic this term and have started to look at how to write an engaging persuasive text. The Year 3 children produced posters, leaflets newspaper articles encouraging people to help protect the jaguar from becoming endangered.

In RE the class explored "The Creation of the World" story. They worked in pairs and using mime, acted out a day from the creation story for the rest of the class to guess. They worked well collaboratively, sharing ideas and supporting each other.

In Maths, the Year 2 children worked on adding and subtracting 2 and 3-digit numbers and knowing that one operation is the inverse of the other. The Year 3 children worked on balancing problems $3 \times 5 = 9 + ?$ and using language to describe position and movement (right angle turns, clockwise, anti-clockwise, north, south, east and west). We rehearsed our rainforest dance in groups and evaluated our group performances. We also finished the week by working on our musical rainforest composition, adding layers and experimenting with dynamics.

BADGER CLASS



This half term will be focusing in more depth about the rainforest.

In literacy the children wrote a recount of their half term news, using time

connectives: after, next, first, finally etc. The Year 1 children listened to a rainforest story and then used their knowledge to answer comprehension questions. They learned how to find the information needed to answer the questions by looking at the text and using inference. They also designed posters to inform people how we can care for our world to make it a better place now and in the future. We thought about what makes a good poster and what needs to be included. The posters are for a competition run by Pangbourne and Whitchurch Sustainability group (PAWS). More details below.

In Maths, we have been exploring the properties of 3D shapes, faces, edges and vertices (corners). The children have been reconstructing some of the shapes from polydrons, magnetix, straws and playdough. We also looked at Venn diagrams and have been sorting different criteria including animals, shape and number.

In our rainforest theme we have looked at the lives of people who live in the rainforest. We have also made some lovely snakes and lizards to decorate our class room.

Well done to all the Year 2 children who have worked really hard this week in their SATS.

HEDGEHOG CLASS



In Hedgehog Class, we have been sharing our holiday news in small groups and the children asked each other questions. On Tuesday, we continued our topic on the rainforest. We read the story 'We're roaming in the rainforest'. We focused on the animals in the story. The children wrote facts about rainforest animals and painted rainforest scenes. We also planned a trip to the rainforest writing lists of what we would pack to take with us and we discussed the best way to shelter in the rainforest. We looked at different materials to make a den and discussed which materials would keep us dry and warm. The children made dens using sticks, leaves and tarpaulin in the garden. On Friday, we went on a rainforest hunt looking for animals and plants found in the rainforest and the children wrote lists to show what they had found.

In Numeracy, the children have been practising counting backwards and solving one more or one less than a number. We have also been solving and recording subtractions. Next week, we will be learning about minibeasts that live in the rainforest and in the UK.

PAWS

Mrs Jackie Hoskins from PAWS will be coming in to school on Monday 9th June to give a short assembly linked to the rainforest. There is also a PAWS Sustainability day at the village hall in Pangbourne on Saturday 14th June where the posters that the children have made will be judged. The winners will be announced at 12 noon. Following this, there will be a talk by Professor Sir Brian Hoskins and Professor Nigel Arnell both of whom are leading scientists in their field of climate change. The day runs from 10.00 am til 3.00pm. There is a poster up in school with more information.

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

14/06/14	Purley in the Park
26/06/14	Film Club
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)**