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Friday Bulletin

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I recently went to the cinema to see the Eddie the Eagle movie. That young man didn't know when to give up and just kept on trying. Persevering is one of our values at Purley Primary School and is now a word that children often use around the school. Many are starting to believe that if they persevere, they will eventually be able to succeed, even when things are challenging. With this attitude they will achieve so much more in life so let us work together to instil this value and if you have a chance to see the film, I thoroughly recommend it.

Have a relaxing half term. See you all on Monday 6th June!

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

What keeps you going? Life is full of ups and downs.

Every day brings new hopes, challenges, doubts, fears and dreams, but what drives you to want to be best, achieve the best, be the best? Over the term, we have considered our school values. We have thought often about the apostle Paul. He travelled the known world of Jesus sharing the Good News. During that time, he was imprisoned and shipwrecked, and the Bible tells us he lived with daily troubles. Through it all he believed in Jesus and found his strength in the Holy Spirit. He persevered to do his best for God. So when life is full of ups and downs, what keeps you going?

Pam Slingsby, Foundation Governor

WOODLAND SCHOOL



We decided to go on a Woodland walk this week. It was such a beautiful morning at Basildon Park.

We looked out for new growth and tried to identify wild flowers and woodland plants. Some of the children drew pictures with labels as a record of what they saw. Others used non-fiction books to identify some woodland features. We had great fun running and falling in the long grass. *Mrs Herbert*

Reminder – there's no Woodland School on 6th June.



SPORTS DAY

This year we will be holding our sports day both at the school field and in Bucknell's Meadow on **Friday 17th June**.

Morning: Hedgehog and Badger classes will use the school field. The event will start at 10.00 and aim to finish by 11.45.

Afternoon: Owl and Woodpecker will use Bucknell's Meadow. Their races will start at 1.30 and finish around 2.30pm.

At 2.30pm Hedgehog and Badger will join us at Bucknell's Meadow for the presentation of the cup to the winning house.

After the event we will be holding a mini '**Race for Life**' fun run in aid of cancer research. The entry fee to this event will be £2 per child/adult. Every-one who pays to take part will receive a 'Race For Life' medal. More details to follow. You may like to bring drinks and snacks for after.

CRICKET CLUB – YEAR 2 - 5

Reminder – this club will start on Wednesday 8th June for 6 weeks (3.00-4.00).

NEW PICNIC MENU

ISS are introducing a picnic menu from 6th June. This is in addition to the usual hot dinner menu. A copy of the picnic menu is available on the school website. Please see link below: <http://purleyprimaryschool.co.uk/school-dinners.php>

KS2 SCIENCE ACTIVITY MORNING



Tim Peake's stay on the International Space Station is coming to an end and his return to planet Earth is scheduled for 18th June. In anticipation of this, our ESERO-UK space ambassador will be visiting on Monday June 6th to run an activity on "soft-landings" with the Key Stage 2 children. We will be designing,

testing and refining a method of landing an astronaut safely! We would appreciate it if the children could bring in any card, string or plastic bags that we could use for this challenge please.

You will be able to see the outcomes of this activity, together with some of the other work on space that we have done over the course of this year, on a website that we have developed at:

<https://sites.google.com/a/purleyschool.net/tim-peake-grant-project/>

YEAR 2 SWIMMING

The lessons will resume on 6th June. On Monday 27th June, there is an inter-school swimming gala taking place. Four Purley children have been selected to represent the school. The other Year 2 will stay in school. The school will refund the transport cost for that session.

On 4th July (the last session), all parents are invited to come and watch the children.

ASTRO GARDEN



The Gardening Club have now planted their seeds for the Astro Garden (under the wooden pergola at the front of the school) – would you please make sure that the children do not enter that area.

FOPS

We have raised so far approximately £2400 from the Tour de Purley and School Fete. We are waiting to hear about some match-funding. If your company offers match-funding (where if an employee helps a charity with their fundraising efforts, the company will match-fund the money raised), please do consider FOPS as your charity. It all helps! If you have any sponsorship money to bring in, please do so as soon as possible so we can confirm a final amount. Thank you once again for all your support.

STARS OF THE WEEK



Hedgehog Class

Star of the week: Chloe for brilliant maths and number work.

Friendship Star: Abraham for helping a friend at lunchtime.

Purley Paragon: Abigail

Superstar: Jaiden for always doing his best, listening with attention and applying his skills.

Badger Class

Star of the week: Louie for trying so hard with his reading

Friendship Star: Kira for always helping others when they need help

Paragon: Iona

Superstar: Oscar for challenging himself and being a maths champ

Woodland Star: Hiba, for her detailed pictorial recording with labels of things we saw on our walk.

Owl Class

Star of the week: Elizabeth for always working hard even when things become tricky.

Friendship Star: Evie for all the help and support she has given to her table group this term. Thank you Evie!

Purley Paragon: Elyssa

Superstar: Evelyn for always trying her best in everything she does, especially in maths and for always being thoughtful towards others.

Woodpecker Class

Star of the week: Shannon for superb work and extra effort with presentation

Friendship Star: Ruby for her teamwork and friendship to others in the class

Purley Paragons: Tanisha and Miss Wood-Griffiths

Superstar: Madeline for hard work and friendship and helpfulness throughout the term

Delightful diners: Bailey, Jaihdn, Natalia, Abraham, Davontay and Tanisha.

HEDGEHOG CLASS



We have been busy in Hedgehog class this week learning about directions and following Red Riding Hood's walk through the

woods. The children learnt the four points of the compass with a rhyme to help remember the order and made their own compasses. They went on a walk outside and used directions to identify different parts of the school grounds using real compasses. The Y1 children worked hard on writing their own versions of Little Red Riding Hood. In Science, we tested the strength of different concrete mixes, recorded our results and learnt that different materials are fit for different purposes. In RE we listened to the story of Zacchaeus and learnt a song to tell the story. We thought about how people can change and why they might change. In Music, we chose different instruments to name and play listening to changes in pitch and sound. We finished off our Victorian topic by making some more traditional toys and games.

Mrs Carr

BADGER CLASS



After having enjoyed and looked at the key features of fairy tales, Badger class have now written their own traditional tales this week. In Maths, we have continued to investigate capacity and have also looked at how to collect data and produce our own graphs to represent our findings. In Science, we had fun setting up a fair test to explore how strong our cement mixes from last week were. It was a fun conclusion to our experiments. A big well done to all of our Y2 pupils who have been very busy with their SATs these last 2 weeks. They have all tried really hard and shown great perseverance.

Our topic for next term is called, "The Enchanted Woodland" and the children have helped their teachers to plan by thinking of ideas they would like to include in their learning. *Mrs Lyn-Jones*

OWL CLASS



Owl class have had another busy week finishing off their topic work about "what's inside me" and putting their journalism training into practise by becoming newspaper reporters. The young journalists have written some amazing reports about Henry the Gnome and his uncaring owners, The Bumbles! In

maths the children have been telling the time using both analogue and 12hr digital time. We have also been considering if it is am or pm.

On Tuesday we had a visit from a dental educationalist from Triangle Dental practice. The children were very attentive and she was incredibly impressed by their knowledge on teeth and their questioning. A special thank you to Elizabeth and Anya who were incredibly brave and chewed a disclosing tablet to show the children where the plaque was on their teeth.

Thank you to all those who joined us for our open afternoon and celebrated all the hard work the children have been doing at school this half term. I am very proud of each and every one of them! *Mrs Pickering*

Reminder: There's no Rushall Farm on 6th June. Visits will resume on 13th June for Barley Group.

WOODPECKER CLASS



Woodpecker Class have been celebrating 90 years of Queen Elizabeth this week. We have explored the royal family tree and have been learning how succession to the throne works.

Mighty Mathematicians have been converting tenths and hundredths into their decimal equivalents and will be moving on to use this knowledge in solving money problems.

Mega Mathematicians have been solving shape problems involving symmetry and reflections, translations and rotations.

In English, the children are investigating figurative language and have been exploring similes, metaphors, alliteration, rhythm & rhyme as they approach the task of writing their own poems.

In Science this week, we have been researching our teeth. We used our iPads to take photos of them and dental mirrors so we could see the backs. We thought about why

we need different types of teeth and discussed what we use them for. The children have homework on the function of adult teeth to complete over half term.

After half term, (June 20th) author Holly Webb will be visiting the school. Many children from Woodpecker class have thoroughly enjoyed the books we have in school by Holly Webb. She writes prolifically so look out for her books over half term - and if you do buy any, bring them in to school so she can sign them for you.

Over half term, I hope everyone will enjoy some lovely sunny days, play outside and have fun. In between the fun, please keep reading and practicing times tables (1-6 & 8).
Mrs Archer

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

06/06/16	Start of Summer Term 2
12/06/16	Choir singing at St Mary's
17/06/16	Sports Day
27/06/16	Year 2 Interschool Swimming Gala
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