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Friday Bulletin

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Summer has arrived! What a difference some sunshine makes. The Queen's birthday has been on our minds this week and some of our choir members have been preparing to sing at St Mary's church on Sunday as part of the celebrations. A big thank you to Mrs Street, Miss Maisey, Mrs Whyte, Miss Clarke and Mrs Chohan for organising our fun day today and thank you for all your contributions of food and helping your children dress up. There are many celebrations happening in Purley over the weekend including beacon lighting from 8.30pm on Saturday at the church, Community Church Service at 10.30

and street parties.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP



In Collective Worship this week we explored the Queen's life and faith in God, given that this weekend the nation celebrates Her Majesty's 90th birthday. We watched a clip from one of the Queen's Christmas messages in which she talked about her faith in God and of Jesus Christ as being her role model. In her Christmas messages, the Queen often talks about Jesus. Jesus is, as she has said, a great comfort, a profound teacher, the Prince of Peace and a Saviour with the power to forgive. Again, in her own words, "I know just how much I rely on my faith to guide me through the good times and the bad. Each day is a new beginning. I know that the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the

long view, to give of my best in all the day brings and to put my trust in God". We thought about who it is that we rely on each day. *Reverend Archer.*

SPORTS DAY

Race For Life

A huge thank you to everyone who has already entered our Race for Life following sports day on 17th June. Places are still available, £2 per runner and a medal for everyone who takes part.

Sports Day

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.

A letter went out this week confirming what colour t-shirts are needed.

MARTIAL ART DAY



On Tuesday we were very lucky to have 2 instructors from Matt Fiddes Martial Arts club spend the day with us. Each class was given a 40 minute taster session on what Martial Arts is all about. The children were all very focused throughout the sessions. Further details about the club were put in book bags.



AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

Both Cheerleading and Netball Club are cancelled next week. Please note that the last choir session will be on Monday 20th June.

STARS OF THE WEEK



Hedgehog Class

Star of the week: Sydney for excellent reading progress

Friendship Star: Casey for helping everyone find feathers at the woods

Purley Paragon: Elsie

Badger Class

Star of the week: Cypher for working hard in maths and giving clear reasons for his answers

Friendship Star: Brayden for organising a group to build a fantastic shelter in the woods in such a supportive way

Paragon: Lucas

Owl Class

Star of the week: Anya for her amazing time telling and support for others

Friendship Star: Niamh for making friends feel very special

Purley Paragon: Gracie

Woodpecker Class

Star of the week: Freddie, for hard work, keen interest and learning beyond the classroom.

Friendship Star: Josh, for his helpfulness to children and adults in school.

Purley Paragon: Ruby

HEDGEHOG CLASS



In Hedgehog class this week we have started our new topic, The Enchanted Woodland.

We spent time with our learning partners thinking about what we already know and what we would like to find out. We walked up to Pakeshaw Woods and had an exciting morning making journey sticks, building dens and enjoying a teddy bears picnic with our teddies. The children used their eyes and ears to look at and listen to all the woodland sights and sounds. In Science, we read the story of Jasper's beanstalk and learnt what plants need to grow. We planted runner beans and admired their beautiful unusual patterns. In Maths, we have been focusing on number bonds and subtraction, using practical methods and number lines. The role play area has been transformed into a lovely Garden Centre which is proving very popular with the children. We walked down to the field to practise athletics for sports day and also had a karate workshop. Please ensure your child has a named PE kit with trainers/pumps in school. Thank you.
Mrs Carr

BADGER CLASS



As an entry point for our new topic "The Enchanted Woodland", Badger class had a fun activity day in the woods. The children discovered a letter left by the Woodland Elves, asking for their help to rebuild their homes as they had been destroyed by the wicked Goblin! Naturally

everyone was eager to show off their den building skills and built the most wonderful, imaginative shelters. There was much problem solving and cooperative work to be seen and the class felt proud of their finished structures. The children also made fantastic journey sticks as a way of collecting all sorts of woodland treasures. Back at school the class have started a science investigation to study how plants grow and their conditions for growth. They will be keeping a diary of the changes that take place over the next few weeks. In Maths, we have been looking at repeated patterns and generating some of our own. *Mrs Lyn-Jones*

OWL CLASS



It has been a busy but fun start to the term for Owl class. We have started our new topic, 'It's all Greek to me!' As an introduction, the children spent the afternoon being archaeologists digging for Ancient Greek artefacts and mending some smashed Greek vases. This allowed the children to start to understand how we know what life was like thousands of years ago. In English, we have been learning about the Greek Myth, Pandora's Box. We have read the story, watched an animated movie and retold the key facts. Over the next few weeks the children will be writing their own play scripts for a play based on Pandora's Box. In Maths, we have continued to work with time, looking at telling the time at 5 min intervals using both analogue and digital clocks. The children have also been solving some simple problems involving time. *Mrs Pickering*

WOODPECKER CLASS



Woodpecker class have arrived back in school looking refreshed after an enjoyable, albeit soggy, half-term break. We are very excited about this term's topic, 'It's all Greek to me!'

We will be learning about Ancient Greece and have started the term by familiarising ourselves with the 12 Olympian Greek gods and goddesses – what a gruesome lot they are. The children have really enjoyed learning about this crazy family of dysfunctional deities.

In English, we will be using greek myths, legends and tales to investigate language techniques which will then start to use in our own writing.

Our Maths focus this week has been money. Many children are struggling to work out correct change when given mathematical money problems. As this is such a key life skill, it would be wonderful if families could support the children by asking them to calculate how much change they ought to receive when buying items over the weekend. Most children are becoming confident with times tables up to 6. We are skipping over 7x table and now focussing on 8x tables as this should be easy for children who are confident with their 4x table (simply double the answers). Some children are fully confident already with their 8x tables and some are still struggling with the earlier tables. Please continue to support your children in learning these crucial facts as they form the foundational blocks upon which many complex mathematical skills are built.

Friday brought about the first celebration in a weekend full of birthday festivities in Purley. Red, white and blue was the dress code for those not coming as royal dignitaries. Celebrations will continue over the weekend with a street party on Saturday evening, held in the church carpark and then Sunday morning at St Mary's when the school choir will be also be singing. *Mrs Archer*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

12/06/16	Choir singing at St Mary's
17/06/16	Sports Day
27/06/16	Year 2 Interschool Swimming Gala
04/07/16	Year 2 last swimming lesson (parents invited to watch).
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

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Learn to Love, Love to Learn