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Friday Bulletin

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COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This term we are thinking about hope; we'll be encouraging the pupils to consider their own hopes and dreams, and how to make them become a reality. Who, what can we put our hope in? On Monday we thought about David and how he put his hope in God both as a young shepherd boy and a powerful king. We read some of that famous psalm, 'The Lord's my shepherd' and explored what that might mean to each of us today. Like David, many put their hope in God for both the big and small concerns of daily life, because He Offers Peace Everyday.

Pam Slingsby, Foundation Governor

SPORTS DAY



A letter confirming arrangements for the day is in your child's bookbag.

YEAR 2 SWIMMING - REMINDER

All Year 2 parents are welcome to watch the Year 2 children's swimming lesson on Monday 22nd June from about 10.40 - 11.40am. It will take place at our usual swimming pool at the Oratory Preparatory School (Goring Heath, Reading, RG8 7SF).

WOODLAND SCHOOL

It was a warm and sunny morning at Woodland school this week. We did a short listening walk thinking particularly about how many and which birds we could hear.

We heard several examples of birdsong but were particularly aware of the bird call of the

red kites. They were circling around the tall pine trees. The team at Basildon Park have made a new structure using pipes (guttering) that have been secured into a fallen tree trunk.

It allows for a ball to be rolled down it. Sadly the ball was missing so we set a challenge for the children to find something suitable to roll down the pipe. We experimented with beech nuts, fir cones, sticks and stones. We needed to use our problem solving skills. A medium sized round stone rolled the best from the top to the bottom. *Mrs King*



THANK YOU!

Thanks to all their fundraising efforts, FOPS have kindly bought the school some new guided reading books, dictionaries, and thesauruses amounting to £365.43. Thank you!

FOPS

FOPS are busy planning for the "Grand Opening" Fete to be held on Saturday 19th September 11:30am to 2pm. Please put the date in your diaries!

We are also looking for anyone who may be able to help with raffle prizes or offers for our auction. If you have any contacts at work or through friends for raffle prizes, whether it is

chocolate through Mars, wine through Laithwaites or lunch at a cafe etc., please speak to Mrs Ham.

We will also be running an Auction which can be for prizes or promises, for example an offer of babysitting for one evening, a dozen fresh eggs from your hens or a home-made scarf or bag! Please let us know if you can help!

Finally, we will also have our usual stalls of tombola, adopt a teddy, face-painting etc. We will be asking for donations of the following:

Week Beginning

29/6 - Teddy Bears

6/7 - Adult Tombola (wine, smellies, unwanted gifts)

13/7 - Children's Tombola (sweets, chocolate, lollipops, small gifts such as matchbox car, rubber, pencil etc)

Thank you as always for your continued support. *The FOPS Team*

AFTERSCHOOL CARE CLUB

Please see the letter in your child's bookbag regarding our plans for a possible Afterschool Care Club. Your feedback is really important as it will impact our decision whether to take this further or not.

HELP WITH STORAGE!

There is a small possibility that the builders may want to take over the staffroom before the end of this term to ensure that the build stays on track as much as possible. With this in mind, we are asking if anyone might have some storage space in their garage to store the furniture currently in the staffroom until the end of this academic year. We can then bring it back into school and store in the classrooms over the holiday. We would be happy for the furniture to be spread across many garages so if you can help with even a single chair, your help would be very much appreciated! At this stage, could you let Mrs Ham know if you can help. Thank you for your support.

VACANCIES

We have a vacancy for one Learning Support Assistant and a cleaner for September. Further

information and an application form can be found on the school website:

<http://purleyprimarieschool.co.uk/current-job-vacancies.php>

STARS OF THE WEEK



Hedgehog Class

Star of the week: Milo for making accurate predictions about the weight of objects in Maths, using the correct vocabulary.

Friendship Star: Daisy for always being a caring friend.

Woodland Star: Evans - after our walk and discussion about the birds, Evans looked through some information books and drew a lovely blackbird. He told us about the Kingfisher who lives by the river. He knew the Kingfisher was mainly blue in colour and ate fish.

Badger Class

Star of the Week: Gracie for working hard when sorting and describing the 3D shapes

Friendship Star: Evelyn for teaching her maths group how to play a 3D shape game.

Owl Class

Star of the Week: Isabella for her focused research on Michael Morpurgo.

Friendship Star: Jamie for always supporting his friends in work and play.

OWL CLASS



Firstly, I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who came to our Mad Hatters tea party last week. The children had a wonderful morning and worked exceptionally hard preparing refreshments and making decorations.

We launched into this terms topic, "Which Direction?", with a range of activities involving directions and directional force on Monday morning. The children enjoyed, tug of war, a blindfolded obstacle course, water and air rockets and learnt some new games involving directional language.

In English we have been researching Michael Morpurgo and how his life has influenced the stories he has written. The children have used the skim and scan technique to locate information on fact sheets and the internet about Michael Morpurgo. Next week this

information will be used to compile an autobiographical fact sheet about him.

Conversion of units has been the focus in maths, children have been measuring items in centimetres and converting to millimetres, centimetres to metres and vice versa.

In Science the children found out about why a magnet always points to north and had a go at making their own compass using a needle, a cork, a magnet and a cup of water.

On Friday afternoon we will be joining hundreds of schools across the country for the online St Johns ambulance big first aid lesson.

Rushall Farm - many children are still arriving at school with insufficient clothing for an afternoon at the farm. Trainers or boots must be worn and a long sleeve raincoat is needed, even if it is sunny in the morning. We were caught in a heavy shower a couple of weeks ago and many children did not have a waterproof coat! Failure to have waterproof coat and shoes may result in not being able to go to the farm. *Mrs Pickering*

BADGER CLASS



Badger class have really enjoyed learning about different pets and having a few pet visitors to the classroom. The children have met Elizabeth's guinea pigs, Mrs King's Labrador, Mrs McConnell's gecko, Mrs Healey's giant African snail, Evie's gerbils and Oscar's giant millipede. Following on from the visits, the children have made their own pet non-fiction books with labelled diagrams, fact boxes, and information organised by headings and sub-headings. In Maths we have been working with 3D shapes. We have sorted the shapes by their type and discussed their different properties using the vocabulary corners/vertices, edges and faces.

Next week we will be reading the "Hairy Maclary" books. *Mrs Lyn-Jones*

HEDGEHOG CLASS



This week we started our new topic. We talked about what pets we have, their names and how we look after them. The rest of the week we had visits from lots of the pets

including a dog, a gecko, gerbils, a land snail, a tortoise and a giant millipede!

In Maths we explored 'capacity'. We practiced using the balancing scales to see how heavy or light different objects were. We experimented with different sized containers, using vocabulary such as full, empty, heavy, half full etc. In P.E we practised various activities in preparation for Sports Day.

Next week we will be looking at stories with repetitive, predictable language such as *Bear Hunt*. *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

15/06-22/06	Year 1 Phonics Screening
22/06/15 (am)	Year 2 Swimming Gala (parents invited) 10.40-11.40
23/06/15	Sports Day
29/06/15	Foundation Stage open morning (8.50-9.15)
01/07/15	Marwell Zoo trip for FS and KS1
06/07/15	Legoland trip for KS2
14/07/15	Class swap afternoon
16/07/15	Open afternoon (from 1.30 pm)
17/07/15	Badger Class End of Term Production (9.30 am at St Mary's Church)
17/07/15	FOPS end of school party
20/07/15	Foundation Stage open morning (8.50-9.15)
22/07/15	End of Academic Year at 1.15 pm
23/07/15-02/09/15	Summer Holidays
03/09/15	Start of new Academic Year
19/09/15	New build launch!

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)
Learn to Love, Love to Learn

Thank for Summer Term 2

In school by Friday 16th July

Which is heavier, a blown up balloon
or a flat balloon?

What do you think and why?

