

Purley CE Primary School

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Friday Bulletin



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BUILDING WORK

Firstly apologies for not releasing more information sooner but we needed to get all the paperwork in place before making any announcement.

I am pleased to say that the proposed building works will start on July 27th. Phase one will involve relocating the children's toilets and restructuring Hedgehog class (mixed Foundation Stage and Year1). This work will be completed ready for the children's return to school in September.

Phase 2 is due to start in September and will involve fairly major work. The existing toilets will be extended and made into a classroom with another classroom above it. It is estimated that this will take about two terms to complete so we hope to be in our new classrooms sometime in the Summer Term. During this time, Owl class (Years 3 and 4) will be taught in the hall which will be laid out as a classroom. This will obviously have an impact on the other uses we make of the hall and we will manage this to the best of our ability. Whenever possible we will use the outdoor space for PE including the playground and the field the school rents. We may also use other locations such as the church hall.

It is a very exciting time for us as a school and although I am sure it will cause some organisational challenges, the children will benefit greatly from observing the changes at school and of course in the future.

STARS OF THE WEEK



Hedgehog Class

Star of the Week: Louie Herbert for good listening and trying his best with his writing.

Friendship Star: Lucas for always being a good friend.

Woodland Star: Alice for managing to climb up and down the big tree from a more challenging point. She showed great determination.

Badger Class

Star of the Week: Rosemary for constantly trying her best with everything

Friendship Star: Lizzie for being a good friend to the class and helping to keep our classroom tidy.

Woodland Stars: **Leo** for his amazing representation of Rainforest animals whilst on the climbing tree. He could hang like a sloth and howl like a monkey. **Ryan** for building a gate at the entrance of the den with sticks. He was competent with a mallet and used it safely.

Owl Class

Star of the week: Ronan for working hard on his informative poster.

Friendship Star: Tanisha for being a helpful cloakroom monitor.

Delightful Diners: Maegan, Kira, Rosemary, Callum, Dylan, Niamh, Jasmine, Nathan BB

TOP TIP OF THE WEEK!



Well being

These points are taken from the Family Action Guide based on research about what helps children succeed at school.

- When things are difficult, help your child to see it as a part of life and learning and that it happens to all of us. Teach them to keep trying and not to give up.
- Listen to your child and value their opinions, make eye contact with them

- Be a positive role model, don't shout and swear in front of them, it is rarely effective.
- Praise their efforts as well as achievements.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP



This week in Collective Worship, we continued the theme of the life of Moses – looking at the miraculous story of Moses leading God's people through the Red Sea, from captivity in Egypt. It appeared there was no hope – there was a massive sea blocking their escape. Moses listened to God and as he raised his stick above the water, it split in two before them, leaving a path right down the middle. God's people hurried down the path to the other side, the Egyptian army close behind. Just as the last of the God's people safely crossed, Moses lowered his stick, the water rushed back and the army was washed away. God's people were free at last. We reflected on how mighty and powerful God is and how He is more than able to help us.

Rev Archer

UNIFORM

Our new supplier has confirmed that they are now ready to take orders for the new purple logo sweatshirt and cardigan. Please see the link to the dedicated web page:
<http://www.jmlembroidery.co.uk/webshop/schoolwear/purley-c-of-e-primary-school/>

You can also contact them by phone or email
 01183 279 916/ 07568 348 829
info@jmlembroidery.co.uk

The white polo tops, shirts and blouses, grey trousers, skirts, pinafores and summer dresses are readily available from many retailers.

Reminder: the new uniform will be introduced in September 2014 but either uniform can be worn until September 2015 to allow children to grow out of / wear out their current uniform.

USE IT OR LOSE IT

Do you struggle to get to work on time in the mornings? Our Breakfast Club opens from 8.00am. It costs £3.50 which includes breakfast. If there is a space available (and at present we have additional spaces available), there is a degree of flexibility for you to use the club on different days each week. Children do not have to be in by 8.00am but if they arrive after

8.15, they may miss the breakfast but they can still join in with the activities. There is a sibling discount of 50p per session. If you would like more information, please contact the school.

YEAR 2 SWIMMING – OPEN MORNING

Reminder - parents are invited to come along to watch their children between 10.15 and 11.15 at the Oratory Preparatory Swimming pool, Goring Heath, Reading, RG8 7SF

YOUR SCHOOL'S FUNDRAISING TEAM NEEDS YOU!!



The Tour de Purley and Purley in the Park are over and have been so successful! Now we start to plan the Fireworks Fiesta for 5th November. The Fundraising Team needs 2 parents to join the Fireworks Working group. No previous experience necessary...just lots of enthusiasm and time for 6 evening planning meetings. Please help your child's school to raise money for the new building.

If you can help in any way, please contact Sue Briscoe on 0118 9456085 or sue_briscoe1@o2.co.uk. Thank you

OPEN AFTERNOON

As advertised in the diary dates, you are invited to come into school between 1.30pm and 2.45pm on the afternoon of Wednesday 16th July to share your child's work over the past year. Please come to the classroom to collect your child and their work. You can then find a quiet spot around the school or grounds (weather permitting!) so your child can share their work with you and talk about what they have done over the last academic year and celebrate their successes. You may sign your child out with their class teacher and take him/her home after you've finished. Cricket Club will take place as normal at 3.00pm. If you can't make it, it would be great if a grandparent or another family member or family friend attends. The Open Afternoon is very well attended and the children really enjoy sharing their work.

FOOTBALL NEWS!



On Wednesday afternoon, Will, Dylan, Sam, Callum and Nacho

represented our school in a Link group football tournament at Denefield School. We competed against three other schools. We won the first match 6:0 thanks to great goal keeper skills (Nacho), two fantastic strikers (Will and Dylan) and two brilliant defenders (Samuel and Callum)!

We had lots of drama and excitement throughout the matches - Mrs Fullbrook lost her voice and in the end we finished 3rd on a goal difference. Well done boys, we are so proud!



KEW GARDEN VISIT – YEAR 1, 2 AND 3

Amendment – we have been advised that the children will need to carry their lunch with them around the garden, therefore a small rucksack/backpack is recommended. They will also need to bring at least 2 drinks in disposable bottles/cartons. Children will need to wear their school uniform and school shoes. Please check the weather forecast before the trip and if rain is forecast please provide your child with a raincoat. Alternatively, if hot weather is forecast, please ensure your child has a sun hat and wears sun cream. Thank you.

VIOLIN LESSONS

Please note that next week's lesson will be on Thursday instead of Friday because of the school trip.

FOREST SCHOOL



Beech: The children had another enjoyable time at Basildon Park using the natural surroundings to extend their play and learning

Elm: Yet again we were blessed with a beautiful afternoon at Basildon Park. I was beginning to think I had taken a wrong turning and landed in the Rainforest. The children climbed the trees and became howler monkeys making an enormous noise but keeping still and quiet when they spotted the eagles. Ainhoa and Gracie hung upside down from branches like a sloth and tried to understand why a sloth moved so slowly and how they can hang from trees for such a long time without falling, which they both found difficult after a few minutes! Creative skills were popular - some children made necklaces like the ones they had seen on the pictures of Rainforest tribes, fishing rods were very popular and Lola and Leo lashed sticks into a square to make a dream catcher.

Ash: The children had a lovely time at Basildon Park and didn't want to leave so soon. They were all very engaged on their self-initiated activities. These included climbing, making necklaces with leaves & adding extras to the existing dens.

OWL CLASS



This week we talked about the World Cup and we researched information about it using ICT and fact sheets.

We recorded our own facts in an 'All about the World Cup' booklet. We listened to and sang the 'British National Anthem,' which we then used for a handwriting competition. The winners were Tanisha for Year 3 and Nacho for Year 2, who both wrote out the National Anthem in their best handwriting. Some children were able to memorise it and said it in front of the class the next day.

In Numeracy we all worked on problem solving activities, where the children had to explain their reasoning in clear steps in their Maths book and orally.

The class thoroughly enjoyed the rainforest workshop and participated fully through drama. As one member of the class said it was as if we had actually been on an actual visit to the Amazon. We researched why the rainforests are often called "the lungs of the world" and the children decided how best to present this information in an engaging and informative way.

Next week will be continuing to work on persuasive text.

BADGER CLASS



This week in literacy the focus has been explanation writing. Following an investigation into how plants from the rainforest have made adaptations to survive, the children have written an explanation of how Bromeliad plants collect water and food for their own growth and provide microhabitats for smaller creatures, including frogs living in the rainforest. Next week we will be looking at the features of a dictionary and how to use one effectively. The children will proceed to make their own Rainforest dictionary.

Our visiting theatre workshop was an amazing experience for the children to discover more about what life is like in the rainforest. Following a flight across the world to the Amazon Rainforest, the children became leaf cutter ants, sloths, howler monkeys swinging through the trees and a large snake that crushed Mrs Pickering and then ate her for his tea!!

In Numeracy, the children have been exploring money and solving problems. There has been lots of coin matching, totalling costs and shopping. Next week we will be continuing with money and more problem solving linked to real life experiences. The children have also been exploring time, looking at hour times, half past, quarter past and quarter to and working out time associated problems. In Science the class have started to study the life cycle of a frog with particular reference to the tree frog.

HEDGEHOG CLASS



This week we have been learning about different types of sports. The children drew and wrote sentences about their favourite sports. We read the story 'The Tortoise and the Hare'. The children wrote character descriptions to describe the two main characters in the story and we ordered pictures of the story into the correct sequence of events. In art, the children made finger puppets for the tortoise

and the hare and we made tortoises using collage materials. We have also been learning about why it is important that we exercise our bodies. We looked at a variety of non-fiction books about exercise. We looked at the key features of non-fiction books eg - contents page, index, glossary. The children worked in groups to take part in physical exercise. Afterwards, we talked about what had happened to our bodies whilst we were exercising.

In Numeracy, the children learnt about block charts. We used a block chart to find out what the favourite sport is in Hedgehog Class. Afterwards, the children completed their own block chart to find out the favourite colour in the class. We also worked on recognising numbers to 100 and knowing what number is one more or one less than a given number to 100.

Next week, our topic is going to be around the story 'The Three Little Pigs'.

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

01/07/14	Year 2 Swimming Open Morning
01/07/14	Foundation Open Morning (8.50-9.15)
07/07/14	Sports Day (pm)
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.

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