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Friday Bulletin

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Dalmatian Day



While discussing the number of children currently registered at school, Mrs Archer commented that we are 101 like the Dalmatians! This set us thinking that it would be fun at the end of term to have a Dalmatian dress up day. This will be on **Monday 18th July** - dress up as a character from 101 Dalmatians or wear spots. If you have a copy of the DVD to share with us or any books, that would be appreciated.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Beyond Hope?

Growing up, I recall sticking 2p pieces on a card for the Leprosy Mission at Sunday School. I recall feeling bewildered that those with the disease not only suffered life without being able to feel the things they touched but had to live life as outcasts from their communities. As we started our week together, we thought about touch, as we shared the story of Jesus touching the man with Leprosy and bringing him new hope as he was healed. Your touch is important. You too can touch others with your hand - most folk love hugs. And, you can touch others with your love - collecting food for people who are hungry, sending cards or visiting older people who are homebound, being a good friend to name just a few ways. When we love others, as Jesus loved, we can bring hope to those we touch.

Pam Slingsby, Foundation Governor

WOODLAND SCHOOL



Our morning went quickly at Basildon Park this week. We spent time on a minibeast hunt. Looking for and observing the minibeasts behaviour. Many live in the log piles where there is plenty of wood, some rotting. These piles are damp and dark places. We recognised many of them and used non-fiction books to find out new facts.

We then made natural collages of mini beasts on the woodland floor. *Mrs Herbert*



Please note that Year 1 Woodland School will finish on Monday 4th July.

NUT STRIKE ACTION

As mentioned in the news, the National Union of Teachers is proposing a day of industrial action on Tuesday 5th July. The school will be open and even though we do not have any teachers striking, we understand the reasons why the NUT members have come to this decision to call for funding to both schools and to education in general to be increased.

SPORTS DAY

It was fantastic to see so many children having fun and taking part in our sports day. The children persevered and displayed great sportsmanship. Thank you to Mrs Pickering

who organised it all, FOPS for serving refreshments and to all parents for your support. Well done to Earthy Bear for being the overall winners.



INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING GALA

Our week began with a very exciting swimming gala. Four children from Year 2 represented the school against children from St Finians, Kennet Valley and Woolhampton. It was very competitive but Purley children were brilliant swimmers and won! We were very proud to bring the trophy back to school. Well done to Alice, Oscar, Ayden and Louis and a big thank you to the cheering, supportive parents- the atmosphere was great!



As you know, we are holding a Swimming Gala next Monday which Year 2 parents have been invited to, so we hope to see you there to show you how much progress we have made since September! We would like to thank FOPS who have contributed £2,100 this year towards these lessons.

DOWNTOWN DENVER



Mrs Archer and Mrs Pickering reporting in from Downtown Denver. Alongside amazing hospitality from our American sponsors: limo pickup from airport, party at the local brewery and watching the Colorado Rockies smash the Bluejays in a baseball match, we have been working really hard - honest! Each morning,

our bus picks us up at 6:30 to take us to the light rail, where we board an early morning commuter train to the conference centre. Our heads are exploding with new ideas, applications and sheer vocabulary: augmented reality, virtual reality, digital differentiation, virtual manipulative, STEAM and STEM technology and on and on. We are so excited about bringing it all to life in the classroom and hope that between us we can retain - and indeed understand - even a fraction of all we have been exposed to this week. As ever, we miss you all and are staying in touch with the children via google classroom.

AFTERSCHOOL CARE CLUB

To register your child's place online with Get Active, go to www.getactivesports.com and click on the yellow 'Find a club near you' button. In 'location' type Purley on Thames and the club will come up.

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 **Tuesday 12th July** to share your child's work over the past year. Please come to the classroom to collect your child and their work.

FOPS - REMINDER!

Tickets are still available to see George's Marvellous Medicine at the Hexagon on Saturday 5th November at 2.30pm.

During the Autumn the children will be learning about Roald Dahl to help celebrate 100 years since his birth. Why not help bring one of his stories to life? Tickets are priced at £14 per person and the offer is extended to all children, family & friends. Tickets will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Please send a cheque (or cash) made payable to FOPS.

END OF TERM PARTY!

We're having a beach themed party! Hawaiian shirts and shorts at the ready and enjoy limbo, party games and other activities. Don't forget to return the slip (included in bookbags last week) for the end of term party on Friday 15th

July. Entry is £4 per child and will include a drink and hotdog.

DATE FOR THE DIARY

FOPS will be holding a Cheese & Wine evening incorporating the Annual General Meeting on Thursday 29th September. Look out for more details in early September!

CALLING ALL POLAR EXPLORERS Warm coats at the ready!!!

Registration is now open for St Mary's Church Holiday Club. This year's club, Polar Explorers, promises to be more fun than ever! Running from Tuesday 30th August until Friday 2nd September, 9-1.15pm, the club is open to all 5-11 year olds and includes craft, games and Christian teaching. Contact Fran Jones (Woodpecker Class) or e-mail holidayclub@stmaryspurley.org.uk for a registration form or more information. Closing date for registration is **Friday 29th July**. Please see flyer in bookbag for further details.

STARS OF THE WEEK



Hedgehog Class

Star of the week: Toby for interesting outdoor artwork.

Friendship Star: Sergio for looking after a friend who had fallen over.

Purley Paragon: Frankie

Badger Class

Star of the week: Jaidhen for his effort in maths and his writing about bats.

Friendship Star: Alice for helping a Foundation child who had been hurt.

Purley Paragon: Lola

Woodland Star: Amy for being a kind, caring and helpful member of the group. She encouraged and helped others to complete the tasks.

Owl Class

Star of the week: Grace for knowing her 3x table

Friendship Star: Jisel for always smiling no matter what

Purley Paragon: Evie

Woodpecker Class

Stars of the week: Nacho for increased focus and concentration during lessons.

Madeline for writing an outstanding Greek myth using excellent vocabulary

Friendship Star: Jaden for becoming more confident when talking to people.

Purley Paragons: Freddie and Teagan A

Delightful diners: Sydney, Harry, Brayden, Louie, Shannon, Erika

HEDGEHOG CLASS



The children in Hedgehog class have continued their learning about minibeasts and in Science we looked at different habitats, new names and species. We went out with magnifying glasses and identification sheets to see what we could discover in the school grounds and then used non-fiction books to extend our learning. The Y1 children have continued with their non-fiction hedgehog books and have added a contents and index page. In Art, we made our own natural art pictures outside using the inspiration from the artist Andy Goldsworthy. The children used many different materials to create patterns and designs including leaves, pebbles, fir cones, conkers, flowers, sticks and grasses. We also made models of clay hedgehogs. In Maths, we have been adding with coins and using different combinations of coins to make totals. We have started our new mini topic of The Wind in the Willows and following the story we have started to design our own caravans. If you have any suitable boxes for our DT project, please send them into school. Thank you. *Mrs Carr*

BADGER CLASS



This week we have been busy creating an information book about a British woodland animal of our own choice. We have used our research skills to find out what the animals look like, what they eat and where they live. We have used a contents page to organise our book. Some of us have included a glossary and index. We are becoming experts at non-fiction writing!

Our Science this week was linked to where animals live so we went on a walk to the school field to investigate a meadow and hedgerow habitat. Our most exciting discovery included an ants' nest which we all found fascinating to watch.

In Maths, Year 1 have been practising partitioning numbers using tens and unit apparatus and using this to help them solve missing number problems involving addition and subtraction. Year 2 Children have been investigating temperature and are becoming very skilled at reading and recording using thermometers. We also had a gift of a new class thermometer so we will be able to check room temperature in Badger class every day!

This week we have been reading and watching clips of *The Wind in the Willows*. We listened to facts about the author's life and discovered that he lived in Pangbourne and based his book on the River Thames. After reading the story, we were inspired by Toad's bright yellow caravan so we have designed our own caravan to make next week. The children have been thinking of ways to add working wheels to their caravan. Children will need to bring in a suitable box and any other materials to help them create their own caravan on Tuesday.

Mrs Hodsdon

OWL CLASS



I have had a lovely week in Owl class and the children have all helped me to keep to their normal routines. It has been a real pleasure to see how mature they have grown over the year and what independent learners they have become. We have had a lot of fun learning French over the week and everyone has tried their best to learn some new vocabulary. We have practised the names of many colours and played colour games together. We learnt some colour songs and in Art we explored colour further by studying the work of Claude Monet. In particular we looked at his water lily paintings and created our own versions inspired by him. In Maths, we have been investigating the properties of 3D shapes and looking at their net plans. *Mrs Lyn-Jones*

WOODPECKER CLASS



With Mrs Archer away in Denver, Mrs Jones and I have been teaching Woodpecker class. In English this week, Woodpecker class have been planning and writing Greek myths. They have used their

imagination and creativity to write excellent descriptions of their own heroes and mythical beasts.

Mighty Mathematicians have been revisiting the written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. They have been able to identify their strengths and areas which need a bit more work. Mega Mathematicians have been interpreting tables and timetables. They have also been consolidating their learning on using short written methods for multiplication and division.

Woodpecker class have learned all about Theseus who found his way through a maze to defeat the Minotaur at the centre. They have then been working in small groups to design and create board games based on this Ancient Greek myth.

We have been in contact with Mrs Archer through email, facetime and Google classroom using the iPads. Woodpecker class have been very excited to hear about Mrs Archer's trip and tell her about what we have been doing in school.

As this is my last week at Purley Primary School, I would like to say thank you very much to all here for making me feel so welcome. I have thoroughly enjoyed my placement in Woodpecker class and wish them all the best for the future. *Miss Wood-Griffiths*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

04/07/16	Year 2 last swimming lesson
11/07/16	Foundation visit to Woodland School
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
15/07/16	FOPS end of Term Party
18/07/16	Dalmatian Day
20/07/16	End of Academic Year at 1.15 pm
05/09/16	Start of New Academic Year
08/09/16	New Foundation children starting
29/09/16	FOPS AGM (incl Cheese & Wine)
03/11/16	Fireworks Fiesta!

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