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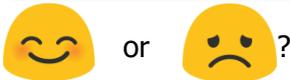
Friday Bulletin

7th July 2017

Big celebrations as this week we were notified of how our first Year 6 cohort had done in their SATS. It was fantastic news and we appeared third on the list of West Berkshire school results. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the success of these children. This good news was on top of our good results for the Year 2 SATs, the Year 1 phonics and the Early Years profiles.

Today, you will have received your child's school report. Please share it with them showing an interest in all the hard work they have put in this year and discuss any points that need to be worked on. The report notifies you of the levels your child has achieved. Let us continue to work together to support the wonderful pupils at Purley School.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP



Does the age old 'Every reaction has an equal and opposite reaction' hold true when it comes to life? If something goes right, does something always go wrong in equal measure? If you are sad, does that mean you will be happy next?

This week we continued our walk through the Bible and after the sadness of Good Friday, we talked about the joy of Easter morning. We thought about those things that make us sad and what we can do to make life better for ourselves, our family and friends, for our wider community. If you get a moment, let your child(ren) share how they can be the smile that turns that frown upside down, or you may like to read more about Easter morning from The Lion Storyteller Bible.

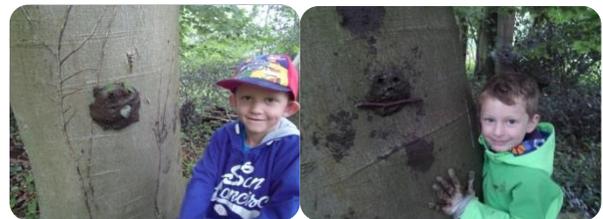
Pam Slingsby, Foundation Governor

WOODLAND SCHOOL



The children had great fun creating woodland faces using natural materials. The first challenge was to put on the adult sized

plastic gloves! The children had to mix mud with water so that it was just wet enough to stick to the tree trunk. Then they searched the woodland floor for materials to form the facial features. Henry chose to use beech husks for eyes, a leafy nose and a stick for the mouth, whereas Lukas used his fingers to create some of the features. *Mrs Burton*



OPEN AFTERNOON - REMINDER

You are invited to come into school between 1.30pm and 2.45pm on the afternoon of **Monday 10th 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. 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.

INTERNET SAFETY

Following on from my message a couple of weeks ago, we have had a diligent parent who has checked up on her child's apps on their home device and fed back to us some of her findings. On further investigation it has come to light that some of our children are on 18+ sites (even though 13-18 are permitted with parental consent). Pupils are appearing on the site in their school uniforms and they have not set them up as private accounts nor disabled the geography settings. Although the site seems like a friendly music lip-synching site there are many dangers lurking beneath. If you would like some support on how to check what your child is accessing at home and/ or how to set up safety settings, please contact the office and we will set up an information evening. The internet is a wonderful tool when used appropriately.

RUSHALL FARM CAMPING

On Monday morning, 35 very excited Year 4 and 5 children descended on Rushall Farm for two days of fun activities and a night's camping. The children completed a range of activities from canoeing to pond dipping and bivouacking to sheep herding. The only activity that they seemed to find difficulty was sleeping passed the dawn chorus at 4.15am! We closed

our first night with Purley Got Talent around the campfire where we were entertained by singing, storytelling and jokes, not forgetting some typical campfire songs...I apologise if you keeping hearing about frilly knickers, but that song was most definitely the favourite of the night. It was lovely to see so many smiling faces and many of the children overcoming personal barriers and fears, especially on the water and around the animals. I would like to say a personal thank you to all the adults; Mrs Jones, Mrs Street, Miss Clarke, Mr Gibbens, Mr Bell and Mr Adamski who helped out over the two days and also to all the children who once again did Purley School proud, their behaviour was top notch and they all participated in all activities with enthusiasm and maturity. I think

I speak for each and every one who was there, what a fantastic experience it was!



"I loved all the opportunities I have had." *Gracie*

"I was so happy to be allowed to go camping, I hope I can go again!" *Corey*

"I feel lucky to have gone to Rushall Farm, I want go again!" *Ryan*

"My favourite thing was canoeing and swimming round the boat" *Leo*

VILLAGE PLAN

All questionnaires must be returned by **10th July 2017** to the school office, your Purley Plan Representative or another drop off place around the village. Please see the parish notice boards for details.

CLUBS

As we are nearing the end of term, we have listed below our clubs and when they finish:

Clubs	End date
Cheerleading	12 th July (parents invited to watch)
Cricket	12 th July

FOPS UPDATE

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Without the help and support of parents, grandparents, carers and local volunteers, we cannot continue to raise the much-needed funds to enrich the education of our children at Purley School. With parents stepping down from the FOPS (Friends of Purley School) Committee as their children leave the school, we are looking for new Committee members. At our AGM on Thursday 28th September we will be, amongst other things, electing the Committee for the forthcoming academic year. If you are interested in joining the FOPS Committee or are able to give some time to be on an event sub-committee (for example, the School Fete Sub-Committee) or just want to know a little bit more about it, please contact Nicky Gibbens or Amelia Bell or ask Mrs Ham and she'll point you in our direction!

END OF TERM SUMMER PARTY

The Summer Party is on Thursday 20th July. Do not forget to return the reply slip that was sent out in book bags last week by Monday 17th July to book your child's place!

STARS OF THE WEEK



Hedgehog Class

Star of the week: Ciara for her imaginative independent writing.

Friendship Star: Davontay for letting the other children dig for potatoes first before taking his turn.

Purley Paragon: Layla.

Woodland Star: Isaak for his enthusiasm in creating a mud face.

Badger Class

Star of the week: Mia for including most of her writing targets in her report about dogs.

Friendship Star: Lucas for helping his brother to ask for help when he needed it.

Purley Paragon: Ben Sinclair.

Owl Class

Star of the week: Natalya Hinds-Bonner for outstanding maths work.

Friendship Star: Jacob for supporting his peers during DT.

Purley Paragon: Reid.

Woodpecker Class

Star of the week: Shannon for excellent support behind the scenes during our production.

Friendship Stars: Natalia Workman for stepping and supporting the class.

Purley Paragon: Josh.

Delightful diners: Henry, Harry B, Zayneb, Sara, Julia, Natalia W, Sienna H and Teagan.

HEDGEHOG CLASS



This week the children worked in groups to dig up the potatoes that they have been growing. The frequent watering had clearly helped as the plants produced an impressive bowlful! The children wrote about what they found and compared the weight, size and shape of the potatoes. They also looked into different ways of cooking the potatoes and then cooked and sampled them! The children have also been busy setting up a beach shop in the role-play shed. They thought about what products should be stocked for summer, and practised buying and selling the goods. *Mrs Burton*



BADGER CLASS



Badger class children have been writing non chronological reports about dogs.

They really impressed me on how much they remembered about writing in this genre and tried really hard to include many of the features in their own writing. In art they looked at the illustrations of Eric Carle and using collage made some very effective lion pictures. In Maths, we have been using our brand new weighing scales to investigate the weight of objects by direct comparison. The older children have been weighing with non-standard and standard measures and recording their results in block graphs. Through dance we have enjoyed creating bird movement sequences to "The Aviary" from "Carnival of the animals." *Mrs Lyn-Jones*

OWL CLASS



It has been an odd week in Owl class this week. Monday and Tuesday the year 3 children enjoyed creating a business empire based on the latest craze, fidget spinners, with our 6 children and Mrs Archer as trusty mentors! Whilst they were busy attempting to be the next entrepreneurs. The year 4 children joined forces with the year 5 children for a couple of days camping. Wednesday, we tried to get back to some normality! In English we have been reflecting back on our time at Rushall Farm this year and writing recounts of the activities and adventures we have experienced. In Maths, the Spheres have continued with co-ordinates and the Cubes have been revisiting previous learnt skills including column addition. The children have also made grabbers using lolly sticks and straws to explore getting things to move. *Mrs Pickering*

WOODPECKER CLASS



What a crazy week for all. Having re-gained their teacher, most of Woodpecker Class upped sticks and left for a two day camping excursion with Mrs Pickering and Mrs Jones. We then waved our year 4 children off on a taster day for Kendrick School on Wednesday. All these comings and goings have made for some very creative thinking as we prepared for our 'Frankie and Me' production – I think Mrs Jones and I have now covered every part, sung each solo, danced and acted our hearts out whenever an absent character needed to be filled in for. And yet, somehow, in spite of all the other things happening this term, the class still managed to pull it off and we are so very proud of their hard work and their talent (not to mention a bit relieved that no fill-ins were needed from us during the actual performances). *Mrs Archer*

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

10/07/17	Open Afternoon (1.30-2.45)
12/07/17	FS, Year 1 & 2, 4 Kingdom Trip
13/07/17	Year 3/4 Legoland Trip
20/07/17	FOPS End of Year Party
21/07/17	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly, 9.15am
21/07/17	End of Academic Year, 1.15pm
06/09/17	Start of new academic year
20/09/17	Greet the teacher evening
23/09/17	School Fete
28/09/17	FOPS AGM
18/10/17	Parents Evening, 3.30-6.00
19/10/17	Parents Evening, 6.00-8.00
20/10/17	Harvest Festival at St Mary's
05/11/17	Fireworks Fiesta!