



Purley CE Primary School

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Friday Bulletin

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I'm sure that many of you were watching the football this week, maybe not quite as avidly as I was unless you have Welsh blood in you! The story of the Welsh football team has been inspirational and Chris Coleman's words - "Dare to dream" is something I have been discussing with the children. They need to dream what they could possibly want be when they grow up, to dream big and start taking steps towards that dream now. It doesn't happen overnight. The more we aspire to, the more likely we are to get there. Do you know what your child wants to be when they grow up? If it is a football or pop star, do they have an insurance choice? What is the highest step they can get to in their dream occupation? It is never too early to think big!

WOODLAND SCHOOL



So here ends another chapter - Year 1s final session at Basildon Park. It was filled with lots of fun and laughter. Lots of running through the fields and rolling in the long grass on our walk. Over the year we have explored, investigated and enjoyed the vast woodlands at Basildon Park. We have learnt so much about the woodland. Our children have been so privileged.

Special thanks to all my volunteer adult helpers over the years. We could not provide these sessions without you. I would like to give a special mention to Ruth Cole who has helped with the sessions for the past year and we loved having her join us. *Mrs Herbert*



SCHOOL REPORTS

A copy of your child's school report is in her/his bookbag. Please do take the time to share these with your children.

OPEN AFTERNOON - REMINDER

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.

BREAKFAST CLUB



We're now taking bookings for our Breakfast Club in the Autumn Term. If you are interested in booking your child, please come to the office to pick up a registration form and booking form. Alternatively you can download them from the school website:

<http://purleyprimaryschool.co.uk/before-and-after-school-care-clubs.php>

It would really help us with staff planning if all booking forms were returned to school by Friday 15th July. Thank you.

DALMATIAN DAY



Dalmatian dress up day 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. We would be grateful for a small donation in return for dressing up for the day.

JDO PROJECT

On Thursday, six pupils from Woodpecker class addressed a room full of Headteachers at Shaw House. They were there to showcase our success at Purley following our JDO project. A big thank you to Mrs Archer for putting this together on her first day back at school after her return from America. I was very proud of the children who presented and of everything they shared; all their Earth Day projects and work on the Essero Tim Peake project. The work that everyone has done has had a massive impact. The children's confidence using the iPads as tools rather than something to play games on is a joy to witness.



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 for the end of term party on Friday 15th July. Entry is £4 per child and will include a drink and hotdog. Deadline for returning slip is **Monday 11th July**.

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**.

STARS OF THE WEEK



Hedgehog Class

Star of the week: Abigail for organising the Y1 group in drama and being a really good narrator

Friendship Star: Elsie for generously offering a classmate her apple at snack time as there were no more left

Purley Paragon: Daisy

Badger Class

Star of the week: Tiana for practising her times tables at home

Friendship Star: Iona for trying to help others solve a disagreement

Purley Paragon: Ethan

Woodland Stars: Hiba, Jessica, Alfie, Bailey, Firhan, Ben, Milo, Jamie, Abigail, Abraham, Daisy, Sergio, Malakhai, Elliott and Amy for being enthusiastic learners and making my Monday mornings fun and a time when I can indulge in my love of nature. *Mrs Herbert*

Owl Class

Star of the week: Emily for doing extra with her 3D shape work

Friendship Star: Elizabeth for being helpful to Mrs Lyn-Jones in the classroom

Purley Paragon: Jisel

Woodpecker Class

Stars of the week: Dugald for demonstrating excellent understanding of shadows in science and carrying out his own investigations at home.

Friendship Star: Josh for helping adults and children during maths

Purley Paragon: Ella

Delightful diners: Caitlin, Jisel, Tyreese, Nacho, Iona, Tiana.

HEDGEHOG CLASS



In Hedgehog class this week the children have been working very hard. The Foundation children have been using the story of the Hungry Caterpillar as a basis for Maths, English and Science. They counted legs and segments, practised their doubles, matched numerals to number names and learnt about the life cycle of the butterfly. They used the playdough to make caterpillars and butterflies, explored mini beast habitats outside and produced lovely art work. In English we listened to more extracts from the Wind in the Willows, Y1 retold and wrote part of the story and everyone did story maps. In DT, The children have started making their caravans using Mr Toad's escapades for inspiration! The class went to the field for athletics and performed a creepy crawly calypso dance to music. Everyone has worked hard for their end of term assessments.

Mrs Carr

BADGER CLASS



Our week began with our Swimming open morning. We had a great time showing our progress to parents, so

thank you to all who were able to come and spend the morning with us- it really helped to make it special.

In English we acted out chapters from the Wind in the Willows. We used masks, hand puppets and props to bring the story to life. There were many exceptional actors to entertain us and we had lots of fun watching each other. Next, we made a story map of 'The Open Road' chapter where Toad has an accident in his caravan. Finally, we used the illustrated map of the book to find the river, Toad Hall, the Wild Woods and other characters' homes. This work will help us enjoy our trip to Henley next week, as we are now all experts!

Our Science this week was also linked to the Wind in the Willows so we looked at animals and plants that live in, on, or near the river. Many children were able to talk about their experiences of The River Thames- some had seen kingfishers and herons. They could identify willow trees. All the children had seen lots of ducks! Some knew if they were called a mallard or moorhen.

In Maths, Year 1 continued partitioning numbers to subtract in tens. They used their understanding to complete missing number puzzles. Year 2 children were investigating multiplication and division using an array (an arrangement) to show the link between them. They used their knowledge to solve word problems and create their own 'number stories'.

Thank you for sending in the boxes...they are now amazing caravans! Children worked carefully using a glue gun to fix wheels and axles. Next they painted them and made items for the inside. Many include features such as beds, tables, curtains and carpets. All the children showed independence whilst designing and working and every caravan is different, showing that they all had a very clear idea about what they wanted their caravan to look like! *Mrs Hodsdon*

OWL CLASS



Owl class have had another fun packed French week and have built up their confidence to speak to each

other in French. They have played colour games with each other and consolidated their vocabulary around the parts of the body and numbers. We have enjoyed learning a "couleurs rap" and performed it to Mrs Pickering on her return. In Art we completed our Monet impressionist paintings by adding layers of colour to create texture and interest. In Maths, we have continued to explore shape - net plans for 3D shapes and angles. We investigated which shapes had right angles and have started to think about horizontal and vertical lines in shapes. It has been lovely working with Owl class and seeing how mature they have become over the year. Thank you children for working so hard for me. Welcome back Mrs Pickering. *Mrs Lyn-Jones*

WOODPECKER CLASS



In Woodpecker Class this week, we have been looking at the Greek myth of Pandora's Box. We were all tempted to open the interesting looking box that Mrs Archer left for us before she went to Denver, but no one did - unlike Pandora who opened her box and released all the troubles into the world. We came up with our own ideas about what was in the box and the children used some fantastic figurative language to develop outstanding phrases for their Pandora's Box poems. They have finished off the week writing their own stories about what might be in a mystery box...

In Maths, we have been having a great time completing the smarties investigations that Mrs Archer left for us. The children have used them to find and simplify fractions and ratios and to create and record bar charts, both on paper

and on their iPads. Some of them will be going on to look at mean, median and mode, before the smarties disappear!

Science this week has focused on how light is reflected and on how we can see objects when it is reflected into our eyes. We have also carried out an investigation of how our shadows change throughout the day. It took us three days to complete the investigation because the clouds kept getting in the way!

We have stayed in touch with Mrs Archer throughout her visit to Denver, through posts on Google classroom, by email and via Google hangouts. We were really excited to get a postcard from her and Mrs Pickering on Monday and we are all thrilled to have her back with us again now. *Mrs Jones*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Term Dates 2016-2017

Term 1	Monday 5th September 2016 – Friday 21st October 2016
Autumn Break	24/10/16 – 31/10/16
Term 2	Tuesday 1st November 2016 – Friday 16 th December 2016
Christmas Holiday	19/12/16 – 03/01/17
Term 3	Wednesday 4th January 2017 – Friday 10th February 2017
Spring Break	13/02/17 – 17/02/17
Term 4	Monday 20th February 2017 – Friday 7 th April 2017
Easter Holiday	10/04/17 – 24/04/17
Term 5	Tuesday 25th April 2017 – Friday 26th May 2017
Summer Break	29/05/17 – 02/06/17
Term 6	Monday 5th June 2017 – Friday 21st July 2017