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Friday Bulletin



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SPORTS DAY



Thank you to all the parents and children who took part in this lovely afternoon. It started with a family picnic lunch and was followed by fun races later on. Well done to all the children for displaying great sportsmanship and friendship during the races. They all competed with great determination and effort on each race. Congratulations to the GREEN team who won this year!

A big thank you to Mrs Fullbrook for organising such a fantastic sports afternoon.

STAFFING UPDATE FOR SEPTEMBER

There will be some changes in staffing in the Autumn term. Miss Bernardi will be teaching in Hedgehog Class, Mrs Lyn Jones in Badger Class and Mrs Pickering in Owl Class. Mrs Fullbrook will teach in Badger Class on Mondays and Owl Class on Tuesdays. Mrs King will stay in Hedgehog Class and Mrs Smith and Mrs McConnell will continue to support throughout the school. Mrs Jones will move to support in Owl Class and a new teaching assistant, Mrs Fallaize will support in Badger Class. Children receiving 1:1 support will continue to be supported by their named support assistants.

Following the birth of Evan, Mrs Barden wished to cut down her hours and will be moving on to teach part time at Winchcombe School in Newbury. We would like to thank her for her work at Purley over the last 6 years and wish her luck in her new post.

Miss Allen who has been teaching PE to Years one and three this year will also be leaving us.

She will be supporting PE lessons at other schools in the area. We thank her for fitting in so well with us at Purley and hopefully we will continue to see her at sporting events.

I am sure that you have noticed from the above list that one teacher is not mentioned. Mrs Carr has decided to retire and pursue more of her hobbies. She has been at Purley School for 12 years and will be sadly missed. Her artistic flair and compassionate nature have been fully utilised by the school. We hope that she will not become a stranger and continue to visit us. Mrs Carr's last day will be July 18th.

YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL REPORT

You should have received your child's report in their book-bag today. Please share it with them. In the envelope there are also details of which class your child will be in in September.

KEW GARDENS



Last Friday, Year 1, 2 and 3 went to Kew Gardens for the day. We visited the tropical Palm House, the Treetop walk and the Princess

of Wales Conservatory. The children were enthralled to see many of the plants they have been learning about at school as well as the tree frogs and piranha fish. They were well behaved and some other visitors commented on their politeness. Due to time constraints and the size of the gardens we only focussed on the rainforest parts but there are many other fascinating areas to explore and we would strongly recommend further visits as a family.

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.

YEAR 2/3 END OF YEAR PERFORMANCE

The children have been busy rehearsing! Parents are invited to come and watch the performance at 9.30am in the school hall. The performance should last about 1 hour.

VIOLIN LESSONS

The last violin lesson for this term will be on Friday 18th July. Parents are invited to watch a short demonstration at 2.45 on that day.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE



Your Chance to Win a Medal and Have Fun with Reading this Summer!

Your free invitation to take part in Mythical Maze Summer Reading Challenge is in your child's bookbag. Please go to any West Berkshire library – including the

mobile libraries – to collect a free Reading Log and the 1st book(s) to read. You don't have to remember to take your invitation, but you do need to bring your library card or join the library if you need to.

For every library book you read you will receive stickers, after 2 books a fortune-teller and after 4 books a puzzle. Your Mythical Maze Challenge is complete when you have read six books. You will be rewarded with a Mythical Maze certificate, a medal and a voucher for a free family entry to 4 Kingdoms and a voucher for free child entry to Beale Park, Pangbourne from your library. You will also complete your set of Super Munglers Trumps cards enabling you to play 3 games and do a puzzle. Show your certificate and medal to your teacher in September so they can see how well you have done.

Remember, it is free to join the library, to take part in Mythical Maze and to borrow books!

A new and exciting development this year is that there will be a GrownUps2 a parent's / carers Summer Reading Challenge alongside the children's. Parent's or carers accompanying children doing Mythical Maze have their own 6 book Reading Challenge. Find out more at your local library.

WATERPROOFS NEEDED!

If your child has outgrown his/her waterproofs, we would be very grateful for donations.

WHO YOU LIKE TO BE A READING VOLUNTEER?

The children benefit greatly from spending time with our reading volunteers. Would you have time to commit to two 20 minute sessions per week from 8.50 to 9.15? If so, we will provide a half day training session to gain the skills and confidence to support children's reading both in school and at home.

STARS OF THE WEEK



Hedgehog Class

Star of the Week: Maegan for always extending her own learning by taking on class challenges.

Friendship Star: Nathan for being a good friend to the teachers by helping to keep the classroom tidy.

Woodland Star: Ethan - he climbed the trees with enthusiasm and awareness and also showed his imagination. The long tree trunks became the bridge from the Three Billy Goats Gruff story and he was the troll.

Badger Class

Star of the Week: Dylan for fantastic problem solving in Numeracy.

Friendship Star: Sienna for helping her friends who she could see needed some support.

Woodland Stars: Ainhoa for all her creative ideas and allowing her friends to help her.

Rosemary - she found the large tree trunks a little scary at first but after some encouragement from Mrs Jones she was able to walk along them on her own and even jump off them too. Well done Rosemary She was very proud of herself.

Owl Class

Star of the week: Nacho for working hard on his science investigation and writing up his results clearly.

Friendship Star: Natalia for being so proud of her friend when she went to the treasure chest.

Delightful Diners: Ayden, Elizabeth, Frankie, Hayden, Jack, Aieyan, Jaihdn, Alice Barber.

TOP TIP OF THE WEEK!



Road safety

Just as drivers can take an advance skills driving course, we can train our children advanced road safety skills.

- Be aware of everything around you! Even when walking on the pavement, children need to cross driveways and need to be aware that cars can come from anywhere. Cars emerging from driveways often have limited vision of the pavement as they emerge. Does your child stop and look in these situations?
- Children can't always judge the speed or distance of vehicles or where sound is coming from, their peripheral vision is two-thirds that of an adult and they can be easily distracted.
- Encourage your child to talk about the traffic you see on your way and the best places to cross, and ask questions about the speed and size of different vehicles;

FOREST SCHOOL



Beech: It was the last forest school trip for Beech group today and we finished it off by spending time in another part of Basildon Park. It is an area that Granville (one of Basildon Park's groundsman) has created especially for us with log piles, willow wigwams finished and unfinished for the children to develop themselves. There's also a superb tree for climbing and two huge tree trunks laid over a dip to encourage balancing.

We were also honoured to be the first group to use a picnic bench that he had had built from tree trunks specifically with us in mind. We are very lucky to be able to enjoy these surroundings locally.



Elm: I think the children thought they were in the rainforest today! Gracie made a low hanging tree branch into her jeep and spotted a jaguar! In groups many of the children had a go at building Yano's. Callum took us on a guided tour of the "rainforest" - he could name all the different layers and told us about the animals that live there. We started off the session with a memory game each child had a piece of pasta which they had to hide in the forest. At the end of the session they had to see if they could find it again!

Ash: An enjoyable afternoon was spent at Basildon Park. Everyone was engaged in their own learning ranging from a dance/drama around the animals of the rainforest to selling oysters & clams from the wigwam.

OWL CLASS



In Numeracy this week, the children consolidated their knowledge using the

language for position and direction, using coordinates and the four cardinal directions. They also looked at reflective symmetry along horizontal, vertical and diagonal lines.

In Literacy, we discussed the Olympic and Paralympic values and we wrote a Sports Day Pledge. They all promised to follow the rules and play fair during the Sports day. The class also investigated different products which we use at home that originate from the rainforest and they were amazed at just how many there are.

P.E. kits

We have a lot of children who do not have complete P.E. kits. Please make sure they have trainers or pumps, shorts and T-shirt at school every day. Many thanks.

BADGER CLASS



In Literacy we started the week reflecting on "what sports day means to me" in preparation for our sports day. It was very evident from the children's comments that they all enjoy taking part in sport and for many it is about having lots of fun not just about winning!! I think this was very evident at the sports day event, well done to all of you. Moving back onto our Rainforest topic the children have started researching about Tribal people who live in the Rainforest. We also looked at natural medicines and the plants that can provide vital healing to the rainforest people and in a wider context. We made our own 'Lotions and Potions' booklets and thought up some ideas for new medicines. Next week we will be writing letters to the Tribal people of the rainforest.

In Numeracy the children have been applying their knowledge of mathematical calculations to solve sports day related problems! Next week will be hunting for treasure using coordinates. The children also solved some problems involving time and the Year 2 children compared analogue to digital times. The children have also made two life sized pictures of rainforest tribal people and made rainforest bracelets. We listened to rainforest music and used different drums to produce our own mood and rhythms to emulate the sounds of the forest.

HEDGEHOG CLASS



In Hedgehog class, we have been reading the story 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. We focussed on the character of the troll in the story. The children designed their own trolls deciding on the appearance and the personality for their troll. The children then wrote character descriptions to describe their own trolls. We had a DT and science day. The children worked in partners to build strong bridges using a variety of construction resources. We then predicted and tested the bridges using weights to find out which bridge was the strongest.

In numeracy, the children have comparing the height and length of a variety of different objects using non-standard measurements such as cubes. The children have also been estimating how long or tall an object might be in cubes.

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

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.

Karen Fakes (Headteacher)