



Purley CE Primary School

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Friday Bulletin

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but what you have taught them to do
for themselves, that will make them
successful human beings.

- Ann Landers

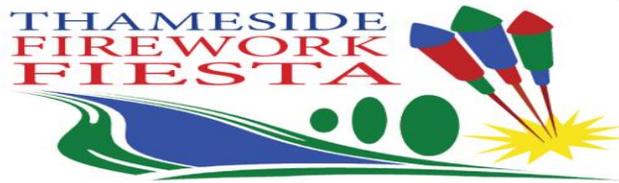
This term we have focussed on taking responsibility for our own actions. Every day we give children the opportunity to take responsibility for their own learning and little jobs. What can you do over the holidays to encourage your child to take responsibility for something? What can they help to do rather than watch you doing?

“It is not what you do for your children but what you have taught them to do for themselves that will make them successful human beings.”

When they return after the holidays, encourage them to be responsible for getting their books bags ready, don't always hand it to them. Good luck!

Have a relaxing half term!

See you all on Tuesday 1st November



Thursday 3rd November 2016

The Thameside Fireworks Fiesta went so well last year, we're doing it all again! It promises to be another fantastic not-to-be-missed event for all the family with tasty hot food, a licensed bar and glow novelties. Gates will open at 5.30 pm, with the Fireworks kicking off at 7.00 pm.

Once again proceeds are in aid of the school and if you book in advance we've kept last year's prices. So get your tickets beforehand and avoid the queue. You can get them online from **1st October** at www.thamesidefireworkfiesta.org or they will be available at various establishments in and around Purley including at School, the Post

Office and Barn Owl Day Nursery to name but a few (more details to follow but please ask in the school office for more information). Advance prices - Family ticket (2 adults and up to 4 children aged 5-12) £15, Adult £6, child £2.50. Under 5s go free. If you decide to buy at the gate, tickets are £25 Family ticket, £9 Adult, £4 Child. See you there!!

Do join us again for another memorable Firework Fiesta down by Mapledurham Lock and help us to raise funds for our school.

Request: would anyone have a gazebo they could lend during the fireworks and small battery operated camping lights that can be used inside the gazebos

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Two sides, one coin...

I guess we all know about Joe. Well, we know a lot about his clothing, it's infamous. It was

the cause of a pretty big family argument. Can you imagine being beaten, left for dead and oh wait, being sold into slavery by your brothers? I have to admit I'd be feeling pretty angry, to say the least. This was where we continued our story this week. We thought about how hurt, sad or angry we become when people do things to hurt us, our families and friends. Our minds were completely blown away though, by Joseph's response when his brothers came to ask for help to save the family from starvation. The brothers pleaded, Joseph forgave. Two sides, one coin. Maybe you would like to ask your child(ren) why they felt saying sorry and forgiving is so important, or follow along with the stories in The Lion Storyteller Bible. *Pam Slingsby, Foundation Governor*

WOODLAND SCHOOL



Oak Group enjoyed a rather muddy visit to the woods this week. Iqra noticed that it seemed quite dark as the many trees were blocking out the Autumn sunshine. We had great fun experimenting with using a variety of natural materials to paint with ink on paper. We tried sticks, feathers and leaves, but the most unusual pattern was made with a cluster of seed pods which Elsie used to make a scratchy pattern – the children thought the marks looked a bit like a bear's claw!
Mrs Burton



YEAR 1, 2 AND 3 NASAL FLU VACCINATION

Could you ensure that the forms are returned by **Friday 11th November** at the latest. Thank you.

PHOTOGRAPHER

The photographer managed to come in to take the children's photos! A proof is in your child's bookbag.

GOODBYE

Today was Jamie and Dugald's last day with us before they move away. We wish them all the best in their new schools. We will always remember their enthusiasm and their names will live on in school thanks to their donation of the Bogert Cup for Outstanding Teamwork.



STARS OF THE WEEK



Hedgehog Class

Star of the week: Mason for enthusiastic tidying up every day

Friendship Star: Layla for playing nicely with her new friends

Purley Paragon: Ciara

Superstar: Davontay for being a good role model and always trying his best.

Badger Class

Star of the week: Amy for working so hard with her reading

Friendship Star: Ethan for always being happy to help around the classroom

Purley Paragon: Harry

Superstar: Jessica for consistently taking such pride in her work

Woodland Star: Elsie for her creative use of natural materials

Owl Class

Star of the week: Brayden for trying exceptionally hard in both English and having some super ideas for his descriptive writing.

Friendship Star: Jasmine for being kind and helpful to everyone both in the classroom and in the playground.

Purley Paragon: Corey

Superstar: Reid for always trying hard and persevering even when he finds work difficult and challenging.

Woodpecker Class

Stars of the week: Sara for using excellent vocabulary in her writing and knowing all her times tables resulting in outstanding maths.

Friendship Star: Natalia for being kind and friendly to everyone.

Purley Paragon: Evie

Superstar: Nathan

Delightful Diners: Niamh, Iona, Sienna H, Teagan, Jessica B, Molly, Amy and Abi.

HEDGEHOG CLASS



The children in Hedgehog Class have had a busy week learning about the properties of some common 2D shapes. We have been hiding shapes from our partners and giving them clues to see if they can guess the shape correctly. We were inspired by the choir's singing at the Harvest Festival to learn a new song and we sang Kumbayah as we wrote about our favourite parts of the celebration and created harvest acrostic poems.

We have continued to write messages to each other using our class postbox. Perhaps in the holidays some children may like to write a letter to a friend in our class and post it to our school address? *Mrs Burton*

BADGER CLASS



Badger class have been further discussing harvest this week. They looked at different images and with their learning partners decided what messages about harvest were being given. We read a variety of harvest acrostic poems and then created our own. In PE we watched some Indian dancing and had great fun following some of the moves.

A big thank you to Tanisha who joined us for an afternoon to show us her Indian dances. Badger class absolutely loved it and were so impressed with her highly polished performance. In Maths, we have been investigating addition and subtraction and writing the numbers to 100 in words. Next term our topic is called "What is that light?" *Mrs Lyn-Jones*

OWL CLASS



This week in Owl class we have been pulling the writing ideas and skills we have been practising this term together, writing Stone Age character descriptions and settings for an animated film company to draw images from. In Maths, the cubes have moved on to compact column method for both + and -, whilst the spheres have continued to investigate fractions. Seed dispersal has been the focus in Science, thinking about the different way seeds can be transported from one place to another.

We have had great fun exploring Stone Age houses and how they evolved throughout this period. In pairs the children have made some amazing models using clay, sticks and leaves to show what the houses may have looked like. The children have all embraced our Stone Age topic with excitement and enthusiasm, thank you for all your help and support with encouraging research and discussions at home.

Have a lovely half term, don't forget to keep up with your reading and practise your KIRFS and times tables. *Mrs Pickering*

WOODPECKER CLASS



Woodpecker Class have been writing with runes. Although the Vikings weren't big chronologers, they did use runes to label possessions and mark important places.

Mighty Mathematicians have continued developing skills with equivalent fractions and Mega Mathematicians have been using their knowledge of angles to complete challenging problems.

In English, we did a SPAG (spelling, punctuation & grammar) assessment this week. We have also worked to finalise our book reviews: some of which, we hope to post as real reviews on Amazon.

Everyone in class has worked so hard this term and a well-earned break is just around the corner. Whilst remembering to relax and unwind, there is also a SPAG homework in book bags to be completed by years 5 & 6 (optional for year 4s) and MyMaths homework too. Next term our topic is, "Yum, yum - in my tum! Chocolate". We will be thinking about the ancient mayans and the origin of chocolate. Our times table focus will be x9 followed by x11. *Mrs Archer*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

21/10/16	End of Autumn Term 1, 3pm
01/11/16	Start of Autumn Term 2
03/11/16	Fireworks Fiesta!
13/12/16	ISS Christmas Lunch
14/12/16	FOPS Christmas Party, Memorial Hall (timings to tbc)
16/12/16	End of Autumn Term 2, 1.15pm
04/01/17	Start of Spring Term 1
30/03/17	Choir singing at the Anvil
11/06/17	Tour de Purley

Don't forget to check all the dates listed in the school calendar on the front page of the school website <http://purleyprimaryschool.co.uk/>

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