



PURLEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Upcoming dates

Friday 10th March

Science workshops (all classes)

W/c 13th March

Science Week

Tuesday 14th March

FOPS meeting

Tues 21st March 3:45 – 6pm

and Weds 22nd March 5 – 8pm

Face to face Parent Consultations

Thurs 30th March 1:15pm

End of Spring Term 2

Easter Holiday

Mon 17th April

Start of Summer Term 1

Thursday 20th April

Class photos

Weds 26th April

Year 5 Denefield Roadshow

Thurs 27th April

Bags2School collection

Thursday 8th – Friday 9th June

Years 4 & 5 Camping trip

Sat 8th July

150th birthday celebration

Sun 5th November

Thameside Firework Fiesta

Message from Mrs Holland

This week we've had a book themed extravaganza here at Purley!

There has been such a buzz around the school and I enjoyed dropping in on the various activities the pupils have been able to enjoy. Overwhelmingly, the Booknic was a huge favourite with pupils and staff. Taking the time to sit, relax and simply enjoy reading was a wonderful way to explore the theme of 'reading for pleasure'.

Christian Darkin's visit on World Book Day provided much inspiration for our budding authors. At the start of the day, he shared with us a video about how his books come together. As an author, illustrator and animator, there were many questions that our pupils wanted to ask. One of my favourite exchanges was his reply to the question "Why did you choose writing as your job?" Christian replied "I find it strange that other people give up writing stories!" Thank you once again to FOPS for funding this visit- it certainly enriched our children's experience of the week.

Thank you also to Mrs Lyn Jones for putting together such a full programme of activities for Book Week. Our class books remain 'in the wild'- I wonder if anyone has had a chance to discover one yet as part of our Purley Book Hunt, and taken it home to enjoy?

Mrs Holland

Collective Worship

We started this week looking at different types of fruit and the trees that they grow on (or not- some of us were surprised to learn how pineapples grow!).

We thought about how to appreciate good qualities in people. Paul describes all these qualities as 'the fruit of the Spirit' (Galatians 5.22-23). Christians believe that these qualities, or 'fruit', will develop in people's lives as they get to know God better. They believe that this happens by spending time learning about the Bible, praying and asking God to help them to live in this way. Christians believe that God sends his Holy Spirit to live in people's lives. This changes them on the inside and helps these qualities to develop within their lives.

Book Week at Purley Primary School: Pupil Voice

Hedgehog Class

Zadok: When we **met the author**, we designed our own robots. My robot could move well on bumpy land. I liked it when Christian (the author) read his book to us.

Emma: The books about robots and dinosaurs were funny and interesting. He had drawn the pictures and they were good.

Badger Class

Charlotte: It was a really good week. We had lots of fun things to do with books. My favourite part was the **Book Hunt**. Our books are in the wild!

Cecily: I enjoyed the **Booknic**. We got to sit with our friends and read a book. The hot chocolate and biscuits were a tasty treat!

Alice: Today we had a **Book Swap**. I liked it because we got to give away a book and come back with a new one. In our class we were very busy because we also had a **Book World Cup**. In groups we had to nominate a book. We gradually voted books out until we had a class winner. We chose *Maybe*.

Owl Class

Harry C: I really liked that we got to enjoy hot chocolate and biscuits with our book in **House groups**. I read a football themed book and it was really interesting!

Rory: I liked **reading with the older children** when we were in our House groups because Isaac had a really cool book about video games.

Wilf: My favourite part was sharing books with other people at the **Booknic**.

Falcon Class

Arlo: My favourite part was when all the **houses gathered together** and read books.

Chloe and Annabelle: Our favourite part was the **Book Swap**.

Jax: I liked it when the **author** came in.

Parents' Evening

On Monday next week, at 8pm, you will receive a **notification via ParentMail** inviting you to book your parents evening meeting with your child's teacher. These will be held face to face in the school. Dates are Tuesday 21st March (3.45-6.00) and Wednesday 22nd March (5.00-8.00). Please make sure that you allow for 10 minutes prior to your meeting to see your child's tray with all their work.

It has been quite some time since we welcomed you into the building for Parents' Evening. Please look out for a post-booking email explaining where your meeting will be held.



Join In: After School Football Club Coaches Wanted!

Following pupil requests, we would love to be able to offer an after school football club next term (after the Easter holidays). Are there any budding football managers out there who could coach us to success? The preferred day would be Wednesday but there is scope for other days if your availability is best on another day. Please contact the school office if you are interested.



Well Done!

Well done to: Eva on becoming a **Busker**, Alice on becoming a **Gigger**, Poppy on becoming a **Breakthrough Artist**, and Rory and Chloe on becoming **Rock Legends**. Congratulations!

A reminder that a Parent Guide and further information about TTRS can be found at the dedicated page of our [website](#).



Hedgehog Survey

If you live locally, Purley Sustainability Group have an important question for you.... *have you seen any hedgehogs lately?* Having noticed a recent decline in numbers, the group are keen to survey the number of hedgehogs residing locally, with a view to providing increased habitats for them. If you have spotted any, please contact the Sustainability Group: purleysustainability@gmail.com

WEST BERKSHIRE MUSEUM

Badger Class are really enjoying their topic "Can we keep a dinosaur?" and with perfect timing, West Berkshire Museum have got a special exhibition on until Sunday 30th April - **The Age of Dinosaurs.**

It is a family friendly exhibition that includes colouring activities, fossil rubbing and dressing-up for children.

It is free to do a self-led visit and the following trails are available:

Fossil hunter trail

Imagine you are one of the early fossil hunters like Mary Anning, Gideon Mantell, and William and Mary Buckland.

Follow the Cretaceous and discover the fossils and casts (pictured) in 'The Age of Dinosaurs' and then answer the question for each – an early fossil hunter may have either asked or excitedly, uncovered the answer to the question.

Tick the box when you find the object.

This fossil (right) is part of a spine of what prehistoric creature?

This is a broode. Do you think it lived in the sea or on land?

Write one fun fact about the Iguanodon whose jawbone is pictured above.

Where would you have found this foot on a Megalosaurus?

What is coprolite?

Make fun activities over the page...

The Age of Dinosaurs: Megalosaurus

Imagine you have found a Megalosaurus. Make a record of your discovery. Find the label about the Megalosaurus in the display case. Use the information on the label to answer the following.

Was the Megalosaurus a plant (herbivore) or meat (carnivore) eater? Tick a box.

Complete this sentence:
The Megalosaurus was one of the first species discovered and was classified as a dinosaur in []

How tall and long was a Megalosaurus? And how much did it weigh?

Height [] metres Length [] metres Weight [] kg

Unscramble the word: I N S R A U O D
These are three photographs of Megalosaurus body parts. Tick the box when you find the object and identify the body part it is.

The Age of Dinosaurs: Iguanodon

Imagine you found an Iguanodon. Make a record of the discovery. Find the information label about the Iguanodon in the display case.

Was the Iguanodon a plant (herbivore) or meat (carnivore) eater? Tick a box.

Complete this sentence:
The Iguanodon probably walked on all []

How tall and long was an Iguanodon? And how much did it weigh?

Height [] metres Length [] metres Weight [] kg

What part of an Iguanodon does this cast come from?

The structure of the muscles inside an Iguanodon head suggests it has a very long tongue (Natural History Museum). Draw a very long tongue on the cast.

The Iguanodon had three middle fingers closely joined, the 1st finger could curl to grab food and the thumb had a sharp spike to fend off predators.

Find and draw the cast of the thumb spike here.

See https://booking.westberks.gov.uk/heritage_events.html#?heritage_category%201=Museum%20Exhibitions for further information

Mrs Lyn Jones