



## PURLEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Upcoming dates

**Tues 21<sup>st</sup> March 3:45 – 6pm**  
**and Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> March 5 – 8pm**

Face to face Parent Consultations

**Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> March 1:15pm**

End of Spring Term 2

### **Easter Holiday**

**Mon 17<sup>th</sup> April**

Start of Summer Term 1

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April**

Class photos

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April**

Swimming and Woodland School  
re-starts

**Weds 26<sup>th</sup> April**

Year 5 Denefield Roadshow

**Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> April**

Bags2School collection

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May**

Coronation Bank Holiday

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May**

SATS Week

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June**

Years 4 & 5 Camping trip

**Sat 8<sup>th</sup> July**

150th birthday celebration

**Sun 5<sup>th</sup> November**

Thameside Firework Fiesta

### **Message from Mrs Holland**

After our magical Sublime Science workshops last Friday (thanks again to FOPS for funding this!), our pupils have had the chance to explore a wide range of science topics and find out about notable scientists.

It was wonderful to welcome visitors from among our school community to talk with our pupils about how they apply science in their careers.

Thank you to Robin Taylor (Zara, Owl), who visited Owl and Falcon Classes on Tuesday to chat about STEM and the exciting projects his company is working on.

Owl class also welcomed Jane Knight a dental health educator based at Triangle Dental in Tilehurst, as an introduction to their upcoming Science topic on teeth. The children were particularly fascinated by the models she brought in to share, and the real horse tooth demonstrating the consequences of one too many sugar lumps!

As I write this newsletter, the children are just about to embark on another exciting 'house' day, visiting four different Science activities in mixed age year groups. The children always respond so positively to working with the full range of peers from Year R to 6 and these days have a lovely school community feel to them.

Thank you to Mrs Charlesworth for putting together this week's programme of events. Last week, we sent home some Science activities to try at home. Let us know how you get on!

*Mrs Holland*

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### **Collective Worship**

Our theme this week is forgiveness. We pondered the question: "What might we use to mend a broken friendship?" and shared the parable of The Unforgiving Servant.

At the end of the Bible story Jesus tells us that, if we have done something wrong, we need to say sorry to God and then he will forgive us. In a similar way, if you have fallen out with a friend, two things often need to happen: if you know you have done something wrong or upset someone, you need to be brave enough to say sorry to that person. Then the person to whom you have said sorry needs to forgive you. As members of our school community, we can apply our school values to situations like these. It takes **courage** to ask for forgiveness; **wisdom** and **love** help us to understand how to best respond to an apology and forgive.

### **Falcon Class Spelling Bee**

Over the past couple of weeks Falcon class have taken part in a spelling bee with different primary schools all over the country. We started off by completing in regionals going against schools close to us and we managed to secure 1st place!! This meant that we were entered into next round; nationals. After a tough week of competing nationals we came 2nd out of 80 other schools! I am so proud of Falcon class for their perseverance and having the determination to just keep going. *Miss Turner Hurd*

### **Science Week at Purley Primary School**

The children have really enjoyed the activities during science week. The extended week started with a visit from 'Sublime Science'; all the children attended a fun, science based assembly and then had a workshop with their class. Making slime was a particular favorite with all year groups! Thank-you FOPS for funding the day.

"I liked the slime, it was very sticky, stretchy and we stretched it very long." Enzo

"I loved the fake snow, it felt cold, soft, squishy and mushy." Vivaen

Throughout the week the classes have had daily science activities which have included learning about famous scientists and were enthused by talks from visiting scientists.

"Dr Robin Taylor talked to us about a machine that would scan inside your eye and look at your retina." Daniel

"Mrs Knight from Triangle Dental told us how to brush our teeth, talked about what foods are good to eat and talked about cavities. We also got to see a horse tooth which had fallen out because it's owner kept giving it sweet treats!" Phoebe Tig

In assembly on Thursday, Hedgehog class shared their learning about Galileo and the planets; Badger class about James Longcroft, who invented a zero plastic bottle and Suzie Imber who is a planetary scientist; Owl talked class about Marie Curie and Falcons shared facts about Charles Darwin. The children loved the dramatic effects of Alka-Seltzer in water as a film canister hit the hall ceiling!

The week finished with a house science day where the children carried out a different activity in each classroom. These included looking at fingerprints, sound and the environment.

Remember that we have already sent out details of lots of fun activities that can easily be done at home with everyday equipment and materials. We would love to hear about what the children have been doing.

Please see the photo montage attached to this email with photos of our week. *Mrs Charlesworth*

## Cross Country Tournament News



Lured by the prospect of the renowned post- run cakes, I had the pleasure of accompanying a group of our KS2 pupils to the tournament at Elstree School in Woolhampton earlier this week. Representing our school in two teams, Rory, Henry, Jax, Jacob, Harry Cl, Rafa and Phoebe To put in some very respectable lap times and succeeded in gaining Second and Third place. Notable mention must be made of Henry W's contribution, after he stepped in at the last minute to cover. He ran the first *and* fourth lap of his team's race, not that his speedy pace would've led the cheering spectators to guess this! Thank you also to the parents and families who supported our runners at the event. *Mrs Holland*



## 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. So far we have had a couple of replies but no one is able to commit to the half term as yet. Please contact the school office if you are interested.



### Well Done!

Well done to: Ava on becoming a **Gigger**, Margaux and Alice on becoming **Unsigned Acts**, Esme and Aqsa on becoming **Breakthrough Artists**, Caleb W on becoming a **Support Act**, Darcie S on becoming a **Headliner**, Caleb C on becoming a **Rock Star** and Dinesh on becoming a **Rock Legend**. Congratulations!

## Community News



PURLEY HERON CUBS  
INVITE YOU TO THEIR

# GOAT FUN-RAISER

ON THURS 23RD MARCH

3.15 - 4.15 PM

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CAKES  
GAMES



TOYS  
TREATS

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO  
KIDS FOR KIDS TO SUPPORT THE FORGOTTEN  
CHILDREN OF DARFUR  
and will help the Cubs gain their Africa Badge!

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