



**Purley CE Primary School**  
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## Friday Bulletin

22<sup>nd</sup> June 2018



So which parent are you? Some children hear 3,000,000 more words from their parents than others by the age of 5 - this isn't different words but just conversation. We all lead such busy lives and our mobiles are so accessible. Do you talk to your children on the way to and from school? Even if all you get back is shrug, engage them with conversation, tell them what your day has been like.

### COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

The children had two visitors on Monday, Bob and Charmaine Trendell, who took collective worship and afterwards visited Woodpecker and Badger class, where they shared about the work of Compasio, Global child Advocates in Northern Thailand.

The children learnt about Burmese refugees who live on rubbish dumps, children who live in small wooden houses, who are much poorer than they are and the difference Compasio is making to their lives. The children were asked to compare their homes to the ones they saw in Thailand, and learnt how some children lived on the streets there, begging to earn money.

During the class visits, the children learnt more about life in northern Thailand and tried on some Thai costumes. The children in Badger class really enjoyed this activity. Parents, ask your children the names of the two large Thai dolls Charmaine brought into school with her and why plants are grown up walls in Northern Thailand.

*Mrs Henson, Foundation Governor*



### FOUNDATION WOODLAND SCHOOL



The challenge this week for the children was to toss a circle of string onto an area in the woods and to look closely at what they could see within. The children used magnifying glasses to observe in detail, and cameras to record what they saw. Brandon and Oscar noticed shiny snail trails meandering over a log, and Sydney found white fungi growing on a fallen tree. By carefully brushing aside some fallen leaves, Annabelle and Lewis found a worm wriggling on the damp soil.

Daniel and his mum found a frog hopper busily making cuckoo spit to hide in on a leaf.  
Mrs Burton

## FS1 PLACES

Do you know anyone whose child turns 4 in the next academic year (before September 2019). Why not tell them about our FS1 places? We offer 5 mornings a week (term time), 9.00 till 12.00. As we still have a couple of FS1 spaces for September, we would be happy to accommodate part time requests.

If you would like further information, please contact the office.

## YEAR 2 SWIMMING

Next Monday, all Year 2 parents are invited to come and watch the last lesson. We hope to see you there to show you how much progress the children have made since September! This will be the last lesson. **The children will travel to and from school by minibus.** The lesson starts at 9.30 a.m.

The Oratory Preparatory School, Goring Heath Reading, RG8 7SF.

**Directions:** Follow the drive from the B471 entrance then take the first left at the statue. Follow signs for parking. The pool is on the left.

## RUNNING

Congratulation to Ella from Hedgehog class who came 2nd in her age group for the mini-mile at the Royal Berkshire 10k event back in May. She was invited back to Green Park to receive her award. We could have a future long distance runner in the making. Well done Ella, Purley School are very proud of you.



## AFTERSCHOOL CLUB

**Come and join in the fun at afterschool club!**

We offer a range of activities such as arts and crafts, construction toys, biscuit decorating and much more. Snacks are provided around 4:15pm such as pasta, pizza, bagel, beans on toast followed by fruit, yogurt, jelly and custard. We also go outside every day to play skipping, hockey, football and other traditional games. Children are encouraged to use their imaginations and only join in if they wish. We can also assist with homework if required. We offer a caring, relaxed environment where all are welcome.

The booking form for the Autumn term is on the school website. Please also note the updated terms and conditions. Mrs Mandrell and Mrs Carr



## CLUBS

As we are nearing the end of term, we have listed below our clubs and when they finish:

Clubs	Day	Last session
Choir	Monday	16 <sup>th</sup> July
Football	Tuesday	10 <sup>th</sup> July
Gymnastics	Tuesday	17 <sup>th</sup> July
Cricket	Wednesday	11 <sup>th</sup> July
Running	Thursday	12 <sup>th</sup> July

Clubs that have now finished: Friendship Bracelets (Tuesday), Recorders (Wednesday), Mindfulness (Wednesday), Fridayz

## HEDGEHOG CLASS



In Maths this week the children have been practising adding and taking away by counting on using a number line. They know that adding can be done in any order and so pick the biggest number first, adding on the smaller number. After the exciting class swap day on Tuesday the children independently wrote a news recount of their favourite activity. They enjoyed learning about the points of the compass in Owl Class, challenging themselves with games on iPads in Woodpecker Class, and can now say 'bonjour' and 'merci' thanks to their visit to Badger Class! *Mrs Burton*

## BADGER CLASS



Badger class started the week with a fun and interactive drama workshop about an adventure into the African rainforest. The children participated enthusiastically and had a chance to run with their imaginations. In class, we have started to work with the story "Caterpillar Shoes." We watched an animation and discussed in detail what the story meant to us and what we thought about the different characters. We listened out for the rhyming words and considered the impact they had on the story. Using adjectives and extended noun phrases, we wrote character descriptions for the spider and we enjoyed sharing them with each other. In Maths, Y1 have been exploring odd and even numbers and Y2 have been revising their understanding of division and how it is the inverse of multiplication. In Science, the children went on a wild plant hunt in the local area and discussed the shape, size and distinguishing features of these plants.

Congratulations to Charlie, Samuel, Alfie and Davontay, the victorious swimming team at this year's interschool swimming gala. They did our school proud and came home with the swimming trophy! *Mrs Lyn-Jones*



## OWL CLASS



It has been another busy week in Owl Class. In English, we have been thinking about the features used in persuasive writing including, causal connectives, superlatives and emotive language. Next week, we will start to apply this skills drafting letter to stop plastic bottles being used as they consequently pollute our oceans. In Maths, the Cubes have been practising using a range of mental strategies for addition. They are becoming very swift at adding two 3 digit numbers mentally. The Spheres have been exploring decimals, including tenths and hundreds. During the Prince William Award, they have been designing and building bird boxes which will be going up in Bucknells Meadow as houses for some of local feathered residents. We have started our topic, Ocean Commotion by investigating how many oceans there are in the world and which countries are on their shorelines. Looking at the oceans on google earth started to get us thinking if there really are 5 oceans? What do you think?

*Mrs Pickering*

## WOODPECKER CLASS



The highlight for Woodpecker Class this week has been having our American partner-teacher visit us. Mrs Koresh teaches our partner class in Wisconsin but came from America to spend the week learning about how we teach in the UK. She brought with her some wonderful coding opportunities and we have enjoyed sessions learning how to manipulate sphero and code with OSMO.

In Geography, we have been exploring the locality using OS maps, learning how to calculate distances and locate a specific place using 6 figure grid references.

The children enjoyed the skills swap day where they visited every class in the school for a different lesson. In particular, they loved visiting Hedgehog and reverted completely to their former infant selves. The most popular spot was the dressing up corner - and in particular, Woodpecker boys enjoyed parading around in beautiful princess costumes. *Mrs Archer*

## STARS OF THE WEEK



### Hedgehog Class

**Star of the week:** Lilly-May for her enthusiastic approach to reading and writing

**Friendship Star:** Amelia-Mae for being kind and considerate to all

**Paragon:** Annabelle

**Woodland Star:** Daniel for sharing his knowledge of froghoppers with the class

### Badger Class

**Star of the week:** Henry for being so positive with his work and trying his hardest

**Friendship Star:** Macie for being helpful around the classroom

**Paragon:** Julia

### Owl Class

**Star of the week:** Ben for his excellent contributions in maths and clear explanations.

**Friendship Star:** Abraham for being kind and considerate during lunch and break times.

**Paragon:** Milo

### Woodpecker Class

**Star of the week:** Jasmine for being proactive in learning lines for the production even though there are so many for her to learn.

**Friendship Star:** Lola for making our visitor so welcome in class

**Paragon:** Sam

**Delightful diners:** Brayden, Malakhai, Davontay, Charlie, Teagan, Sienna, Iqra, Macie

## DIARY DATES

25/06/18	Foundation Woodland School – last session
25/06/18	Year 2 Swimming – parents invited to watch (last session)
25/06/18	Year 5 swimming – last session
27/06/18	New Foundation Welcome Evening
02/07/18	Badger/Woodpecker trip to the Dome, Madjeski Stadium
11/07/18	Hedgehog/Badger School Trip to Woolley Firs
11/07/18 12/07/18	Year 6 Production, 6.30pm
12/07/18	Owl Class School Trip to Blue Reef Aquarium
13/07/18	FOPS Summer Party
18/07/18	Open Afternoon, 1.30 pm
19/07/18	Year 6 Leavers Party, after school (time tbc)
20/07/18	Year 6 Leavers Assembly, 9.15 a.m
20/07/18	End of Academic Year, <b>1.15 p.m</b>
05/09/18	Start of new academic year
04/11/18	Thameside Fireworks Fiesta

### Reminders:

- Year 2 swimming: parents are invited on 25<sup>th</sup> June to watch the last lesson.
- Named water bottles are needed daily.

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](mailto:headteacher@purley.w-berks.sch.uk)

**Karen Fakes (Headteacher),**  
**Learn to Love, love to Learn**

### Term Dates 2018-2019

<b>Term 1</b>	Wednesday 5th September 2018 – Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2018
Autumn Break	22/10/18 – 29/10/18
<b>Term 2</b>	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2018 – Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2018
Christmas Holiday	21/12/18 – 04/01/19
<b>Term 3</b>	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2019 – Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2019
Spring Break	18/02/19 – 22/02/19
<b>Term 4</b>	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2019 – Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2019
Easter Holiday	08/04/19 – 23/04/19
<b>Term 5</b>	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2019 – Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2019
Summer Break	24/05/19 – 31/05/19
<b>Term 6</b>	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2019 – Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> July 2019

# Community Page



5 - 9 years old

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all year!

Female coaches  
from Reading FC

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• THE FA GIRLS' FOOTBALL CENTRES •

**Saturdays 9:15am --> 10:30am**  
**Ranikhet School, RG30 4ED**  
**Email: tilehurstpanthers@gmail.com**

HAVE FUN, MAKE FRIENDS, **PLAY FOOTBALL**

**SIGN UP NOW**

## Purley Parish Council

A great way to find out what's on locally is to look at this link:

<http://www.purleyonthames-pc.gov.uk/whats-on/>

You can also subscribe to the Parish Council electronic newsletter by emailing Sarah Williams (Assistant Clerk), [asstclerk@purleyonthames-pc.gov.uk](mailto:asstclerk@purleyonthames-pc.gov.uk)

## 2Wild Days

**Where:** Path Hill Farm, Path Hill, Goring Heath, Pangbourne, Berkshire RG8 7RE  
Ignite your child's imagination with a wild day in the woods.

At 2Wild, participants get to run, play games, go canoeing, build dens and discover their natural surroundings.

Come rain or shine, Wild Days run during holidays, weekends and throughout the year, with special activities for pre-schoolers.

[www.2wild.co.uk/](http://www.2wild.co.uk/)

## Countryside fun at Hurst Show and Country Fayre

Hurst Show and Country Fayre offers hands on children's attractions including giant tugs of war, pony rides, a fun dog show, football shoot outs, a bouncy castle, the Magic Circle magician and hobby horse jumping. New this year is an Antiques Valuation event on Sunday and exciting arena events include birds of prey, dog agility, search and rescue and horse displays. You'll find a food fair, craft and plant stalls, beer and BBQ tents, classic cars, ferret racing, an art show and rural skills demonstrations. Children 12 and under are FREE, adults £4, teens and OAPs £2.

**Dates: 23rd and 24th June, [www.hurstshow.uk](http://www.hurstshow.uk)**

## Book your place for GERONIMO - the ultimate kids' festival!

Geronimo is delighted to be hosting their inaugural event in the South at the magnificent Knebworth House on 30th June-1st July. Entrance to Geronimo includes free admittance to the dinosaur trail and adventure playground, a value of £9.50 per person. Children's TV Megastar, Justin Fletcher will be joining them, as well as headline acts including Mr Bloom (check their website for full line up details)!

Geronimo has everything your family needs with a jam-packed schedule of performances from the country's best children's entertainers, two circuses, zip lines, a full-scale showground arena with activities including jousting tournaments and motorcycle stunt displays, a Victorian funfair and so much more! Tickets are available NOW via their official ticket partner [www.ticketline.com](http://www.ticketline.com) (all under 2's, carers and senior citizens go free).

**Dates: 30th June – Sunday 1st July, [www.geronimofest.com](http://www.geronimofest.com)**