

# Purley CE Primary School

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## Friday Bulletin

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**YET!**

Ask your child about the power of yet! Bring the word into your everyday communication with your child. If you/they are tempted to say the word can't, be brave enough to add ....**yet**. Be a good example as well as encouraging your child. The power of positive thinking goes a long way.

### MATCH ATTAX

Whenever a new craze hits the playground, we always like to give the children an opportunity to play responsibly.

Unfortunately however, we have taken the decision not to allow the cards as there have been too many incidences of children getting upset over them.

### PURLEY TALENT SHOW



Following the success of our talent Show in 2016 we will be holding another show in 2018 on 21<sup>st</sup> February. If your child has a talent, encourage them to shine, it could be as individuals or as groups. Acts can be virtually anything from singing and dancing, instrument playing, magic shows etc similar to Britain's Got talent- but no dogs please! This is open to any pupil at the school, no one is too young.

Watching the show will be the pupils and staff and house points will be awarded. A variety of the acts will then be taken forward to our Purley at the Palladium concert on the evening on Wednesday 25th April. This concert will be held at Denefield School and tickets will be on sale nearer the event.

I was blown away by the talent shared two years ago and look forward to being amazed again. If anyone needs any help to get going please come

and see me. If children are going to be entering as a group, they need to organise practices either at playtimes or from home. An entry form will be sent out in a few weeks to be returned by February 8th.

### LUNCH MENU

We have been advised by ISS that next Thursday and Friday's menu have been swapped. Fish and chips will be on Thursday and Pizza on Friday.

### CHANNEL 4 – CHILD GENIUS PROGRAMME

Wall to Wall Media is once again searching to find the country's most brilliant young minds to take part in Channel 4's 'Child Genius'.

The series will follow the UK's brightest 8-12 year olds as they compete to be crowned Child Genius. The programmes will also follow the lives of the children and their families at home as they progress through the competition, organised in association with British Mensa.

Additionally Wall to Wall Media is holding a Mensa backed open day on Saturday 27th January. To register for this event or for further details about the Child Genius programme please get in touch: E: [child.genius@walltowall.co.uk](mailto:child.genius@walltowall.co.uk) or T: 020 7241 9225

### ADMISSION FOR SEPTEMBER

Do your child turning 4 this academic year? Have you applied for a place for your child to start

school in September? The deadline to apply is 15<sup>th</sup> January.

Visit

<http://info.westberks.gov.uk/primaryadmissions>

We are also offering once again, 6 places for children who will turn 4 by September 2019. Please see details on last page. Deadline to apply is 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018 for September 2018 start.

## CLUBS

Confirmation of the clubs allocations is in your child's bookbag.

## HEDGEHOG CLASS



This week, the postman delivered a postcard from Santa to Hedgehog Class! He was enjoying a well-earned rest after a busy Christmas. The children wrote thank you letters to him and wished him well on his holiday. They helped to set up a Post Office in class and found out what happens to a letter when it is posted. Outside, the children explored shaving foam and challenged themselves on the puzzle wobble board...it was much harder than it looked, but they persevered.

Next week we will be looking at non-fiction books, and exploring patterns and odd and even numbers. *Mrs Burton*

## BADGER CLASS



Badger class have been enjoying the short animation called "A Cloudy Lesson". In order to understand the character of the boy, they had a go at composing some questions to ask him. With our learning partners, we read a variety of diary entries and discussed their features. Following on from this we then were able to write our own diary entries as the character of the boy and include some of the necessary features. In Art, we discussed the work of Dutch artist "Berndnaut Smilde" also known as the cloud maker. Using shaving foam and glue, we created our own 3D clouds to display in the classroom and are very pleased with how effective they look. In Science, we have investigated the wind, what it is like, where it might come from and how do we know it is there. We made wind socks to measure the direction of the wind and have placed them in different places around the school grounds. In

Maths, the Y1 children have been using the correct language to describe position and movement and the Y2 children have been working with multiplication and linking it to repeated addition. *Mrs Lyn-Jones*

## OWL CLASS



We started the New Year with THE POWER OF YET! I am sure if you ask your children, they will be able to tell you all about it. However, the overall message is not "I can't do it", but "I can't do it yet!". The children reflected back on something they felt they had achieved in 2017 and thought carefully how had they had reached their final goal. They then thought about something they would like to achieve in 2018 and listed 3 things they could do to help them achieve it. I wonder how many of them will reach their goals.

This week, in English, we have been thinking about conflicts in stories, comparing the similarities and differences in characters, their motivations for doing something and what the moral of the story is. The children thought about the characters' feeling and emotions through drama. We have based our work around the short animation film 'Rukus', this is available on youtube if you want to watch it with your child, it is only about 3 minutes long.

In Maths, the cubes have been using mental strategies linked to place value to add and subtract 100's and 10's to 3 digit numbers. The Spheres have been using the grid method to multiply 2 and 3 digit numbers together.

We have also started on our Roman topic, looking at the countries they conquered and the period of time it took for them to build their Empire. A re-enactment of the battle of the Celts and the Romans was held at the field, I'll leave them to tell you who won. Home Learning project have been sent out this week, apologies the review date should say January not February.

Finally, you may remember that we had a visit from Alok Sharma back in December and we linked up with our school in America. Alok wrote a very complimentary review of his visit in his constituency newsletter.

If you would like to read it and see a photo, it is available at:

<http://www.aloksharma.co.uk/print/1287>

*Mrs Pickering*

## WOODPECKER CLASS



In Woodpecker Class, our topic this term is "Starship Enterprise" and we have made a good start on this by learning about some great entrepreneurs.

In English lessons, the children have been exploring the story of Lego, the toy company founded by Ole Kirk Christiansen and expanded by his son Godtfred, who created the Lego system of play. After completing a comprehension exercise to show their understanding of the Lego Story video, the children have now started to work towards writing chronological reports, picking out some of the important events in the development of the company and using a range of conjunctions and adverbial phrases to convey the passage of time. The perseverance of Ole and Godtfred in overcoming setbacks, their open-mindedness to new approaches and their drive to produce quality products are all qualities that the children aim for in their own attitudes to their work.

In Maths, some of the children have been working with seven digit numbers, consolidating their understanding of the place value of each digit, how these large numbers can be rounded, added and subtracted and how to multiply and divide by multiples of ten. The children have been challenged to calculate the weight of a million pound coins and the height of a million sheets of paper using measurements that they could make in the classroom.

Coming back to our topic, the children considered what designers and engineers might look like and drew their own concepts of a "design engineer". They found out about some design engineers and the new products they had designed, including Fiona Fairhurst, the inventor of the "fastskin" swimming costume and James Dyson, who was eventually satisfied with his design for a new bagless vacuum cleaner after making and testing over 5 thousand prototypes.

Qualities such as perseverance, risk taking and learning from mistakes are also important to good scientists, as they seek to understand how the world around us works. The children have started researching a range of famous scientists and are busy preparing presentations covering their lives and backgrounds as well as the scientific discoveries for which they are well known. *Mrs Jones*

## STARS OF THE WEEK



### Hedgehog Class

**Star of the week:** Arlo for challenging himself against the timer in maths

**Friendship Star:** Sydney for always helping others

**Paragon:** Jax

### Badger Class

**Star of the week:** Ben for remembering many features for diary writing and including them in his diary entry.

**Friendship Star:** Sienna for being a kind friend in the playground

**Paragon:** Charlie

### Owl Class

**Stars of the week:** Jaihden for his great contributions to class discussions around the film Ruckus

**Friendship Star:** Milo for supporting his friends with their learning

**Paragon:** Evans

### Woodpecker Class

**Star of the week:** Somaya for consistent hard work in English and Maths this week.

**Friendship Star:** Ryan and Alice for excellent teamwork and mutual support

**Paragon:** Jasmine

**Delightful diners:** Lola G, Emily, Jessica B, Ciara, Toby, Harry H, Sergio and Jacob.

## DIARY DATES

15/01/18	Year 2 Swimming starting
24/01/18	Maths Information Evening, 7.00-8.00
07/02/18	Parents Evening, 3.30-6.00pm
08/02/18	Parents Evening, 6.00-8.00pm
09/02/18	FOPS Valentine's Cake Sale (3.00pm)
09/02/18	End of Spring Term 1, <b>3.00pm</b>
<b>12/02/18 - 16/02/18</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
19/02/18	Year 1 Woodland School starting
21/02/18	Talent show (pupil/staff)

01/03/18	World Book Day
13/03/18	Choir performing at the Anvil
29/03/18	End of Spring Term 2, <b>1.15pm</b>
<b>30/03/18 - 16/04/18</b>	<b>Easter Break</b>
25/04/18	Purley at the Palladium (Denefield)
25/05/18	End of Summer Term 1, <b>3.00pm</b>
<b>28/05/18 - 01/06/18</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
15/06/18	Sports Day
22/06/18	Sports Day (Reserve)
20/07/18	End of Academic Year, <b>1.15pm</b>
04/11/18	Thameside Fireworks Fiesta

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**

Is your child 4 before  
 Sept 2019?  
 Would your child like a  
 place in our FS1 class?



PURLEY PRIMARY  
 SCHOOL  
 EARLY YEARS  
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Application closing date

1st March 2018 (For September 18 start)

We are offering 6 funded places for 5 mornings a week, term time  
 (9 am to 12.00 noon)

More details available from the school

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