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Friday Bulletin

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I started this week with sadness, thinking of the tragic loss of lives of the two teenagers last weekend. It seems that they were two innocent children with bright futures ahead of them. There have been many debates on television and radio. Here in West Berkshire, the greatest worry currently is County Lines, where dealers from out of the county, recruit youngsters- sometimes as young as 12 , to carry drugs across county borders. Often, they carry knives.

What can be done to support our children and keep them safe? A lot has been talked about lack of youth clubs etc. While your child is a primary school, it is important that they already have interests that could keep them out of trouble when they are older. It will be a lot harder to engage them when they become teenagers. If money is an issue, look out for free or inexpensive opportunities. There are plenty around, or why not start/ support a group yourself? Movements like the scouts and local sports clubs are always looking for volunteers. It could strengthen your relationship with your child as well as helping your community. Most knife crime happens between the hours of 4 and 7pm. Where will your child go after school when they are teenagers?

A couple of years ago there was a three part drama on the BBC called "Three Girls". It is now available on Netflix. I would say that this is a must watch. Take care, it is not suitable for a primary school child to watch!

Here at Purley we not only care about our children while they are with us, but what they will become in the future. It is wonderful when we hear of fantastic achievements of our past pupils. Long may it continue.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

In Collective Worship this week, the children were learning about Jesus' friends, Lazarus, Mary and Martha. Lazarus was very sick, Mary sent for Jesus, but he waited three days before coming to their home in Bethany. Sadly, by the time Jesus arrived Lazarus had died, but Jesus visited Lazarus tomb and said, 'Lazarus come out 'and he ran from the tomb very much alive. Mary and Martha had been sad but after Lazarus was raised from the dead they were very happy again.

We spent time reflecting on how important were our good friends and what a wonderful friend we all have in Jesus. The children were asked during the next week to be kind to their friends and families and to remember Jesus loves them each one. *Mrs Henson, Foundation Governor*

FOPS

Cake Sale and Uniform Shop

Thank you so much to all those who helped with the cake and second hand uniform sale at the end of last month. A fantastic £133.20 was raised from all those wonderful cakes and the uniform has raised £59.00. Thanks to all those who donated as well!



Quiz Night

We are looking forward to seeing lots of you at our Fish & Chips Quiz tonight. Doors open at 7pm, quiz will start at 7.30pm. There will be a cash bar and lots of fabulous raffle prizes to be won! There is plenty of parking on site but please note if you are planning on leaving your car overnight please park on the social club side as the Farmer's market will be setting up at the Barn from 8.30am on Saturday morning. See you there!

Tour De Purley



We are already looking forward to the Tour De Purley on 19th May.

Please have a look at

the fantastic website if you haven't already checked it out: www.tourdepurley.co.uk

We do need extra assistance in marshalling the event, so please do consider offering help or, if you cannot, then perhaps you have a grandparent, friend, uncle or aunt who may be able to help. Please speak to one of the committee.

CLASS PHOTO

The school photographer is coming in next Wednesday morning to take class photos.

He will return in the Summer Term to take the whole school photo.

GYM CLUB



Further to last week's item in the newsletter, Virtue Gymnastics have confirmed that they would be happy to take children from Year 1 upwards rather than just KS2

children.

If your child is interested, could you please get in touch direct with Virtue Gymnastics.

The lessons at Purley are on Tuesdays (3.00 to 4.00 pm). Cost is £5 per week.

www.virtuegymnastics.co.uk

Email: info@virtuegymnastics.co.uk

YEAR 1 WOODLAND



Luckily the winds had died down when we arrived at the woodland although we found lots of twigs and branches on the ground - lucky for us because we collected some to use in Creative Challenges this Friday!

We enjoyed a game of Hide and Seek before choosing which activities to do. We were helped this week by trainee teachers Miss Penn and Miss McIlroy who came to find out how much fun we have at our Woodland Adventures.

Sydney, Lewis, Jax and Arlo used the spades to dig and found pieces of chalk in the sandy soil. They discussed how easy it was to dig in the soil this week because it had recently rained. Arthur, Daniel, Ayman, Theo and Oscar enjoyed playing an imaginary game which included a Sun God.

Amelia-Mae and Annabelle had fun playing with the ball run. Lilly-May and Ella spent time making objects using twigs and wool and then had fun using wooden percussion instruments under a shelter, following a beat with some musical help from Miss Penn. We also took some dinosaurs with us to create footprints and fossils to link with our topic work. *Mrs Hodsdon*



RED NOSE DAY, 15TH MARCH

The children may wear their red noses if they have one. We will not be collecting money this year.

CHOIR

There's no choir practice on Monday 11th March as Mrs Fakes is accompanying the Year 6s to the Royal Albert Hall for their concert.

HEDGEHOG CLASS



Our classroom has been a hive of creative activity! From Harry Clegg and Jacob's enormous 3D spaceships, and Esme's colourful bracelets, to a host of awesome aliens and monsters.

The children had great fun acting out the story of *Where the Wild Things Are* in class, and enthusiastically used their understanding of the story in the dance workshop. Rafa even brought in a Spanish version of the story which was a challenge! Everyone has also enjoyed sharing the space books that the children have been bringing from home – they are provoking lots of discussion and questions.

Next week our focus child will be Phoebe Tigwell, who has been very patiently awaiting her turn! We will be using non-fiction books to help us discover more information about space, and exploring light and dark. *Mrs Burton*

BADGER CLASS



In Year 2 this week, we have planned and written our own stories based on *Where the Wild Things are*. We had an amazing time at the dance workshop on Wednesday which helped the children in their storytelling and subsequent writing. We also designed our own book covers on World Book Day.

In Maths this week, all children have been learning to identify, describe and sort 3D shapes. Year 1s have been revising days of the week and months of the year. Year 2s have been learning to tell the time on an analogue clock and write the corresponding digital times.

Last Friday we had to say a sad goodbye to Miss Atkins who had completed her final teaching placement with us, but on Monday we welcomed Miss McIlroy and Miss Penn. The class are familiar with the student teachers as they have been visiting us every Thursday since September and they are now spending four whole weeks on placement with us. *Mrs Hodsdon*

OWL CLASS



It has been a right old rumpus in Owl Class this week! The children have enjoyed a wild week enjoying the book, 'Where the Wild Things Are.' They have used their imagination to create a sequel to the book and practised using inverted commas to add some dialogue.

In Art, we looked at the style of the illustrations and tried to replicate this to create an illustrator action for our own stories. On Wednesday, the children took part in a dance workshop retelling the story through dance. They were all amazing and their facial expressions were fantastic, especially when they were the Wild Things.

In Maths, the Cubes worked on time, analogue and digital to the nearest 5min. The Spheres worked on finding factors of a number.

Last Friday, we had the most amazing hangout with our friends from America. The children worked in pairs with a pair from America and miraculously they built identical aeroplanes as each other using boxes, Pringles tubes and bottles. The conversations between them was incredible, with them checking that everyone agreed to the next step. On Monday, we videoed them flying and have posted them for our partners to comment in and for us all to evaluate.

Next week we start on stories from around the world and starting to compare the similarities and differences between the Christian and Muslim Faiths. *Mrs Pickering*

WOODPECKER CLASS



Having completed 'Wonder,' by RJ Palacio, the children in Woodpecker Class are reflecting on the speeches given at August Pullman's graduation. We have also read, watched and listened to some of the greatest speeches: Martin Luther King Jr, Nelson Mandela, Mark Anthony's

famous exhortation from Shakespeare's Julius Caesar and of course Churchill's magnificent words to rally the drooping confidence of a nation at war. We have started to draft our own speeches - if given the podium at the year 6 leavers' assembly, how would they address the school, what would they reflect upon and what words of exhortation would they give to those leaving, and those remaining.

Year 6 maths has been focused on reading and analysing data. Children are learning to differentiate between types of data and to consider how each should be presented. Discreet data works well in bar charts and pie charts whereas continuous data lends itself to line graphs. We have also been analysing conversion graphs and discussing how to convert pounds to dollars, centimetres to inches and miles to kilometres.

Year 5s have been focusing on short division this week and using it to solve word problems.

Our scientists have been starting to think about inheritance, exploring the difference between inherited traits and adaptive traits. Using a "genetic code" to generate the instructions for creating a dog, they have seen how inheritance of different traits can lead to a wide variation within a species.

Our topic work has followed Hitler's rise to power and the invasion of neighbouring countries, resulting in Neville Chamberlain's declaration of war on the 3rd September 1939. We have considered what it was like immediately after this announcement and have painted pictures depicting cities during the Blitz. *Mrs Archer*

STARS OF THE WEEK



Hedgehog Class

Star of the week: Freya for challenging herself to write independently

Friendship Star: Harry C for sharing the junk modelling resources with others

Paragon: Phoebe Tigwell

Badger Class

Star of the week: Ciara for her story writing and illustrations

Friendship Star: Lilly-May for being a good friend to Ella and always treating others well

Paragon: Macie

Woodland Star: Ayman for thinking of fabulous imaginary games which included his friends.

Owl Class

Stars of the week: Ben R for his outstanding time table frenzie work

Friendship Star: Amy for being supportive to her friends when they felt sad.

Paragon: Elliott

Woodpecker Class

Star of the week: Gracie for outstanding perseverance and wonderful writing

Friendship Star: Caitlin for being a superb friendship leader

Paragon: Anya

Delightful diners: Harry C, Casey C, Belle, Sienna, Sergio, Milo, Grace, Natalya

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

DIARY DATES

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| 11/03/19 | Year 6 singing at the Royal Albert Hall |
| 20/03/19 | Class photos |
| 26/03/19 | Choir singing at the Anvil |
| 02/04/19 | Year 4 – Easter Egg Challenge at Denefield |
| 05/04/19 | Owl Class parents invited to Easter service at St Mary's Church, 9.30 am |
| 05/04/19 | End of Spring Term 2, 1.15 p.m |
| 08/04/19-23/04/19 | Easter Break |
| 24/04/19 | Start of Summer Term 1 |
| 29/04/19 | Year 5 weekly swimming lesson start |
| w.c 13/05/19 | KS2 SATS |
| 19/05/19 | Tour de Purley |
| 23/05/19 | End of Summer Term 1, 3.00 p.m |
| 24/05/19-31/05/19 | May Half Term |
| 03/06/19 | Start of Summer Term 2 |
| w.c 10/06/19 | Year 6 residential trip to Swanage |
| w.c 10/06/19 | Year 1 phonics screening |
| 29/06/19 | Summer Fair |
| w/c 01/07/19 | Sports Week (incl Sports Day on 05/07/19) |
| 24/07/19 | End of Academic Year, 1.15 p.m |

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PURLEY PRIMARY

TOUR DE PURLEY
2019

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for all the family

Routes to suit all
abilities: 5, 15, 30 miles

Short ride / Scootathon
for the younger ones

Post ride Barbecue – hot &
cold refreshments

Fully signposted &
marshalled routes

Over 250 riders took part
last event

Sunday 19th May

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