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Friday Newsletter

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Headteacher's Update

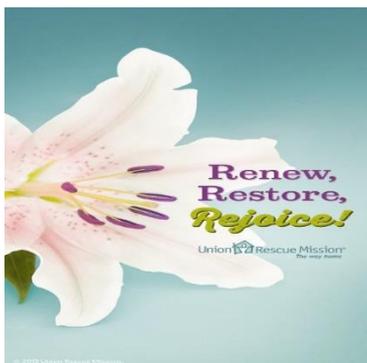
During lockdown, the school has been working on its behaviour policy. We are following guidance from the Therapeutic Thinking model, recommended by West Berkshire. This model was first promoted following a survey by Timpsons (the shoe repairers). There are two main principles- you can't make someone behave better by making them feel bad and there are consequences rather than punishments.



The red and yellow cards are no longer in use. These are being replaced by level 1 and level 2 warnings. Differently to how the cards were used, these will not be made public but used as a record to monitor behaviour.

Behaviour is a way to communicate. It may be someone being unusually quiet or behaving inappropriately. We need to support children displaying both of these behaviours.

Our celebration assembly will be changing focus and we will no longer have a star of the week or superstar selected by the teacher. Children who continuously try their best, feel disappointed when they are not selected. Similarly shy children sometimes cover at the thought of this public praise. This does not mean that the children will no longer be praised but rather, singling children out especially, ritually in front of the whole school will cease. House points will only be awarded for house competitions. Other ways of praising will be used in the class.



It is hoped that these slight changes will encourage our children to become more responsible for their own actions and not depend on rewards and punishments to manage their behaviours. Our new behaviour policy is now available on our website should you wish more information.

As this is the last newsletter before the Easter holidays, I'd like to wish you a lovely break, a time to recharge and put things into perspective. It has been a rollercoaster.

Mrs Fakes

Collective Worship

For collective worship this week, we have begun thinking about Jesus and his last week or so. We have followed the story of his journey into Jerusalem and particularly the long and hard road from Jericho. We remembered that this way the

dangerous road from the story of the Good Samaritan.

We travelled with Jesus as he collected a donkey to ride on into the city and rejoiced with those people who welcomed him. There will just be time

to hear about the events of Good Friday and Easter for the older children before the holidays begin.

Reverend Bailey

Library

A huge thank you to those who have already purchased a book for the library through the FOPS Amazon Wish List. If you would like to purchase a book for the school, to show your gratitude for all the efforts put in during lockdown, they can be purchased via: <https://amzn.eu/dswTzDt>



All donations will be gratefully received.

Red Nose Day

Thank you to all who supported Red Nose Day, we raised a fabulous £85. The children enjoyed the joke showcase, making superhero masks and the house red nose and spoon race competition. Congratulations to Ava in Hedgehog Class who won the Superhero monkey. He now has the power to turn everything to ice.



After School Club

Please can we ask that any bookings for Nutkin club for next week (29th-31st March) are made by 9am on Monday 29th March. Thank you.

Hedgehog class

This week we have been learning a poem about a hedgehog, which we will be performing to the school. We copied out the first two lines for a handwriting competition and Mrs Burton was amazed at how well our letter formation is coming on. Charlotte won the competition, and George B won a prize for most improvement, so well done for persevering George!



We have also been talking about the census and doing lots of data collection as a class. Alice found out that our favourite snack is strawberries, and Dinesh noticed that our least favourite pet is the guinea pig. We talked about the importance of having our say in the way things are at school and we came up with a list of improvements that we could make in our outside area.

We have been inspired to make a time capsule, not to be opened until we are in Y6 Woodpecker Class. Hopefully when we look back on our time in Hedgehog Class we will be able to reminisce and see how much we have grown!

Mrs Burton



Badger class

Badger class have all been poets this week and have enjoyed reading and writing their own poems. Last week we worked collaboratively to compose a class poem, "We're going on a dinosaur hunt." We have now learnt it off by heart and have recorded ourselves for a poetry recital with the other classes next week. We have looked at acrostic poems and how they are set out and explored using alliteration, similes and rhyme. The children enjoyed listening to the poet Joseph Coelho talk about Haikus and syllables. They were extremely proud of their own Haikus and took pride sharing them with each other. In maths Y1 have been investigating weight and solving problems involving mass. Y2 have been working on fractions and exploring halves and quarters. On world book day I set a Book Bingo for the children to encourage reading a range of genres and engaging in reading games. Please send these back in next week (there is a copy in their reading record book) so that I can reward the children and see if anyone got a full house!

Mrs Lyn-Jones

Owl class

It's been another great week in Owl Class and the children have worked really hard. They have continued to read stories from other cultures and have been reviewing them for their Round the World reading challenge. They have really enjoyed this reading challenge and we have had lots of four and five star book reviews.



English has been linked with R.E. this week. We started by looking at the Five Pillars of Islam and the children explored what they represent and how they may be able demonstrate them in their everyday life. Some brilliant ideas were shared and included climbing mountains and running challenges as a form of pilgrimage. We have also been preparing for the Easter Service and have been busy recording scenes from the Easter Story. This will be shown to the school on Wednesday and we will send a link for you to watch it too! In maths, Cubes and Spheres

have both had their PUMA assessments and we are very proud of how of hard they have all worked.

In science we have been talking about teeth. The children learnt all about the different types of teeth and their functions. This was followed up with a live virtual visit from a Dental Nurse on Friday. The children prepared some questions to ask her to find out more about her job and how they can look after their teeth.

Great work this week Owls!

Mrs Hester

Woodpecker class

The playground rang with the cries of 'WITCH!' this week as the Woodpeckers dramatically explored Tudor Crime and Punishment. They discovered how Tudors dealt with crime, learning about some of the more gruesome punishments, such as branding and the scold's bridle! Then, they compared and contrasted this with what happens today, a key Historical skill. Our ERIC book study has inspired predictions about what is happening with Lady Anna, one of the main characters, and the witch theme seems to have followed through as many included it. Poor Thomas, the Tudor spy, seems to have his work cut out then! In English, we have continued exploring The Tempest and used drama to consider 'Caliban: is he more man or monster?' The children have written a persuasive style text to explain their opinion, referring to the class working wall and notes from previous lessons. There is a lot of sympathy for this character: "Perhaps he started off as a good person and was made bad because his mother was sent away."

On Wednesday we were treated to a delightful performance of 'WW2 Horrible Histories' by Henley College and this was a taste of things to come as our next topic after Easter is..WW2! In Maths we have been looking at our problem-solving skills, reflecting on RUCSAC and identifying which aspect we need to focus on to improve. "I need to work on checking my answers as I make mistakes" explained one Y6 mathematician, whereas a child in Y5 explained "I can find it hard to do the solving, the working out." It's great to see the children developing their independent skills and identify what they need to do to improve.



Mrs Hicks

Cricket

All Stars and Dynamos Cricket are back this summer and Purley-on-Thames Cricket Club will be running both sessions on Tuesday evenings from May the 11th at 18:30-19:30. To sign up go to www.dynamoscricquet.co.uk and www.allstarscricquet.co.uk

FOPS news

Bag2School

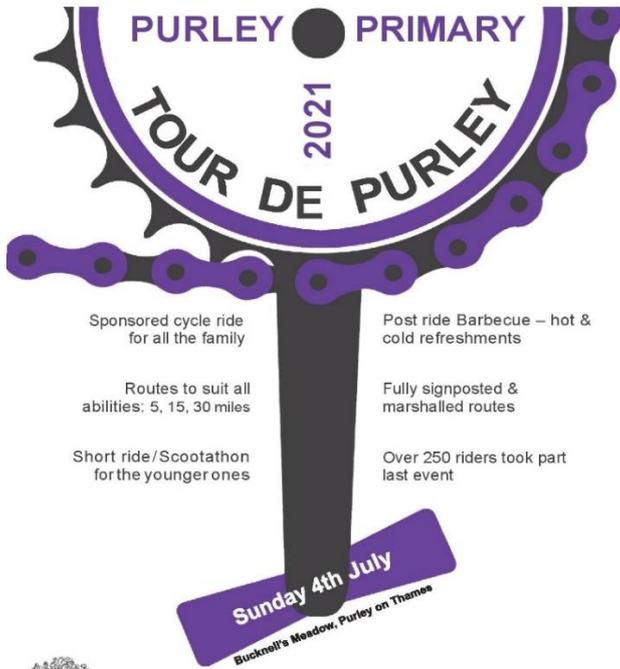
After the brilliant success we had in November, another Bag2School collection will be taking place on Wednesday 28 April 2021. Bag2School bags will be sent home the week before collection, but you can also use other plastic bags if you wanted to get a head start on your clear out! Help us raise money to enhance your child's school experience by donating unwanted (good condition) clothes, shoes and textiles.



Tour de Purley

A sponsored cycle challenge raising funds for Purley Primary students.

All being well with Government guidelines we are hoping to see the return of Purley Primary School's sponsored cycling event, Tour de Purley on Sunday 4th July, 2021. Put all that lockdown exercise to the test and enter this family fun activity. There are several different cycle routes to choose from, whether you have a pre-schooler or are a competitive long distance cyclist. There will be more info to come over the coming weeks. In the meantime, keep your eyes peeled on the school newsletter and school and Tour de Purley Facebook pages.



Sponsored cycle ride
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



A great day out for all!

For more info and to sign up visit: www.tourdepurley.co.uk

Free goodie bags and medals for the children

Individual and family Tickets available online or pay on the day to enter

Individual sponsorship welcome (Registered charity number 1083816)

Dates for the diary

31/03/21 – End of term 1:15pm

01/04/21 – 16/04/21 - Easter Break

19/04/21 – Start of Summer Term 1

22/04/21 – Class Photo

28/04/21 – Bag2School collection

28/04/21 – Denefield Virtual Roadshow

28/05/21 – End of Summer Term 1

31/05/21 – 04/06/21 – Half Term

07/06/21 – Start of Summer Term 2

04/07/21 – Tour de Purley

20/07/21 – End of Summer Term 1:15pm

07/11/21 - Fireworks

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

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Karen Fakes (Head teacher)

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