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Friday Newsletter

Learn to love, love to learn

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Headteacher's Update

What a mixture of weather over the Easter holidays! The weather at least is not boring.



Woodpecker class made up a wordle of how they felt over lockdown. The bigger the word, the more it featured in their responses. Gaming, pets and food are the dominant ones but also included is isolation and boredom.

Despite all our efforts, our children have missed out a lot over the last year. This is the reason we put on a wellbeing, fun day on Wednesday. We didn't advertise it too much as we could have had to cancel last minute if we had a positive Covid case at school. I hope they came home on Wednesday enthused by all the activities. There was a real buzz of excitement at the school as they took part in different workshops including drumming, escape room maths, bush craft etc. Some photographs of the day will be available on our website.

Mrs Fakes

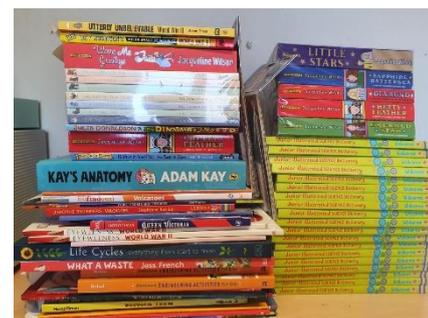
Collective Worship

Now we are back for a new term, we are catching up with our series looking at God's invitation to seek wisdom and the second chances he gives us. We last looked at the priest Samuel as he anointed Saul as King of Israel. But he turned out to be a bad leader and God chose King David to follow him. David was a great choice but he was just as much in need of those second chances. We will hear more about him in the next week or so. Watch this space! Of course we remembered the story of David and Goliath!

Reverend Bailey

Library

A huge thank you to those who have already purchased a book for the library though the FOPS Amazon Wish List. If you would like to purchase a book for the school, they can be purchased via: <https://amzn.eu/dswTzDt>



All donations will be gratefully received.

Hedgehog class

It was lovely to see everyone back fit and well after the Easter break, and we welcome our six new FS1 children to Hedgehog Class.



All of the children enjoyed the Child Wellbeing Day on Wednesday. They were able to create creatures

on stick mobiles and toast marshmallows over a fire during bush craft, and they demonstrated their rhythm on the drums, following instructions to go fast or slow, loud or quiet. The children were given shape problems to solve using big wooden shapes – Dinesh knew that the octagon had eight sides. Mrs Carr taught them all about crystals and they learned words to describe them such as polished or unpolished. The children found out about birth stones and even went on a crystal hunt around the garden.

To add to our busy first week back, the FS2 children began their Didi Rugby sessions and these will continue every Tuesday morning for this half term.

Please can we ask that reading books and yellow reading record books are returned each Monday in the book bags so that we can hear your children read during the week. We will continue to send them home on Fridays so that you can enjoy sharing their books at the weekend.

Mrs Burton



Badger class

It has been wonderful welcoming Badger class back into school after the Easter holiday and they seem full of enthusiasm to get started on their new topic, "How does your garden grow?" We have enjoyed looking at seed and plant poems this week, identifying how poems are written and some of the key features of poetry. As a class we composed a Springtime poem together in preparation to writing our own next week. To inspire our artwork, we looked at plants blowing in the wind and studied how artists re-create this movement on paper. We worked hard on trying to use this skill in our own pictures. This term we are making Lavender bags and we have started to choose our fabrics and practise a simple running stitch. In maths Y1 have been investigating capacity and how we measure liquids and Y2 are working with fractions.

The class thoroughly enjoyed their well-being day on Wednesday and as one pupil said, "The day was full of inspiration and let us try out new things."

Our PE day has moved to Friday this term so please make sure that the PE kits are in school for the end of the week.

Mrs Lyn-Jones

Owl class



What a wonderful week, the sun has been shining and the children have come back eager to learn. This term we will be learning about rivers through our topic 'Rafting Down the River'. To start the flow we will be visiting Mapledurham Lock next Thursday with a talk from the Lock Keeper, if you are able to help next Thursday afternoon and accompany us then please do get in touch.

You may have already heard about all the wonderful experiences the children had on Wednesday, maths escape room, bush craft, minerology, frisbee golf and drumming. We have been writing about the day and which experience was our favourite, it was so nice to see such a range of favourites, indicating to us that we had been able to offer something for most children.

On Friday, the girls had a morning of cricket with the girls from Woodpecker, this session was led by Berkshire Cricket Club. The boys joined together for some DT activities with Mrs Hicks.

Now we are back in school may I remind you that reading record books need to be in school daily and spelling books need to be in school every Monday. Spellings should be practised every day at home, please encourage your child to access the games using Spelling Shed, this is a platform that school are paying for. Finally, don't forget to get them practising their KIRFS, we will be testing them on these weekly. I will send home logins for both Spelling Shed and Times Tables Rockstar next week as I am aware many have forgotten them.

Mrs Pickering

Woodpecker class



What a great first week back it has been for Woodpecker class! The Year 6s are looking very smart indeed in their new Leavers' hoodies and looking forward to the learning in their final term at Purley. The class have settled well back to class routines and we have enjoyed starting our Electricity studies in science. The children researched and produced leaflets on renewable energy sources. Our long-term class experiment for this half term is measuring the amount of energy that can be produced with a small solar panel and wind turbine. Ask the children about how we are doing this!

In Maths we have been securing place value skills: up to 10 million in Y6 and 10,000 in Y5. It has been good to see children's increased confidence with

their understanding. We will move on to other aspects of place value next week, for example ordering numbers, looking at multiplying and dividing and what happens with decimals to thousandths. The White Rose Maths scheme that we are now using has really pushed children with their reasoning skills and solving problems in unusual ways!

Our well-being day on Wednesday was a HUGE success for the class and the overwhelming comments that came from the children was their pleasure at the collaboration seen between them all. This was especially seen in the Maths Escape Room: "It was great fun because we could collaborate, people had different things they were better at and we helped each other." Feedback from the tutors running the sessions was excellent and the children certainly showed they were Purley Paragons. I am so proud of them!



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

Fully funded family cycling courses

Feeling anxious about taking your family out for a bike ride? Fully funded Bikeability Family Courses will be available in the school holidays. We train at a pace that suits you and your family, so you all understand how to ride together safely with confidence. To register your interest and find out more email Activetravel@westberks.gov.uk from

West Berkshire Council Traffic and Road Safety team

FOPS news

Bag2School

Don't forget our next Bags2school collection on Wednesday 28th April! Last time

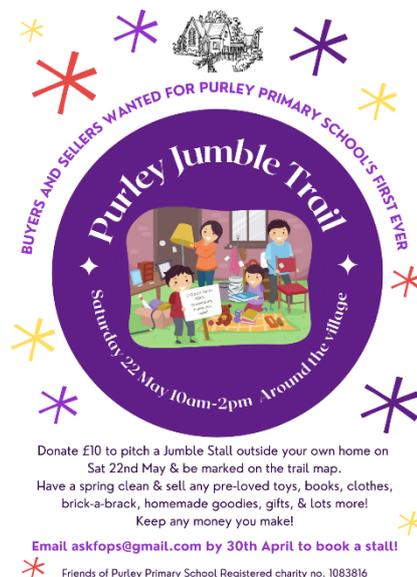


we made over £300 for the school which will go to directly benefit the pupils. So if you have any clothing, shoes, handbags, accessories, soft toys, bed linen, towels or curtains in need of a new home, then please donate. Donations can be dropped off on Wednesday morning at either the Staff Car Park or in Lister Close. Please can any donations be placed in black bin bags.

Purley Jumble Trail

We have 15 stalls already taking part in our first ever Jumble Trail on 22nd May but we're still looking for more sellers!

Purley residents, use your driveway or front-garden to sell unwanted items, home-made products, crafts and more. Just a £10 donation to FOPS for a stall & keep whatever money you make!



If you are interested in purchasing a pitch and being added to the Trail map, you can register your interest by either emailing askfops@gmail.com or by completing the form that will be coming home in book bags and returning by 30th April. You can also find us on Facebook at 'Purley Jumble Trail'.

We are anticipating the majority of stalls to be in lower Purley so if you live further afield, perhaps you could consider buddying up with a friend in this area to achieve maximum sales success. We are also hoping to run a few games stalls to help raise extra funds to benefit the school, so please let us know if you'd be willing to run one either alongside or instead of your sale table

Preloved Uniform

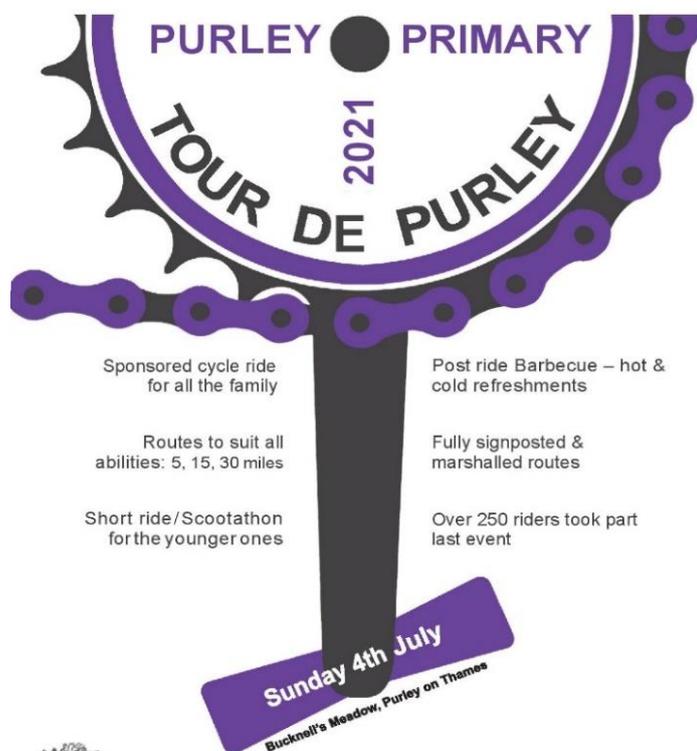
If you are having a clear out and have found your children have outgrown their uniform, please consider donating it back to the school. A great way of saving pennies and the planet, as well as helping the school! We are in need of school jumpers and cardigans that are for the older ages, so if you have any 7-8 years, 9-10 years or upwards, we would be really grateful for any donations received. Please hand any donations to Sarah Clarke (Darcie's mum in Badger)

There will also be a preloved uniform stall at the Jumble Trail!

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.



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)

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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Dates for the diary

28/04/21 – Bag2School collection

28/04/21 – Denefield Virtual Roadshow

22/05/21 – Purley Jumble Trail

28/05/21 – End of Summer Term 1