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Friday Newsletter

Learn to love, love to learn

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Headteacher's Update

Has maths changed since you were in school? It has changed several times since my days at Llangadog Primary School. Many of you have worked really hard to support your children during lockdown. We changed our maths scheme from Abacus Maths to White Rose Maths last year for many reasons. Firstly, there is more problem solving, which is so important that the children use their maths knowledge in different contexts and secondly, the helpful video clips really support the learning.

I know some of you have been in touch with the teachers regarding the different methods, especially those of you with children in key Stage 2. We have always had a calculation policy on our website explaining the methods but this has now been updated to match the White Rose Maths more closely. So, if you find supporting your child in maths a challenge, have a look at it and if still stuck, ask the teacher (just as we tell the children to do). The calculation policy can be accessed through the following link

<https://www.purleyprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=Maths&pid=52> or searching for it on our web page.



Mrs Fakes

Collective Worship

In collective worship this week, we have continued to look at King David in the Old Testament. He was renowned as a King and leader, but he had his failings as well. Throughout his life, David used the gifts of music making from God to write the Psalms. In these 150 pieces of writing we can find expressions of every kind of emotion or feeling: - love, fear, anger, regret, sorrow, joy, delight. Above all David tried to follow God and to give Him the glory he deserved. Many of the Psalms are songs of praise and thanksgiving towards God and are a reminder that even in the middle of difficult times it is still possible to thank God for his goodness. David provided examples of reaching out to God in every circumstance of life and we can carry this on today. If we are unhappy, there is an appropriate psalm. If we are joyful, there are any number of them. If we are angry that wicked deeds go unpunished, then there are psalms that express this too.

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, they can be purchased via:



<https://amzn.eu/dswTzDt>

All donations will be gratefully received.

Lunchtime Assistant Vacancy

We are recruiting for new Lunchtime Assistants. Lunchtime Assistants supervise our children during the lunchtime period; they assist with getting the children fed, maintain safety and discipline and promote the values of the school including inclusion

and acceptance of all pupils. If you feel that you (or someone you know) could be a good fit for the role and are available between 12pm and 1pm, 2 or more days of the week, please contact the School Business Manager at finance@purley.w-berks.sch.uk. The Lunchtime Assistant role is a great way to get a taste of school life and can often be the first step into a career within schools. What's stopping you? Get in touch now!

Hedgehog class

The story of Willbee the Bumblebee inspired our learning this week. We found out about how useful bees are to our world and how they make honey. We made some delicious honey and oat cookies and made a bee hotel to give the bees somewhere to rest in our garden. We thought of as many words as we could to rhyme with bee and we used them to create a class poem. We have been thinking up our own stories which have been scribed into the Hedgehog Class Story Book, and we have loved sharing them at the end of the day. In maths, we have been looking at making teen numbers - George B knew 19 was made up of one full ten and nine more by looking at the Numicon shapes.



Mrs Burton



Badger class

Badger class have been writing poems this week called "Recipe for Spring." After having looked at the different types of verbs that are used in recipes, they then used them in their springtime poems. In the classroom this term we are encouraging the children to develop their oracy skills. A **Pick up a Poem** box has been set up and the children are eagerly trying to learn some poems off by heart. I have been very impressed with how they are rehearsing their poems, ready to perform in front of the class. Through small group discussions we explored the question - "Are plants more important than animals?" As part of our new topic, we found out about Charles Darwin and then as Botanists studied the different plants that grow in our school grounds. We were amazed at how some plants grow in the most unusual places. We have made simple maps to show the areas of the school that we explored. In maths Y1 have been investigating multiplication (counting in 2's, 5's and 10's) and Y2 have been exploring recognising and finding a quarter of shapes and quantities.

Mrs Lyn-Jones

Owl class



Owl Class have launched off down the river and are fully embracing their new topic, 'Rafting Down the River'. In English, Owls have been collecting ideas for the opening of an Adventure story about the river. They have enjoyed using images from the picture book, *The Journey*, to stimulate ideas and characters feelings, next week we will be writing more of the story, focusing on the adventure itself. Our class book study this term is *The Explorer* by Katherine Rundell and the children are also considering how they can 'magpie' ideas from this story to enrich their own.

In maths all children are exploring fractions including parts of shapes and numbers. How the river is formed has been the focus in geography and the children enjoyed creating their own rivers through sand and give an oral narrative about what was happening as the river travels from source to mouth.

Yesterday we enjoyed a visit to Mapledurham lock where Mark and Des, the relief lock keepers, told us all about how the lock works and its role in maintaining the correct water levels. We were very privileged to have the opportunity to cross over the lock gates and take a closer look at the weir and witness Des opening one of the gates.

As you can see life is getting very busy in Owl class and I am very proud at how hard all the children are working and embracing opportunities to extend their learning further. Please remember to practise spellings daily, read every day for 20mins, this can be a book of their choice and practise the KIRFS.



Mrs Pickering

Woodpecker class



Our week began with an amazing opportunity to learn more about renewable energy, as Mr Lewis joined us via Google Meet to explain his role in the development of offshore wind turbines. The class used their reflective skills really well as they asked questions to find out more. "Can you climb up inside the turbines? How long does it take for them to

produce electricity? What percentage of electricity is made by renewable energy?" This followed our learning in class and has inspired some budding engineers! The rest of our week has very much had a WW2 theme as we have looked at the factors involved in the start of war and discussed what we felt were the most important and why. The children are being encouraged to really consider their explanations and add details/reasons for them to show their deepening understanding. In English we are studying 'Goodnight Mr. Tom', set at the start of the war, and the discussions and writing from the children has been amazing! Their descriptions of Tom's house included the most wonderful, expanded noun phrases to show exquisite detail about what they felt was there. Our RE focus this half term on Jesus and the crucifixion began as we explored the 'Stations of the Cross' and how people felt at different points along the journey. The class used drama to explore what they felt were the key moments and created freeze frames, expressing the emotions of those involved. They then added to this with single words to sum up the event: 'outnumbered' 'fearful' 'alone' 'tragic'. KIRF testing continues each week, so I would appreciate it if the children could practice daily at home. Having these facts at their fingertips enables them to be 'Mathsletes', work more effectively and spot patterns in their maths.

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.dynamoscricket.co.uk and www.allstarscricket.co.uk

FOPS news

Bag2School

Thank you to all who donated bags yesterday. We collected an amazing 535kg worth of items which raised £160.50 for the school.



Donations for PURLEY JUMBLE TRAIL 22nd May

Thank you for all your donations of sweets and chocolates sent in today, to go towards the Tombola that will be running at the Purley Jumble Trail.

The house points tally so far is:-

- Watery Otters – 15
- Earthy Bears – 2
- Fiery Foxes – 8
- Airy Herons – 12

We would also be very grateful for the following donations and again will be offering HOUSE POINTS for all stall donations brought in on the following dates:

Friday 7th May - bottles of alcohol or soft drinks, soft toys & teddies

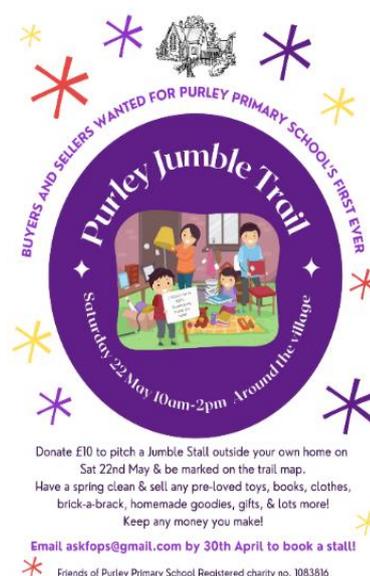
Friday 14th May - other tombola prizes (unwanted gifts, gift sets etc.) & second-hand uniform

Thank you so much for your support!

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 was sent 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

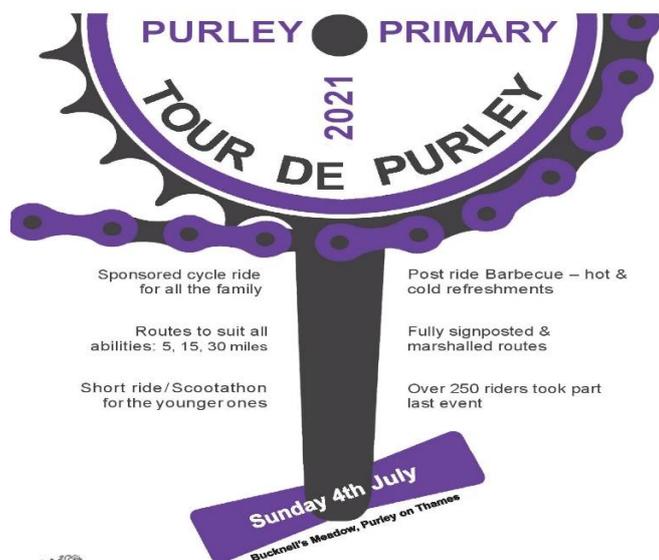
If you are having a clear out and have found your children have outgrown their uniform, please consider donating it back to the school. A great way of saving pennies and the planet, as well as helping the school! We are in need of school jumpers and cardigans that are for the older ages, so if you have 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.



Dates for the diary

03/05/21 – Bank Holiday Monday

22/05/21 – Purley Jumble Trail

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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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)