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Friday Newsletter

Learn to love, love to learn

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Headteacher's Update

The sun is shining and there is a bank holiday and half term ahead of us. After the holiday, there will only be six weeks before the summer holidays and so much to fit in. We are very busy trying to work out what can go ahead as usual, what needs adapting and what needs to be abandoned. We will let you know as soon as a decision has been made (e.g. sports day). We will hold on for as long as we can. The Year 6 production will now be a film and be available to purchase at the end of term. The open afternoon where you can visit your child's class and see their work has already been cancelled.



I am sure we are all hoping that 2021-2022 will be a lot easier, though we have been warned that we may still be in bubbles and not able to mix classes at school. In September, the school will be full, no spaces left including FS1 (Nursery). We also have waiting lists for most classes.

I hope you all have a lovely bank holiday weekend!

Mrs Fakes

Hedgehog class

With the warmer weather this week the children were keen to spend more time in the garden. The FS1 children have been sowing carrot seeds and mark making with chalks and water, whilst the FS2 children decided to build a tree house! They have been drawing plans to show the steps needed in the build and writing lists of materials. Every single piece of available construction material was used to attempt the build, but the tree proved to be too high. The children worked together as a team brilliantly, with lots of discussion about building steps or ladders, and more importantly, what food to put in the finished tree house.



We have also been thinking about what happens when we feel angry, and how to deal with these feelings. Alice thought she might pray to God to

help her calm down, and George B said he would take big breaths, whilst Sofia said she would sit somewhere quiet like our garden bench or the reflection area.

New update regarding sickness:

As I am sure you are aware, we have had a few bugs going around recently. As children in Foundation do not socially distance, bugs are spread more easily. Therefore, if your child is sick / has diarrhoea they need to stay home for 48 hours from the time of the last bout of vomiting/diarrhoea. Thank you

Mrs Burton

Badger class



Badger class have been working on improving their oracy skills this week and I was so impressed with how much they have developed as polite communicators. They are

learning to be good listeners and confident speakers, in a group as well as with a range of partners. We watched a heart-warming animation called "Megacity," and the children thought carefully about how the boy felt about living in a city compared to the countryside. They shared their thoughts with growing confidence and learnt to agree or disagree with each other's ideas. We ended our topic "How does your garden grow?" with a fieldtrip down to the meadow. The class were *little Darwin's* and the variety of plants they were able to study and explore was incredible. The more they looked the more they found. In maths Y1 have been investigating halves as a starting point to a unit on fractions. Y2 have been completing their unit on fractions by counting up in fractions. They are now good at counting in halves but would benefit from practising counting in thirds and quarters over half term. As part of our computing, we have been learning to write clear step by step algorithms for a computer program.

I hope that everyone has a well-deserved rest next week over half term.



Mrs Lyn-Jones

Owl class

Owl Class have almost reached the estuary of their journey rafting down the river, and what a wonderful time we have all had.



This week in English we have been using all our wonderful similes, metaphors, personifications and rhyming language to create some beautiful river poems. The children are just finishing their final edit and then they will be off for publication. Hopefully, all children will receive an Anthology of Owl Class River Poems soon after the half term.

In maths the spheres have been working on money and finding change, it is very evident that we handle very little physical money at the moment. If you have an opportunity over the half term, perhaps the children could do some shopping with real money and calculate their change. The cubes are working on time, they are becoming more confident in reading the time up to 5 minute intervals. However, months of the year are a bit rusty, we have been

using the knuckle strategy and the rhyme to help remember how many days in each month.

In science the children created filters for purifying river water, they trialled, coffee filters, socks and paper towels as the final filter after sand, gravel and stones. The children were very surprised how clean the water became, but we still didn't fancy drinking it.

This week we say goodbye to Mrs White who has been our student teacher for this term, we do hope she has enjoyed her time in Owl class, we have certainly enjoyed having her. Next term we welcome back Mrs Hester.

Mrs Pickering

Woodpecker class



The cheers rang in the classroom as children listened to Winston Churchill announce the end of the war in Europe!

We celebrated with VE day activities and a picnic lunch together, complete with jam tarts and fairy cakes made from our saved-up rations. Children also experienced 'Make do and Mend' and 'upcycled' clothing items to make something new. This ended a fantastic week of learning in the class, with so much to celebrate. The Bomb shelters that were designed and constructed (for DT) came in a variety of shapes and sizes and the class rang with 'bombs away' as they were tested for structural integrity. Lego figures came in handy too for checking that people could get inside - the only time you will see Harry Potter in a WW2 shelter!

Our reflections in RE on 'How does sacrifice make the world a better place?' left me in tears with the children's WOW responses. It showed the depth of their understanding and consideration of how we can all help others in many ways. 'You can't change everyone's world but you can change someone's world.'

Over half term, I hope the children take the chance to enjoy the sunshineand learn their lines for the production. Also, the Year 6 children have a task on the Google Classroom to write their entry for their Leavers' book - I look forward to seeing those.

Thank you for the support you continue to give your children and enjoy your half term!



Mrs Hicks

FOP's news

Purley Jumble Trail

Thank you so much to everyone who took part & supported the first ever Purley Jumble Trail on Saturday!

Whether you had a stall, gave donations, spread the word, sold maps, helped set up, helped with the car park, hosted games, and of course came out to browse and buy, we are so so grateful for all your support!

Together you've helped us raise over £1,164.31 for Purley Primary School, as well as an incredible £170 for the Wildlife Trust, £61 for Kids for Kids and more for CLIC Sargent, Alzheimer's and other charities!!

Being our first ever Purley Jumble Trail, we weren't quite sure what to expect and would love your feedback & suggestions for future improvements!

Just email askfops@gmail.com with your thoughts!

Thank you so much for all your support.

Tour de Purley

Fundraising for Tour de Purley

Find your sponsorship form in your child's book bag for the Tour de Purley cycling event 4th July. We have prizes for the top three children who raise the most sponsorship. The first prize we've received is a fantastically bright, green hoodie kindly donated by

Frog bikes. We will announce the other two prizes when we receive them. If you're more "new school" than "old school", forgo the paper sponsorship form and simply set up a justgiving page instead, full "how to" details are attached to this newsletter.



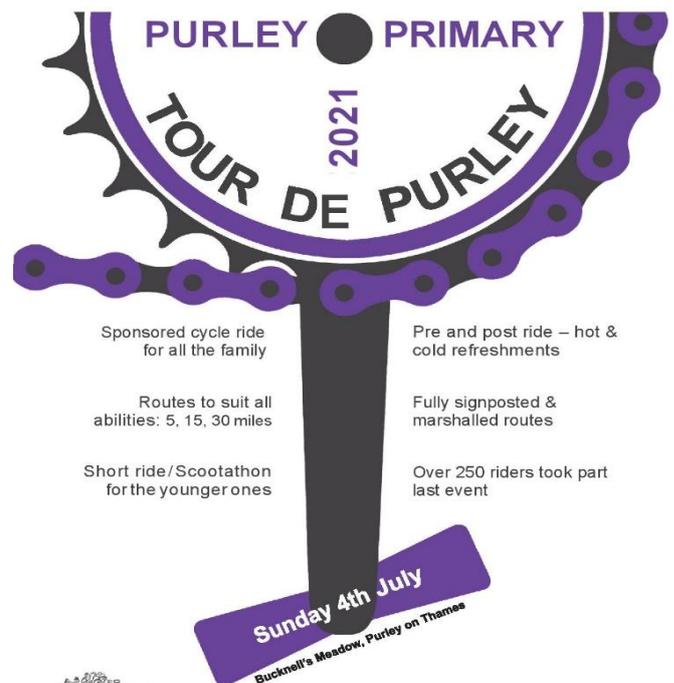
<https://www.justgiving.com/charities/events/dialogue?eventId=6669835>

Do you work for a company which offers corporate matching?

Corporate matching has increased in popularity over the years and we would love to see if there's someone out there who can help increase our fundraising efforts. Please contact your Human Resources department to find out if they offer this service.

Lend a hand

If you are available on Sunday 4 July, or in the run up, please do offer to help out. There's tasks including putting up posters, dropping flyers to shops, collecting donated raffle prizes, setting up, clearing away and marshalling on the day. Every little helps, and we'd really appreciate any time you can spare. Thank you in advance.



Sponsored cycle ride for all the family

Pre and post ride – hot & cold refreshments

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

Fully signposted & marshalled routes

Short ride/Scootathon for the younger ones

Over 250 riders took part last event

Sunday 4th July

Bucknell's Meadow, Purley on Thames



A great day out for all!

For more info and to sign up visit: 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

28/05/21 – End of Summer Term 1

31/05/21 – 04/06/21 – Half Term

07/06/21 – Start of Summer Term 2

08/06/21 – Swimming starts for Years 5 and 6

10/06/21 – Year 6 Englefield Estate Schools Day

11/06/21 – Swimming starts for Year 2 and Woodland School for Year 1

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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