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Friday Newsletter

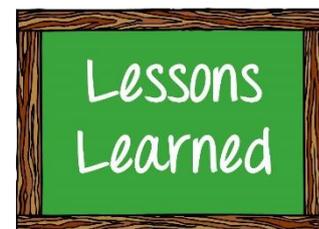
Learn to love, love to learn

11th June 2021

Headteacher's Update

What a lovely half term. The beautiful weather and some lifting of restrictions made a big difference. This week Year2, 5 and 6 have been swimming and Y1 started their woodland adventures.

As communicated earlier in the week, we have had a positive case at the school. This enabled us to test our systems. **To clarify, please use the covid@purley.w-berks.sch.uk e mail to report cases** as this is monitored out of school hours. Should we have to close bubbles, the earlier parents know that they need to organise childcare, the better, it may also stop children coming to school and having to be turned back. Also, have a think, what you would do for childcare if you were suddenly informed of bubble closure.



Should your child have any symptoms they need a PCR test. Following a positive PCR, all close contacts need a PCR test. (family, friends, school bubble)

Mrs Fakes

Collective Worship

After what I hope was a good half term break all round, we begin a new overall topic on respect. In the time after Jesus's death and resurrection, his disciples were given boldness to tell people about God's love for them. God sent his spirit on them to bring the message about Jesus to everyone.

In the life of the early church community, the thing that marked out the followers of Jesus was how much they loved and cared for each other. They did this so selflessly and gained the respect of others in their towns and cities. The same can be true for us today, even in Purley.

Reverend Bailey

Hedgehog class

On Monday, we received a postcard from Maurice the Monkey - he had a wonderful holiday and he enjoyed a



yummy ice-cream! The children enthusiastically wrote postcards to Maurice to share their exciting holiday news.

The children chose to find out about toys this term and we made a list of our favourite toys. Alice noticed that most of today's toys seem to be made out of plastic. We also looked at toys that our parents and grandparents might have played with, and we had great fun testing our skills with the 'catch the ball in the cup' toys that we made.

In maths we have been looking at making shapes and patterns using triangles and squares. We really enjoyed listening to the stories of Triangle and Circle by Mac Barnett and Jon Klassen, both of which were kindly bought for our class by parents.

Mrs Burton

Badger class



Badger class have had a lovely start to the new term and are throwing themselves into the topic, "Do I have paws or claws?" We have started to research different animals and have already discovered some amazing facts. In DT we made colourful birds in birdcages and finger puppet mice to decorate our classroom. It was lovely to see how they helped each other with the tricky parts and showed resilience when things didn't quite go as planned. Some children have prepared PPT's to present to the class about their pet and I have been so impressed by their confidence to speak out in front of a class. All the work we did on Oracy last term has definitely started to pay off. If your child would like to talk about their pet, please encourage them to do so. They can present in any way they choose - a photo, a drawing, a video, a PPT. For those who do not have a pet it could be a presentation about their favourite animal. The Y2 children have been excited all week about going off for their swimming lessons and the Y1 children have been desperate to start their Woodland School. I shall post some photos and give an update next week as to what we did. PE this term does not have a set day as yet so could we please have all PE kits in on a Monday each week. That way we can be flexible as to which day we go. For maths this week Y1 have been working on fractions and Y2 have started a unit on measuring using cm rulers.

Mrs Lyn-Jones

Owl class



What a lovely week we have had, the sun has been shining and I have had a parliament of industrious and studious owls. What a wonderful start to the last term of this academic year.

This week we have been finishing off our river topic, the children have made rafts from natural materials, we have checked that they float, and we are planning to launch them onto the river very soon.

In English, the children have been retelling a chapter of our class novel, *The Explorer* by Katherine Rundell, some children rose to the challenge of writing it from the perspective of a character and included lots of emotive language. In maths The Cubes have revisited mental addition and subtraction of multiples of 10 and 100 and used this knowledge to solve some word problems. The Spheres have been exploring time, adding on minutes and calculating how many minutes to a

given time. Many have found this challenging, so practising reading and calculating time at home would support this. We are planning for the year 4 children to complete the government times tables test this year, no results will be recorded for national comparison this year, but as a school we will know how well they are doing. Children will get approximately 6 seconds to answer each question, so they do need to know them for rapid recall. Using the Times Table Rock Stars sound check challenge, will support with this, as it mirrors the format and speed of the test. We have some children who are getting really quick and some who are clearly not practising. I would strongly recommend that all children access this at least once a day to prepare for the test.

I mentioned before half term about the outstanding watercolour paintings the children completed of the River Thames, this week we tried the same images using pastels. Whilst we still got some amazing pieces, most children agreed the water colours were more effective and they preferred using this medium.

Finally, we will be now having tennis on Friday mornings in addition to our Tuesday PE session. Please can you ensure children have PE kits in school for both of these days.

Mrs Pickering

Woodpecker class



Stand By, GO! Woodpecker class are exploring different aspects of what this can mean and using the Mars Rover mission as a stimulus for Working Scientifically. This week we have learnt about Astro innovation, such as foam padding for Neil Armstrong's shoes, and designed our own innovations. "I've made a special chair to combat the damage done by zero gravity," said Syd. In English, we are thoroughly enjoying 'Holes' by Louis Sachar and the children wrote as Stanley to tell their diary all about their first impressions of Camp Green Lake. "I hate it here, it's boring!" exclaimed Amy. The level of description in their writing shows their engagement with this story and we are keen to see what happens next to poor, unlucky Stanley!

Thursday saw Year 6 at the Englefield Estate School day and we were really lucky with the weather! A variety of different activities taught us even more about subjects such as: renewable energy (ask them about cow manure and biodigesters!); moth life cycles; cow farming and milk production (we got to meet an actual cow- they are really big!) and tree

management (the chain saws were certainly a point of interest). We also got to learn about cordage and made bracelets of our own.



Our first swimming lesson passed well and the children were assessed for their capabilities, ready for grouping next week. When we got back to school, we discussed what learning skills we used in that session and agreed that Courage was certainly in evidence in some, as they were less confident but still took part.

Please can we make sure that children are practicing KIRFS, reading every day (and recording in their reading journals) and have their pencil cases in school with the equipment needed for their learning. Thank you!

Mrs Hicks

FOP's news

Pre-loved school uniform

FOPS run a second hand uniform shop. Below is a table of what is available.

If you have any uniform that your child has grown out of please consider donating it to help FOPS raise funds for the school.

Please contact Sarah Clarke (FOPS) for more information at askfops@gmail.com

	Age 2-3	Age 3-4	Age 4-5	Age 5-6	Age 6-7	Age 7-8	Age 8-9	Age 9-10	Age 10-11	Age 11-12	Age 12-13	Age 13	Age 14
Pinafore Dresses		1	2	4	5	2	2		2		1		
Skirts				1	1	7		4			1		
Girls Trousers			1	1	1	1	2	1					
Summer Dresses			1	3	2	3		1	1				3
Jumpers		4		7	9	3		2		2			
Cardigans		4		5	2	1							
Girls Polo Shirts			4	1		4	2						
Boys Shorts	2	2	3	3	1	1							
Boys Trousers	4	12	5	1	3		1			2		1	
PE Shorts		2		3									
PE joggers		2											
Jackets				2									
Fleece						1							

Tour de Purley

Fundraising for Tour de Purley

Sponsorship forms have already been sent home 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 on the school website.



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

Lend a hand

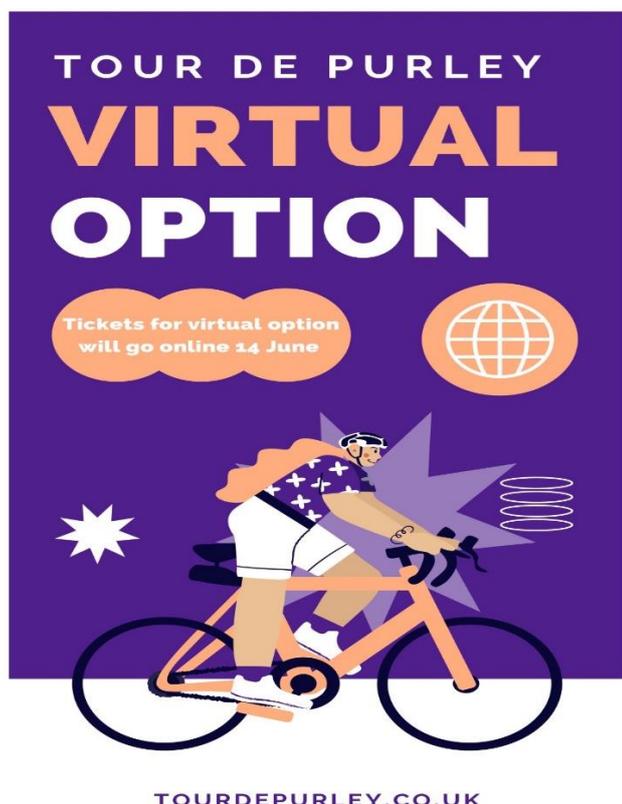
If you are available on Sunday 4 July, or in the run up, please do offer to help out. There's tasks including putting up posters, dropping flyers to shops, collecting donated raffle prizes, setting up, clearing away and marshalling on the day. Every little helps, and we'd really appreciate any time you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

Tour de Purley Virtual Option

Great news! Tour de Purley are now adding a virtual event option too. As of Monday 14th June, you can select a virtual route ticket option for all routes at tourdepurley.co.uk Once you've completed your distance, simply email us a screenshot of your completed route (strava/garmin/Fitbit etc.) and we

will arrange collection of your medal and goodie bag.

Good luck!



Dates for the diary

04/07/21 – Tour de Purley

20/07/21 – End of Summer Term 1:15pm

02/09/21 – Autumn term starts

07/11/21 - Fireworks

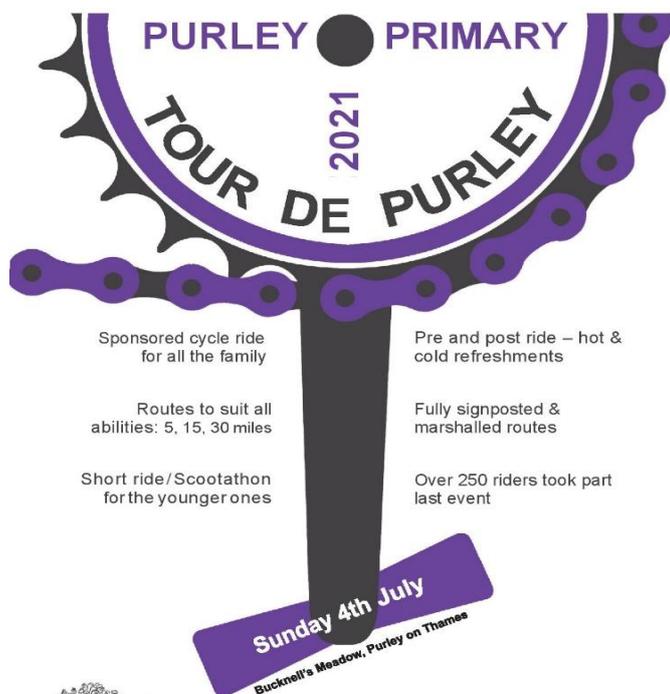
As always, please remember our doors are open, should you wish to discuss any concerns, ask questions or celebrate successes regarding your children. You can contact me by phone on

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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: 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)