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Friday Newsletter

Learn to love, love to learn

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Headteacher's Update



This Wednesday, it was Thank a Teacher day. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff at school who have had a massive workload in difficult circumstances this year. In addition, I think we need to thank you the parents, many of you have been excellent teachers to your children during lockdown. It know it has been really stressful for many of you, holding down your own jobs as well as supporting your children. We know that parental involvement has such a positive impact on your child's well-being as well as their progress.

"Parental involvement has a significant effect on pupil achievement throughout the years of schooling. Educational failure is increased by lack of parental interest.....the children with interested parents pull ahead of the rest whatever their initial starting point."

If you would like to read more on in impact of parental support, follow the link

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Mrs Fakes

Collective worship

This week we have had a new smartboard in Woodpecker class. We didn't know how to work it on the first morning so we looked online and then phoned the IT company who installed it. You often need help when you start something new. We then thought of the start of Christianity and how the people needed help. Paul wrote letters to help the new Christian communities, they didn't telephone! We thanked God for Paul's work and asked him to help us to live as he told the people of Corinth to live " Let all that you do, be done in love"

Illnesses

You may have seen on the news today, the concern regarding children's illnesses. We have had quite a few children unwell with stomach bugs this week. Apparently, immune systems are not as strong as usual, due to the isolating last year. If your child is unwell, please keep them at home and help us stop the spread. They need a period of 48 hours before they return to school following sickness and diarrhoea.

Hedgehog class

What a commotion in Hedgehog Class this week! On Tuesday, we came back from lunch to find three chairs upended and Maurice the Monkey said that he had seen a girl with yellow hair in our class. The children found a clue - a red hair bow! We thought it could belong to Goldilocks so we made wanted posters to put around our classroom. Alice thought she even spotted the three bears' footprints on the way home from school!



In maths, we have been practising sharing and grouping just like in the stories *The Doorbell Rang* and *Seaweed Soup*. We found out that we can leave some over in order to make the groups fair.

We have also been thinking about how we have changed since we were babies, and we discussed the many things we can do now that we are school children. We looked in our Learning Journeys to see the many things we have done this year and talked about our favourite activities.

Mrs Burton

Badger class

Badger class have shown great collaborative skills this week and had great fun experiencing a trip around the world. They worked in small groups and were given the challenge to research animals that live in the 7 continents. They had to present the information as a large-scale poster, giving a clear title for their continent, showing a rough shape of the land as well as including the different animals that are native to that part of the world. We then boarded our private Badger plane and flew off around the world to explore. With their own passports, the children visited the 7 continents, ticking off where they had been and having the chance to admire and learn from their friends' research. It was a lovely way to work and the children learnt so much about animals of the world and geography.



In maths this week Y1 have been investigating quarters. They have learnt that a quarter is half of a half and have used this to find quarters of numbers. Y2 have been comparing and ordering

measurements and solving word problems that involve measurement.

The class are enjoying listening to each other's pet presentations. If your child has not yet had a go, please encourage them to do so as it is a great opportunity to develop their oracy skills. If they do not have a pet, then they could talk about what their dream pet would be.

Woodland School

Our first outing to Woodland school was a very wet one, but the children absolutely loved it. It was as if they had never seen rain before! As we walked to the meadow, we stopped to watch the raindrops splashing all around us. As Monty said it was like the rain was exploding on the ground. We waded through puddles with squeals of delight and Ella dropped a little trail of petals in a stream running alongside the pavement. We couldn't believe how fast the water was flowing. When we reached our site, we had fun catching raindrops on our tongues and singing duck songs. It was perfect weather for ducks after all! We tried to work together to make a shelter in the trees and listen to the pitter patter of the rain drops. It was very exciting and everyone had a part to play but it did act as a water reservoir at the same time. Iris summed up the mood by saying, "Thank you Mrs Lyn-Jones for taking us to woodland school. It is the best day ever!" Monty reflected as we splashed back to school, "I think I may even prefer wet woodland to dry woodland!" I'm not sure if Mrs McConnell felt the same but seeing their happy faces did make setting soaked all worthwhile.



Mrs Lyn-Jones

Owl class

Left, right, up, down, North, South, East and West, Owl class have been all over the place and going in lots of



directions this week as we embark further on in our topic, *'Which Direction'*. In DT the children have been exploring levers and gears and in geography they have been exploring maps and their symbols. Keeping on the theme of direction, in RE we have been thinking about holy journeys and pilgrimages. Electricity is our focus in science, and we had an interesting discussion about what life would be like without electricity. The main concern the children had was not being able to search and order things on-line! There was lots of enjoyment and investigating making circuits and everyone managed to light up a bulb and add a switch.

You may have heard about our class novel, *The Explorer* by Katherine Rundell, which has been very popular with all the children. This week we have used this to support our English. The children have been writing letters home to parents as if they were a character from the book, explaining what has happened while keeping a positive tone. They don't want to panic those parents and admit to the perils of the rainforest they have encountered. In maths the cubes have been revisiting multiplication and division and thinking about related facts and how they can support our workings. The spheres have completed the times tables check and have been looking at decimals and understanding place value of tenths and hundredths.

Mrs Pickering

Woodpecker class

The summer term is racing on - where has all the time gone?! In English, we are continuing to enjoy *'Holes'* by Louis Sachar and have been able to watch clips from the film, on the new classroom LCD Interactive TV! It was greeted with great enthusiasm by the class and we have oohed and aaaahed at the quality of the picture. We have been working out all the functions on it, Bailey and Syd in particular have been invaluable helpers to me! In Science we are completing our research projects on the Mars Rovers and there have been many interesting facts discovered. There has also been some consideration of the ethics of missions to Mars when there is so much poverty on this planet.....

In Maths, all of the groups have been working on multiplication and division. We continue to secure these vital skills and push on with problem solving and reasoning. The Hexagons also enjoyed a challenge from *'3rd Space Learning'* involving areas in a zoo. It was very good to see the different approaches children took to solving it, from using



pieces of paper to manipulate on the grid to trial and error with drawing directly on the grid. The play continues apace, and we are starting to video parts of it this week and the bulk will be recorded next week. The children have worked hard at producing the props and the costume rail is looking very exciting!

We are excited that trips have been organized for the Year 5s and 6s for the end of term, to provide some outdoor adventure (and make up for the lost residential for the Y6). Y6 are off for a water sports day at Theale Lake with Mrs Hicks and Y5 will go to Thirtover with Mrs Pickering. Details are being sent out to all parents. Similarly, I am very excited to be going to Rhos-y-Gwaliau in November for the Y6 residential. I have always found that a trip in the autumn term gives an amazing 'springboard' for the last year in school. Children get a chance to show a whole new side of themselves and we build on this all year.

The last piece of extra news is that from next year, the Year 5/6 class will be called the 'Falcons'. I wanted something that reflected that we fly high at the top of the school, we had a discussion in class as to appropriate options (there were several) and Falcons was suggested.



Mrs Hicks

FOP's news

Tour de Purley

The goodie bags are being filled with gifts from Frog bikes and the Thames Valley Police (plus West Berkshire brewery for the adults!), many thanks to them! We can't wait to receive the delivery of 2021 medals and we'll make sure to update you with a photo of them soon.



Make sure you sign up for the virtual event, we've got lots of suggested routes for families and for the more adventurous. See tourdepurley.co.uk to find out more. Please set up a sponsorship page on justgiving - if you are one of the top three to raise



the most sponsorship within school;
you'll win a prize!

Many thanks,
Team TdP

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

13/07/21 - Change over morning

14/07/21 – Year 5 and 6 Trips

16/07/21 – Owl class trip to Legoland

20/07/21 – Leavers Assembly

20/07/21 – **End of Summer Term 1:15pm**

02/09/21 – **Autumn term starts**

07/11/21 - Fireworks

21-27/11/21 – Year 6 Residential