



## Purley CE Primary School

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# Friday Newsletter

Learn to love, love to learn

16th July 2021

### Headteacher's Update

Happy holidays!

As this is most probably the last newsletter for this academic year, I would like to wish you a happy holiday. What a year it has been!

I am so proud of all the children who have shown great resilience this year. Schooling has been severely disrupted and there are some gaps in learning. It will take time to fill those gaps but those children who worked hard through both lockdowns, are nearly there.



As usual, it is sad to say goodbye to our Year 6s. It is always a pleasure when we see our past pupils being chosen as ambassadors in their secondary schools and I am sure this Year 6 cohort will make us proud just as previous years have done. We have children going to Denefield, Langtree, Abbey Girls School, Trinity school and Little Heath. We wish them all the best.

Don't forget school ends for children at 1:15 on Tuesday. Nutkin club will finish at 4:15.

Thank you for reading this newsletter, we are aware that many do not. If you are aware of someone who does not read the newsletter please encourage them to do so. Many school office hours are spent answering queries that have the information already in newsletters! Staff also spend time writing for the newsletter and we hate to think that it may be wasted time.



Mrs Fakes

### September Arrangements

All children will enter school through the door they entered on transition day.

Badger- glass double doors from playground

Owl- through class doors

Falcon - through class doors.

Gates will open at 8:50 and close for all year groups at 9:00. After this the child is marked as late, further details are in our Attendance Policy on the website. Gates will remain shut until 8:50 as there is no supervision available.

Entry is through the front gate and exit through the back gate both at the start and end of the day.

KS1 parents only on the school grounds to avoid congestion please. No masks need to be worn.

All classes will end at 3:15.

### Equipment

Every child needs a named refillable water bottle.



Children in years 1-6 need a pencil case. Please ensure their pencil cases are refilled ready for a new school year. These should remain at school and not be transported to and from the home.

The pencil case needs to be an easily wipe able clear plastic one. They will need to contain pencil rubber, glue stick, pencil sharpener colouring pencils.



They will also need personal headphone buds (Y1-Y6) to use with the technology.

If you are in receipt of free school meals (or have received free school meals at any point in the last 6 years) and need support in purchasing these items, please contact the school office.

Wrap around care, Breakfast and Nutkin club, will restart in September. Booking can be made via the following link: <https://purley.childcare-online-booking.co.uk/>

As with everything during this pandemic, all will be reviewed constantly.

## Collective Worship

Worship this week has continued on the theme of respect. We shared the story of Jesus in the temple being so unhappy with the lack of respect for the temple. This led to us discussing respect at Wembley and on twitter following the football final. Even if you are upset by someone's actions, you still need to be respectful

Reverend Bailey will be leaving us in the summer and we wish him well and thank him for his contributions to the school. He will be missed.

## Sports Week

The euphoria around Euro 2020 and Wimbledon was nothing compared to the atmosphere in school last week. As you are most definitely aware, it was our 4th Annual sports week. Once again, we were blessed by the weather and the children were able to get to try a range of sports. This year the focus was to allow the children a taster for a sporting activity that had a local provision that children could potentially join if they wished to embrace the sport further.



Sports during the week included Kick-Fit, Freestyle gymnastics, tennis, rugby, football, cricket,

athletics, frisbee golf and mini-basketball. Every child in all year groups from foundation stage to year 6 had an opportunity to participate in most of the activities. All children demonstrated excellent sportsmanship, courage and resilience; we are very proud of them all. We ended our week with a rather different sports day, but one that was very much enjoyed by all.

Congratulations to Watery Otters who took 1st place for the KS2 event and were overall winners and to Airy Heron who won the cup for the KS1 event!

The link below will take you to a short video of the presentation. As always please do not share on social media etc. and keep for personal use only.

<https://youtu.be/O5FPwflnJ4>



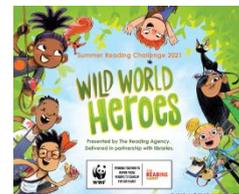
On Monday afternoon we had a penalty shoot out to celebrate how well the England team had done. Thank you to Mrs Banks and Mr Bell for stepping in as goal keepers.

## Change of colour for Airy Heron house

From September, Airy Heron will be changing to yellow. However, children may continue wearing their white PE tops if they still fit them.

## The Summer Reading Challenge 2021

Get ready for the Wild World Heroes, arriving online and in your local library this summer.



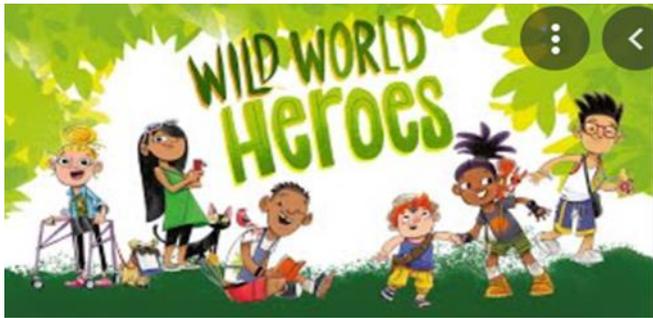
The Summer Reading Challenge is the UK's largest annual reading promotion for children aged 4 - 11 years old. Its aim is to help keep children up with their reading skills and confidence during the summer holidays and to encourage reading for pleasure.

This year our libraries are teaming up with WWF for a very special nature-themed Challenge that will inspire children to stand up for the planet!

Wild World Heroes will feature amazing books, awesome rewards and plenty of ideas for taking care of our environment.

- Head to your library to join the challenge - **IT'S ALL FREE!**
- Sign up to receive your special **Wild World Heroes** collector poster.
- Read at least 6 library books over the holidays.
- Collect stickers for each book you read.

- Add the stickers to your poster to complete the challenge and become a **Wild World Hero!**
- Complete the challenge and you will get a **certificate** and **golden medal**.
- **You have until 15th September to complete the challenge.**
- Bring your medals or certificate into school in September and we will see which house has the most **Wild World Heroes!**



### Hedgehog class

On Monday we had great fun at the penalty shoot-out with the Y6 House Captains. We loved playing the Sharks and Fish warm-up game and we even managed to score a few goals against them. We certainly enjoyed the rocket lollies afterwards!



We had a go at following instructions to make origami boats - they were very fiddly to make, but they floated brilliantly for a short while.

We even found time to make delicious pizzas - we had to be patient because we had to wait for the dough to prove before we could add our chosen toppings.

We also enjoyed our transition morning in Badger Class and we are now really keen to be Badgers!

*Mrs Burton*

### Badger class



Badger class all enjoyed their changeover morning.... The Y2 came back buzzing with excitement about almost being in Owl class and they are so looking forward to their new KS2 topics. Our Y1 showed such responsibility to look after our new visitors and took pride in showing them the classroom and making new friends. We have enjoyed watching an animation this week called "The ugly sharkling!" We were postcard detectives, looking at how to write a chatty postcard and use a range of time conjunctions. We

then had a go at writing postcards as if we were Phil from the story, recounting some of his adventures. In maths Y1 have explored money and totalling coins and Y2 have explored mass, using weighing scales to balance objects and reading scales. In Computing the children have been working on their coding skills and over the last couple of weeks have learnt to create a simple scene for a programme and write a clear algorithm to make something move, hide or speak. They have enjoyed sharing their work with each other.

Over the summer holiday please help your child to continue with their reading and practise their reading fluency.

- Take part in the summer reading challenge
- Access online reading books using <https://online.raintree.co.uk/login/index.html>
- Username - PURRG8
- Password - pupil
- Click View all books and then select Book Band Level, selecting the colour reading book your child usually brings home.

The class are motivated to learn the spellings on their spelling fish - please help them to keep learning these spellings over the holiday. Each child has got a small pack to work on.

*Mrs Lyn-Jones*

### Owl class



We've had a great week in Owl class with lots of hard work! In English we've been reflecting on all things sport by writing a letter to the England football team as well as thank you letters to the sports coaches from last week. In Maths, both the cubes and spheres have continued to work on perimeter In R.E. the Owls continued learning about pilgrimages and why holy journeys are important for different religions. They each chose a pilgrimage to research further and created some brilliant posters with lots of information and reflections. Electrical conductors and insulators were the focus in Science this week. The Owls carried out an experiment to see which everyday materials would conduct electricity when added to their circuits. I was so impressed with their knowledge and some of the hypotheses about the different materials that would or would not conduct electricity. In Geography, the Owls showed off their brilliant map reading skills with a walk around Purley, navigating to different landmarks, locating

positions and identifying different OS symbols on the map. We are all looking forward to our trip to Legoland today.

*Mrs Hester*

### **Goodbye and Good Luck from Owl Class**

Another year over and we are all preparing for the next part in our educational journey. As you are aware this year, we have had the privilege of supporting Mrs Hester as she trained for her qualified teacher status. Mrs Hester will be leaving Purley on Tuesday, and will be starting in her first teaching position in September. I would like to wish her the very best of luck in her new career as a teacher and say thank you on behalf of all the amazing Owls for all her hard work during another very difficult and challenging year. I know she will be missed in Owl Class!

*Mrs Pickering*

### **Year 4 Violins**

Over the last 10 weeks our year 4 children have had a music enrichment session provided by Berkshire Maestros. It gave them 10 weekly, 40-minute sessions, learning to play the violin. They all did exceptionally well and we have some very talented musicians. We usually end this period with a parent showcase. However, due to social distancing restrictions, this was not available this year, so we have created a short video to show how well they have all got on.

If you are interested in your child continuing to play the violin or trialling another instrument, please do contact the school for further information. As always with the video clips, please can I ask that these are not shared via social media and kept for personal use only.

<https://youtu.be/CKbXVgFEXzQ>

### **Woodpecker class**

Anchors away! The children were thrilled to watch the World Premier of their production of 'Pirates of the Curry Bean' with all the ooohs , aaahs and ON NO!s that it entailed. It was so exciting to see their hard work 'on the screen' and they loved the sound/visual effects added by the video editor (my husband!). The USB sticks with the film on will be available next week for those who have ordered and paid for them, so you can watch from the comfort of your own



lounge. Please remember not to post on any public sites for GDPR and copyright reasons.

On a similar nautical theme, the Year 6's enjoyed their water sports day and the chance to sail, paddleboard and jump in the lake-repeatedly! The recent swimming lessons certainly helped children to feel confident in the water and our superhero for courage was Elliott who jumped in too. He delighted in making Miss Allsopp get in first and his laughter resounded across the lake. The Year 5s also had a marvellous day at Thirtover Place led by Mrs Pickering and Mrs Browning and I believe grass sledging was a huge hit. A big thank you must go to them for taking the Y5s out.

With the end of term getting ever closer, we are reflecting on our time together at Purley, looking forward to the excitement and challenges of the next year -wherever it leads us - and enjoying time in the sunshine. Please can the children bring a carrier bag in next Monday to take art, some books, content of their trays home etc.

*Mrs Hicks*

### **FOP's news**

#### **Tour de Purley Goes Virtual**

Pedal for a medal!

It doesn't matter the distance, just hop on your bike (or scooter) and go as far as you want. You don't have to track it digitally, just a photo of you on your ride sent to [tourdepurley@outlook.com](mailto:tourdepurley@outlook.com) is enough to ensure a medal and goodie bag. FOPS have worked so hard on this event throughout all the government changes so your support is more important than ever! Full info [tourdepurley.co.uk](http://tourdepurley.co.uk)

Raffle tickets will be on sale at The Mad Duck.

**TOUR DE PURLEY**

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SHREDQUARTERS PT SESSION

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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

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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