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Friday Newsletter

Learn to love, love to learn

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Headteacher's Update

Our vision for the children at Purley is to "learn to love, love to learn", based on Paul's teaching "Let all that you do be done in love" (to ensure all are nurtured as individuals to shine brightly with confidence to be the best version of themselves and to develop skills and responsibilities for life. One of those skills is leadership. This week we had our school council hustings. Congratulations to the following on a successful election.

Y6 – Charlie & Casey

Y5 – Henry & Sienna

Y4 – Zaynah & Daniel

Y3 – Phoebe Tov & Freya

Y2 – Wilf & Scarlet

Y1 – George & Leyla

Our first school council meeting this year will be on Tuesday October 5th. The council bring forward concerns and ideas that need to be discussed. They are also the voice of the school, welcoming visitors

Mrs Fakes

Collective Worship



This week we moved on to the Iran. Iran is a country with a long history of war. We saw that the Iranian cross is made up of four axe heads. We learnt that Iran used to be called Persia and it is believed that the three wise men who visited baby Jesus may have come from Persia. Officially there is religious freedom in Iran but some faiths suffer oppression. We prayed for all the faiths to live together in harmony

Mrs Fakes

Platinum Jubilee

The queen will be celebrating her Platinum Jubilee in 2022. The government has given schools an additional bank holiday as part of the celebrations. Wed, May 25th will be a History day at school which will include celebrating the Jubilee. May 26th will be the additional bank holiday and school will be closed. This will make it an extended half term. Please be aware that not all schools will be celebrating the bank holiday on the same day and if you have siblings in different schools, they may have a different bank holiday.



STEM Day



On Friday 24th September, the school rang to the sound of OOOHS and AAAHS as our STEM day got underway with an assembly by Mrs Hicks (Science and Maths Lead). The children were fascinated by a bubbles experiment and shared their predictions for which tower of bubbles would be the biggest. After that, they spent the day exploring a range of challenges, designed to promote Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths. Hedgehog class were excited by their chocolate buttons melting 'my hand is too hot!' whilst Badger class were enthralled with the 'Egg Drop' activity. They had to create a protective capsule for their eggs and then drop them off the balcony! 'I put this in to cushion it.' Owl and Falcon classes made 'Faster Pasta' vehicles in their own rooms and 'Rocking Rollercoasters' together as a cross KS2 project. In addition, every class got to explore bubble making: which mixture was the best? How can I make bigger bubbles? What forces are acting? In all of these activities, across the whole day, it was fabulous to hear the depth of vocabulary being used in children's explanations, questions, predictions and conclusions.

The school learning skills were also very much in evidence with super collaboration in class and between classes. At the end of the day, we came together to share findings and celebrate a great day. The children overwhelmingly gave it a thumbs up!!

Mrs Hicks



Data Collection Sheets

Data collection sheets were sent home with your children a couple of weeks ago (with the exception of Hedgehog class). Many thanks to so many of you who have returned the signed form with any amendments. If you have not done this already, please can I ask you check all the details, make any amendments and return it to school so we can ensure our pupil information is up to date. They are very important, especially contact details, should there be an emergency.

Year 1 Woodland School

On arriving at Basildon Park, we agreed it would be a good idea to create a shelter in case of rain as we noticed the skies were getting darker. The shelter was made with lots of keen helpers including Alice and Isaac who then gathered leaves to make a soft pillow to place in the shelter especially for Mrs McConnell.



There had been rain earlier so Alfie and Leyla used a branch to knock the rain drops from the branches to make a shower "which felt so lovely".

The children were challenged to use string to join sticks together which we agreed is a useful skill for making things in the woods. Some children used it to make crosses and to join sticks together. Leyla won the knots challenge as she carefully tied leaves around a branch to cook in the campfire she made with Amber and Eva's help. Sofia made a collection of leaves and also worked hard to tie them up.

The den was a popular place to play; Bay, George, Dinesh, Theo and George C all enjoyed using it to play dinosaur games. Charlotte used the den as a lair for "a venomous dinosaur" explaining that it was poisonous. She enjoyed poking her head out and roaring at her playmates.

Cecily, Isaac and Eva created a fun game balancing on a log. It was like a shaky-walk -the -plank game which meant they had to balance really carefully in order to stay on.

Isaac, Alfie, Cecily and Ava enjoyed looking for objects in a pirate scavenger hunt finding leafy pieces of eight and curved branches as hooks.

At the end of the session Bay and Charlotte helped to remove the red string boundaries so that we left the woodland just as we found it...

Mrs Hodsdon

Hedgehog class

In maths this week we have been looking at different ways of sorting and grouping objects such as buttons, socks and natural materials by looking at colour, type and size - perhaps the children could continue this at home by pairing their own socks? We have been finding out about foods that give us energy and vitamins, and protein for healthy bones and muscles. We have even been designing our own healthy lunches by choosing from each food group.



On Wednesday we carried out a handwashing experiment with some special sparkly germ gel and a UV light - we were really surprised that it took several washes to get rid of the germs from our hands!

Next week we will be looking at how we celebrate special events in our lives - please could you send in a photo of your child's last birthday to support our discussions.

A quick reminder that our trip to Ella's Kitchen is booked for next Tuesday 5th October 😊

You may be interested to find out a bit more about how the Early Years Foundation Stage works for your children, and this link gives a clear explanation [https://www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2014/08/EYFS Parents Guide-amended.pdf](https://www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2014/08/EYFS%20Parents%20Guide-amended.pdf)

Mrs Burton

Badger class



Badger class have enjoyed listening to a story about a pirate called Captain Plank. They had a go at making a story map to help them retell the main events of the story in the correct sequence. Y2 then had a go at re-writing the story and Y1 recalled their favourite parts. We wrote character descriptions about Captain Plank and discussed which parts in the story showed him as a kind character and which parts in the story showed him as an unkind character. We have been learning about nouns this week and looking at Captain Plank's pirate ship we had to search for as many nouns as we could find and list them. Y2 went on to write some noun phrases and use a comma to separate their nouns. In maths Y1 have been counting with 1-1 correspondence and comparing numbers and Y2 have been investigating tens and units with a part-whole model and then using this to develop their understanding of addition and partitioning numbers in different ways to make the same total. In computing we have been using

purple mash and exploring how to change our avatars and log on with our own usernames and passwords. All children have gone home with their login details so that they can access purple mash and continue exploring the site at home. There is a 2Do set for them so please help them to get on in order to complete the task. Many thanks

Next week we are making model pirate ships and will need all types of containers and boxes. If you could please send in some from your recycling bins that would be really helpful.

Thank you

Mrs Lyn-Jones

Owl class



What a hoot we have had in Owl Class this week! In English the children have completed their stories based on *The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark*. We have had stories about tigers afraid of their tails, ducks afraid of swimming, dogs afraid of cats and sheep-dogs afraid of sheep! In the latter part of the week the children have explored non-fiction text and have become junior researchers in preparation for our forthcoming owl fact sheet writing. I am sure this unit of writing will be enriched by the wonderful experience of Sadie from Feathers and Fur visiting us with her 4 amazing owls. I am sure you have heard all about Pip and Bailey already! Place value is still the focus in maths and using this knowledge to support adding, subtracting and ordering 3 and 4 digit numbers. In science I was amazed how much the children could recall this week on how we get day and night and how shadows are formed. If you haven't done so already, ask them to explain it to you! We are still busy sewing our owls and would like to thank those of you who have offered your help.

If you would like to find out more about Feather and Furs based at Moss End Garden centre please visit: <https://feathersandfur.co.uk/> or <https://www.facebook.com/Feathersandfurfalconrycentre>, Unfortunately, they are currently closed to the public following their recent move but are hoping to open again very shortly.

Mrs Pickering

Falcon class

The Falcons have been thoroughly enjoying their English studies this week, as the story of Kensuke's



Kingdom develops further. We have used drama, radio interviews, discussions and writing 'Quacks' to present our ideas. We will take a short break from the book as we look at non-fiction texts next week, aligned to our topic work. Over in Maths, the Hexagons have completed place value and are now focusing on addition and subtraction skills. The Crystals have also moved to addition and the Pentagons are completing place value as well. Please keep practicing those KIRFS as it makes all the difference! Meanwhile, we have explored earthquakes using jelly and furthered our understanding of how/why earthquakes occur and even practised our own earthquake drill in the classroom! In Science we have continued to study forces in earthquakes but also in our experiments with air resistance - ask the children about the parachute company.....



Mrs Hicks

FOPS news



Need to have a big clear out? FOPS have booked another **bag2school collection** for **Friday 26 November**. Collection bags will be available after half term, however they also accept bin liners and carrier

bags of clothes too, if you wished to start your clear out sooner.

Bag2School collects the following in good condition for reuse:

- Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties

- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Household curtains
- Household towels
- Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

They don't accept:

- Duvets and blankets
- Pillows and cushions
- Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
- Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- School uniforms with and without logo
- Corporate clothing and workwear
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material
- Your unwanted clothes = school PTA funding.

Thank you for your support.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Without the help and support of parents, grandparents, carers and local volunteers, we cannot continue to raise the much-needed funds to enrich the education of our children at Purley School. With parents stepping down from the FOPS (Friends of Purley School) Committee, we are looking for new Committee members. As a small committee we really do need support from all parents to help raise vital funds for the school that directly benefits our children. There are various Committee roles on offer or even if you'd just like to help at events throughout the year, we'd gladly welcome you with open arms!

Our **AGM** will be taking place on Tuesday 12th October – venue to be confirmed shortly. This is when we'll be electing the Committee for the forthcoming academic year. If you are interested in joining the FOPS Committee or are able to give some time to help with events or just want to know a little bit more about it, please contact Danni Tovey, Sarah Clarke or Natalie Taylor. You can also contact the committee via email: askfops@gmail.com. We are

always keen for new ideas, committee members or feedback.

THAMESIDE FIREWORKS FIESTA

The Thameside Fireworks Fiesta will be going off with a bang again this year, on Sunday 7th November! It promises to be another fantastic not-to-be-missed event for all the family and once again proceeds are in aid of the school. Tickets will be on sale soon. In the meantime please have a look at the website: www.thamesidefireworkfiesta.co.uk

Purley Primary School PTA are looking for wonderful volunteers to help bring the Thameside Fireworks Fiesta together. If you can help in the run up, or on the day, we would love to hear from you.

Please complete the volunteer form and we will be in touch:

<https://forms.gle/3ydGYEHQSe13kxxs7>

Dates for the diary

12/10/21 – FOPS AGM

21/10/21 – Harvest Festival

21/10/21 – End of Autumn Term 1

22 - 29/10/21 – **Half Term**

01/11/21 – Start of Autumn Term 2

07/11/21 - Fireworks

10/11/21 – Individual School Photos

21 - 27/11/21 – Year 6 Residential

26/11/21 – bag2school Collection

17/12/21 – End of Autumn Term 2 at 1:15pm

26/05/22 – **Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday**

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

01189842384 or email:

headteacher@purley.w-berks.sch.uk

Karen Fakes (Head teacher)

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VILLAGE



SINCE 2015

CONCERTS

St Mary's, Purley on Thames RG8 8BJ
7pm Doors & Bar, 8pm Music

Luke Jackson **Saturday 6th November**

Luke Jackson, a young Roots singer/songwriter who has been performing since he was 13, was winner of Fatea's 'Male Artist of the Year' in 2014 & 2016 and his last studio release 'Journals' was voted 2019 Album of the Year by Fatea Magazine. Luke has toured Europe & the USA and we can't wait to welcome him to Village Concerts!



"One of the most distinctive voices on the contemporary folk scene"
- Folk Radio U

"Reminds me of Jeff Buckley" – Mark Radcliffe

"One in a million..."
- Maverick Music Magazine

Danni Nicholls **Saturday 4th December**



Growing up on the American roots music of her Anglo-Indian grandmother's record collection, singer/songwriter Danni Nicholls' style has been described as "smoky soul, folk-pop & heart-wrenching alt-country, all in a rich voice." Danni has played shows with Shakin' Stevens, The Secret Sitters & notably & has been invited to perform at festivals around the world.

Tickets: Earlybird Adult £12, Youth £8; Full-price Adult £15, Youth £10
www.villageconcerts.co.uk

Corn Exchange Activities October half term

Corn Exchange Newbury have got some great activities lined up for the kids this October half term! We'd love to see you there.

Make and Do

Join us for our Make and Do Holiday Club for a world of creative fun that will keep boredom at bay all day long!

Our popular Make and Do sessions have been super-sized and now young people aged 4 to 8 can come and join us for day-long creative fun in the school holidays.

Taking place in our dedicated workshop space, the Learning Centre, participants will get the chance to take part in all sort of creative activities led by our expert team - from arts and craft to drama, dance and movement as well as the chance to relax and watch a film.

Dates: **Mon 25 Oct - Fri 29 Oct, 9am - 5pm**

Age Guide: **4 - 8 yrs**

Drop off from 8:30am, pick up until 5:30pm

Dress for mess, bring a packed lunch and plenty of water!

Click the link to book:

<https://cornexchangenew.com/event/make-and-do-october-half-term>

Arts and Culture Passport Morning

Achieve your Discover Arts Award in a morning. The theme is, 'Out of this World' so be prepared for the weird and the wonderful!

Start your journey at Newbury Library, take a tour of the Museum, and complete your Passport with some drama at the Corn Exchange.

Dates: **Tues 26 Oct**

Times: **10am-12:30pm**

Age guide: **5-12 yrs**

Children must be supervised by their parent/carer at all times.

Click the link to book:

<https://cornexchangenew.com/event/arts-and-culture-passport-morning>

Makaton Social

Play, socialise and craft with Makaton!

Join us for a relaxed session in the Balcony Bar that you can enjoy as a whole family.

These sessions are for families of children who use Makaton to communicate.

Dates: **Wed 27 Oct**

Times: **2pm - 3.30pm**

Age guide: **4-11 yrs**

Click the link to book:

<https://cornexchangenew.com/event/makaton-social>

Pumpkin Carving

Join us at 101 Outdoor Arts as we get creative with pumpkins, and best of all we'll clean up all of the mess!

Pumpkin, tools and decorative materials provided.

Times: **10.30am - 12pm & 1pm - 2.30pm**

Age guide: **For the whole family!**

Click the link to book:

<https://cornexchangenew.com/event/pumpkin-carving>