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Friday Newsletter

Learn to love, love to learn

28th January 2022

Headteacher's Update

The good news keeps on coming!

We have now been nominated for the Music award for our music provision at school. We of course have the school choir and are looking forward to performing in the annual Junior Music Festival in Basigstoke. We also provide free instrumental lessons through Berkshire Maestros, currently clarinet in Falcon and recorder in Owl, and there are group lessons on guitar, keyboard and clarinet (violin and flute have also been taught recently).

If your child is interested in starting instrumental lessons, visit the Berkshire Maestros website. If your child is eligible for Free School Meals, we can support with payments.

Mrs Fakes



Collective worship

On Monday we considered how we could serve and do God's work. Are we good listeners, good singers, good sport people, good organisers? How we can use those skills to help others?



On Thursday, Mrs Slingsby's worship looked at people like Greta Thunberg who speaks up about what she believes. In the Bible, Luke 19:40 it says, "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.". We need to be like the stones and cry out, we need to be the voice to change the world for good.

Mrs Fakes

Governor's Update – January 2022

We were delighted not only with the outcome of the Ofsted Inspection reported in last week's Newsletter but with the many comments in the various sections of the report which recognised the commitment of all involved with the school. In the full report (on

the school website) the inspectors provide information on how they have come to their view, which included the responses they received from their interactions with the pupils.

At our regular Full Governing Body meetings we receive and review many reports from the Head and her staff on the activities and progress of the pupils, and these include the views of the pupils themselves in Pupil Voice reports. One of these this term was a Pupil Voice report on the pupils view of the library at the school and from it we could see that the library was very much alive and an important resource and part of the school. The pupils from all classes were keen to explain what type of books they enjoyed reading and it was interesting to see that pupils took out both fiction and non-fiction, and the varying range of topics that were popular. They showed that they demonstrated care with the books and tried to make sure that they returned them undamaged and complete so that the next pupil could enjoy them. There were many suggestions for some ways in which the library space could be changed to make it better and these will be discussed with staff and the school librarians as part of a system of ongoing improvement. The school

would like to thank parents for their many contributions to the library, not only in the Wish List scheme, which will be relaunched again soon, but for the practical support with items such as the poetry box.

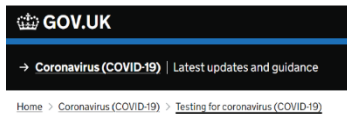
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Parents Evening

Please note that bookings go live via Parentmail tonight at 8pm for Parents Evening on 16th and 17th February.

Covid Update

Yes, we know that restrictions are being eased nationally but due to the outbreak at school we will continue to be careful! Sibling transmission seems to be high as well as peer transmission. We also know that reinfections happen.



Report a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test result

- Please report your child's LFD positive test on the website so that the national picture is reported correctly.
- We will continue without whole school worship and whole school lunches for another week and then re-evaluate.
- Choir will return on Monday.
- Hopefully parent's evenings will be face to face so that you have an opportunity to see how well your children are doing and congratulate them after you have seen their books.

School council decision

The school council met today and one child requested that the one way system stays in place. It was voted on, and decided the one way system should continue while we still have an outbreak at school. Watch out for councilors, they will be at the gate reminding you.



Entry through front gate and exit through back gate at least for another week.

Choir

Choir will recommence Monday 31st January. The Anvil rehearsal scheduled for 3rd February will now be online.

Football

On Wednesday I had the privilege to take 7 very keen young footballers to the Denefield primary schools' tournament. All the children played exceptionally well, showed super sportsmanship and team work throughout.



They came up against some strong opposition but held their own and considered tactics as a team.

The highlight of the event was having their medals presented by Brentford's Shandon Baptiste and having him sign anything and everything they could lay their hands on.

A massive well done to: Jaiden Singh, Alfie Cassidy, Davontay Bently-Clark, Charlie Butler, Mason Whyborne, Macie Crowe and Jessica Bell.

Eco-Schools Green Flag Award

This year we have decided to go for the Eco-Schools Award and our Eco Warriors have been working hard to promote this. At the beginning of the school year, each class carried out an Environmental Review to see where our strengths and weaknesses lay. We then decided on positive action and each class chose an item to collect for recycling:

Falcons - crisp packets

Owls - biscuit wrappers

Badgers - plastic bread bags

Hedgehogs - toothpaste tubes and toothbrushes

Collection boxes can be found outside Owl Class during school hours, and in the staff car park at all times.

We very much hope that you will be able to support us in our bid to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle, so please spread the word to your friends, neighbours and families and help Purley School with this challenge!

Hedgehog class

On Monday we shared the much-loved story of Paddington's arrival in London.



We were so surprised when on Tuesday we received a postcard from Paddington from his new home in London! We decided to do some research on London and we worked together to create a map. We noticed that London is a very busy place with lots of tall buildings, trains, roads and people. We then thought of our little village of Purley and we created a map to show the features we see as we walk to school. We noticed that Purley had only one train track and only a few roads, but we share the River Thames with London!

In maths we challenged ourselves to fill a small dish with items around the classroom. We used five frames to help us work out how many objects we had managed to fit in the dish. Some children realised that lots of small pegs and buttons could be squeezed inside and they had more than twenty objects!

Next week our focus children will be Lottie and Reggie.

Mrs Burton

Badger class



Badger class have been inventing different weather machines this week.

The have shown creativity in their ideas and then wrote clear instructions on how to use their particular weather machine. We had snow makers, rainbow machines, hailstone blasters, summer machines and wild, windy blowers to mention but a few! Their instructions were fun to read and they remembered a lot about the features of instructional writing from the work we did last week. We gathered data as a class to see which form of weather was our favourite and then using purple mash, we entered the data into pictogram. As part of our Geography learning we have been looking at aerial photographs and identifying the human and physical features that we could see. Some went onto look at Google Earth which they found fascinating. In maths Y1 have been subtracting by counting back and finding the difference between 2 numbers. Y2 have been subtracting a 1-digit number from a 2-digit number crossing over 10.

Exciting news arrived into class this week our balloon was found and it had travelled over to Tilehurst, near Little Heath School. Not as far as last

time, I know, but we were very pleased to know that it had been found.

Mrs Lyn-Jones

Owl class



The Celts have started to invade, Boudicca is defending hard, but will she succeed? This has been the focus in History and we are also hoping to hold a Roman and Celt battle. Will we rewrite the history book? Find out in next week's newsletter.

Our inspiring young journalist are coming on nicely and have interviewed Frank and Jesse about their train robbery and the theft of the precious ruby. They have started to explore the features of a newspaper and this week we have focused on direct speech and headings. Multiplication and division is still the main topic for both maths groups. In science, the children have explored how fossils are formed and the similarity to sedimentary rocks. They have studied the different rocks and fossils under microscopes to see the finer detail and identify the different formations. We are hoping that Mrs Carr will pop in and visit us next week to discuss rocks and minerals in more detail.

In RE the children are still looking at different religions and comparing and contrasting their symbols, holy books and celebrations.

Don't forget our trip to Silchester on Saturday 12th, all children must be accompanied by an adult and make their own way to and from the site. All the family and the pet dog are welcome, I aim to meet around 10:15 and we are usually there a couple of hours. Final details to follow via parent mail. Finally, we have our Roman and Celt banquet during the last week of term, day to be confirmed. Children may come to school dresses as either a Roman or a Celt!

Mrs Pickering

Falcon class



"YOU ATHENIANS ARE WEAK!!" "Well, you Spartans are just savages..." were just some of the comments in our rather lively discussion about which of the two contrasting city states were the best. Having compared and contrasted them, debated and cross examined the evidence, children then decided which they would rather have lived in. Interestingly, many wanted to live in Sparta "because the women had more rights, like we do today," said Iqra. In English, we have been writing a detailed description of the

minotaur and focusing on our descriptive tools (noun phrases, similes, personification) as well as using our brackets for parenthesis. In Science, we looked at how the evidence base regarding geocentric Vs Heliocentric views of the universe built up over time. We met key scientists and thinkers such as Aristotle, Galileo and Newton! Year 6 have had a busy week with practise tests for the SATs, they have showed great resilience and I'm proud of them for 'having a go'. The results of the tests are really helpful for me for future planning. Thank you also to the children for bringing in their Fraction Games for the homework task, we have had fun playing them! The last piece of Falcon homework is the planets task - we already have a beautiful model planet in school to start us off.

Mrs Hicks

Dates for the diary

03/02/22 – Anvil Choir Rehearsal

08/02/22 – World Internet Safety Day

16/02/22 & 17/02/22 – Parents Evening

21/02/22 – 25/02/22 – **Half Term Holiday**

03/03/22 – World Book Day

10/03/22 – Anvil Choir Rehearsal

21/03/22 – World Poetry Day

30/03/22 – Anvil Choir Concert

07/04/22 – **End of Spring 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

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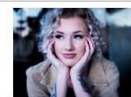
CONCERTS

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



John Adams Trio

Supported by Amber Leigh Irish
Saturday 5th February 2022



John Adams is a Singer-Songwriter hailing from Aberdare in the South Wales Valleys. Blessed with a reach in his tone to match Sam Smith and James Blunt, Adams draws influences from honest songwriters such as James Morrison, Damien Rice and Passenger. John Adams has previously supported Take That, Lemar and Katherine Jenkins and will be joined by Andy Morgan on Piano and Ty Walker on acoustic drums. The John Adams Trio will be supported by 21 year old Amber Leigh Irish who has had over 50 million streams worldwide over the past 2 years and whose songs feature on Entertainment shows such as Love Island and the Greatest Dancer.

Scarlette Fever

Saturday 5th March 2022



Two-time Billboard Chart-topping singer-songwriter and musician Scarlette has twice been BBC Radio 2 Playlisted and has toured some of the best venues across the UK and USA, including The Royal Albert Hall, Manchester Arena, Hammersmith Apollo, Hard Rock Café Hollywood, The Viper Room and the iconic Bluebird Café in Nashville.

Scarlette has supported acts such as Robbie Williams, Ollie Murs, Girls Aloud, Lisa Stansfield, Caro Emerald and Mike and The Mechanics.

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