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Friday Newsletter

Learn to love, love to learn

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Headteacher's Update

As the half term came to a close, the fun continued. It has been a really busy week with a Greek day, a Roman day and a poetry recital. Tuesday was a special day with Junk orchestra workshops. Thanks to the fundraising efforts of FOPS and all your contributions, we were able to offer this wonderful opportunity to our children. They were enthralled. More photos will follow on our website.

Apologies to the inconvenience caused to all on the last day of term with school closing however it was important that we did what is required to keep everyone safe.

Mrs Fakes



Collective worship

This week we looked at the life of David Attenborough and gave thanks for his service in increasing everyone's awareness of the need to protect our environment. We ended with a prayer to keep everyone safe during the storms.

Mrs Fakes

Woodland School

Please be advised that Woodland School visits to Basildon Park for Year 1 will recommence on Monday 28th February.



St Gabriel's Open Morning

St Gabriel's School in Newbury are hosting their Spring Term Whole School Open Morning on Saturday, 5 March 9.00am – 12.30pm and would be delighted to welcome any families, who are considering senior school options for their sons or daughters.

Throughout the morning, they will be arranging tours of the school with members of the teaching team on an appointment only basis. Please see the attached invitation, which gives further details about the morning and booking an appointment time.

Red Nose Day

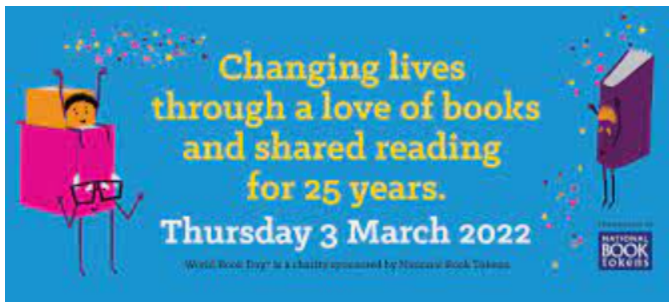
Come to school wearing something red on the 18th March in support of Red Nose day. Sportswear is acceptable, a red football shirt for example, all we ask in return is for a small donation to the charity.



Foundation Stage 1 Admissions

We offer 6 funded places, 5 mornings a week term time for FS1 children the term after they turn 3 years old. We are currently accepting applications for September 2022. If you would like to apply for a space for your child, please contact the office for an application form.

World Book Day



World Book Day is fast approaching and the teachers at Purley have been planning an exciting day for the children with the focus on reading and enjoying books.

Thursday 3rd March will be a pyjama day! The children can come to school in their comfortable pyjamas/onesies/dressing gowns. What better way to enjoy lounging around and enjoying stories throughout the day!



We will be offering the children hot chocolate during our "Booknic!" To help promote sustainability we are asking all pupils to bring in their own mug.

Our Eco-Warriors are keen to promote sustainability further and each class will be holding a book swap. Children can come to school with a book that they have read at home and would like someone else to enjoy. In return they will go home with a new book of their very own. Thank you in advance for your support to make this event a real success and promote reading for enjoyment as well as sharing and re-using.

Friday 4th March - some children from each class will be visiting Pangbourne Library throughout the morning.

All children will go home with their £1 book token that can be used to purchase one of the brand new and exclusive £1 books written just for World Book Day.



Junk Orchestra

A huge thank you goes out to THE JUNK ORCHESTRA who brought such great energy, enthusiasm and musicality to Purley School this week. The children had an inspirational time making music and interacting with instruments made wholly from recycled materials. It was inspirational! At the end of the day Mr Junk commented on how musical the children were and coming from such an expert that was so lovely to hear.



Well done Purley Pupils!

Hedgehog class

In Maths this week we have been exploring length and height, using the vocabulary longer/taller/shorter than. We found out that a feather, a toilet roll tube and a plastic hippo were all 3 pasta shapes long, but the crayon was shorter at only 2 pasta shapes long. We read the story of Jack and the Beanstalk and wondered how tall his beanstalk was? We thought that the beanstalk in the story Jasper's Beanstalk was much shorter.



We had an amazing time on Tuesday playing the instruments in the junk orchestra and learning to copy a rhythm. We were inspired to make our own instruments using junk materials in class and we discovered that we could make moving parts by joining materials using treasury tags and split pins.

Mrs Burton

Badger class



Badger class have been learning a class poem this week to share with the school at the poetry recital. It is called "What's floating by?" and they enjoyed putting their own actions to it and saying it with rhythm. They are very much looking forward to hearing the poems from the other classes. We have spent some time this week sharing our thoughts about how to care for the world and use our wisdom wisely to protect our environment. The class have grown in confidence to discuss with different partners and develop their oracy skills. As part of our RE we explored the idea of forgiveness and the importance of learning from our mistakes.

In maths the Y1 children have been looking at place value and how to represent numbers in different ways. Y2 have looked at coins this week and totalled up different amounts. It was lovely to see so many of you in class for parents evening. I hope you liked looking around the classroom and seeing all the lovely work your children have been involved in.

For our next topic "**What's in the box?**" the children have been asked to prepare a **memory box** over the half term holiday, ready to bring in on their first day back. They need to be prepared to discuss their memory boxes with their friends and answer questions. This will be a great opportunity to develop their oracy skills and confidence. More information about this has gone home in their book bags. Thank you for your support.

Mrs Lyn-Jones

Owl class

What an 'owlsome' week we have had! I am overwhelmed by all the wonderful experiences we have had and not really sure where to start! We ended last week with our family trip to Silchester Roman Town on Saturday, it was lovely to have so many of you join me for the morning. It was an enriching experience for the children to understand what life was like in our area during this period of time.



In English the children have been retelling the story of Romulus and Remus and preparing for our poetry recital telling the story of Boudicca, The Iceni Warrior Queen. The children have researched Life in Roman Britain and now have a wealth of facts. This week they will be starting to transfer this information into their own Roman Britain fact books. We will be continuing with this for the first week after half-term. Our Roman dress up day was on Wednesday; during the morning both our Romans and Celts were given the task to design a mosaic tile as new flooring for the Emperor, the results have been outstanding. Gladiator challenges at the amphitheatre proved popular during the afternoon, we had some very powerful gladiators amongst us! The day ended with a Roman banquet, our guests were served by our Egyptian Slave, The Chief Gladiator and The Empress of Calleva. They dined on cucumber, introduced to Britain by the Romans; olives, grapes, bread, dates, home baked honey cakes prepared by Miss Turner-Hurd, and of course some wine to help wash it down. The final course was a traditional Roman delicacy of sugar-coated dormice. I have attached a montage of our Roman activities at the end of the newsletter.

Thank you to everyone who has supported their children with the project homework, once again we have seen some wonderful work. This extended exploration and interaction really does enrich and deepen engagement for the children. If you didn't manage to get it all done and wish to continue during after half-term we will be continuing with the Romans for the first week back.

This week we say goodbye and good luck to Miss Turner-Hurd who had been with us this term for her final placement before stepping into the world of teaching in September.

Have a happy half term.

Mrs Pickering

Falcon class

"Kaire!" was the greeting on Monday, as we immersed ourselves in our 'Greek Day'. The children looked fabulous in their costumes and this added to the enjoyment as we re-enacted the story of Helen of Troy (amongst other fun activities). We decided that she really wasn't worth all that bloodshed.....! The children were able to prepare and taste different Greek foods at our post Olympics feast - the olive bread seemed to go down very well as did the honey cake. Speaking of Olympics, the Earthy Bear city state narrowly beat Airy Herons to be victorious and went away with the handmade olive-leaf crowns (prepared earlier in class). The rest of our week has been busy with our DT project: designing a menu for a Greek Symposium (banquet) and then using oracy skills to present it at 'The Minotaur's Den'. The Minotaurs were determined to only buy the best! It was great to see children using good skills: managing the group, sharing tasks, assisting each other. These public speaking skills have also been in evidence in our rehearsals for the school poetry recital, we created an environmental poem about recycling crisp packets, written by the class in response to 'Who Crunched Colin?' Have a great half term and see you soon for our new topic: VICTORIANS!!



Just to inform Y6 parents that the Y6 SATS will take place in the week beginning May 9th. We will be having the traditional breakfast together in school

each morning, I'm looking forward to that. Please can you avoid children going away/having sleepovers on the weekend before the tests begin, we'd like them to be rested and raring to go. Additionally, please don't schedule any holidays that week, the only absence should be for illness. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Mrs Hicks

FOPS news

'FOPS Lite'

Just a reminder that if you would like to sign up for **FOPS Lite**, please do so by completing this online form - <https://bit.ly/FOPSLITE>

When we have an event planned and it's time to summon the troops, we'll email you to ask to help. If you can, brilliant! If you can't, no problem, we'll catch you next time. Don't worry about having to attend any meetings or do any planning, but if you would like to offer your help as and when you have time, we'd really appreciate it.

Bag2School Collection

FOPS have booked another Bag2School collection for **Wednesday 9th March**. Bag2School men's, women's & children's clothing, pair shoes, bags, accessories, soft toys and household linen for reuse. Your unwanted items = school PTA funding, so we would be very grateful for anything you can donate. Please bring your donations in any plastic bag to school at the start of the school day on **Wednesday 9th March**.



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

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

03/03/22 – World Book Day / Pyjama Day

10/03/22 – Anvil Choir Rehearsal

18/03/22 – Red Nose Day

21/03/22 – World Poetry Day & Football / Netball Competition

30/03/22 – Anvil Choir Concert

01/04/22 – Numbers Day

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