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Friday Newsletter

Learn to love, love to learn

1st April 2022

Headteacher's Update

Thank you!

Thank you for your kind donations for our charities Red Nose Day and Red Cross Appeal for Ukraine. £200 was collected so both charities will receive £100 each. I know that things are not easy for many of our families currently and I am very grateful to you all. Love is one of our values and your contributions support our children in understanding the need to support others.

Two girls in falcon class, Julia and Darcy are eager to do more for Ukraine and are organising a cake sale for next week. The cakes will be on sale on the playground outside Owl class at pick up time on Wednesday 6th April. They are making the posters as I write this item. They are pricing the cakes at 50p. Please support them if you can, by buying and/ or donating cakes.



Mrs Fakes

Collective Worship

This week we focused on the Easter story. We started by looking at the significance of hot cross buns and then moved on to the joy of the resurrection. The worship ambassadors read witness accounts from the garden.



"But what did I see? The stone was rolled back. But how could that be?"

Next week we will be worshipping at St Mary's when owl class will lead the service.

Alleluia. Christ is risen. He is risen indeed.

Mrs Fakes

Nutkin Club

Please note that if you would like to book a place in After School Club for the last day of term, Thursday 7th April, this should be done by the evening of Monday 4th April at the latest.

Choir

I was extremely proud of our choir members who sang at the Anvil theatre in Basingstoke this week. I have received several messages congratulating our children on our performance. What a wonderful experience it was for them to sing with fourteen other schools and an orchestra. The children will be presented with choir badges for representing the school. Thank you to the parents who supported their children in learning so many words. Rehearsals at school were so challenging with the Covid situation. We will upload some photos from the rehearsal on to our website gallery.



We will have a little break from choir either side of the Easter holidays. Choir will restart on May 9th. New members from Key Stage 2 are welcome.

Soundstage Band

The children were delighted by a concert/disco this morning. The staff band from Berkshire Maestros, featuring live drums, guitars, keyboards and singing, had them singing and dancing in the hall. We hope that attending today will encourage students to pick up an instrument themselves and learn to play.



Tower of London School Super Bloom

We are planting lots of seeds at the moment to take part in the School Super Bloom and will hopefully have lots of colourful plants and flowers for the Jubilee celebrations. We would therefore be very grateful if anyone has any unwanted outdoor garden pots they would like to donate. Ideally we are looking for large pots that are a minimum of 20-30cm in diameter and are in good condition.

Year 2 Swimming and Year 1 Woodland School

There will be no swimming or Woodland school on Monday 4th April. Swimming and Woodland school will recommence after Easter from Monday 25th April.

Denefield Easter Egg Hunt

On Thursday, Year 5 children were invited to Denefield School to take part in an Easter Egg Hunt along with other children from Long Lane Primary School. We split into teams and the groups of children had to navigate their way round school with the help of chaperones from Denefield to find different challenges and win eggs. At the end, 3 teams were tied for first place! After a nail-biting tie breaker, Rocking Chicks team from Purley consisting of Sienna, Jessica and Chloe won first place! There was also a bonus prize for Macie, Mason and Belle who won best team name with Chicken Bob! Well done to all Year 5 children for taking part, their fantastic behaviour and representing Purley School so well.

Woodland School

This week we decided to go on a walk looking for signs of spring.



Along the way we found primroses and blossom. We heard lots of different birds and we also spotted some pheasants! As we walked, we completed the activities and reflected on how we have also changed since September when we first did the walk. We measured ourselves, jumped the stepping stones, balanced on logs and completed the running track. We will be returning to the woods after Easter for some more fun!



Mrs Hodsdon

Hedgehog class

This week we tried our hand at Hapa Zome, the ancient Japanese art of transferring the ink from plants onto cloth or paper. We learned how to use the hammers safely and we had fun exploring which petals and leaves made the best marks.



In music we played the glockenspiels along to the nursery rhyme Incy Wincy Spider, using the note 'D'. We noticed that this instrument sounded a bit like the lullabies we had listened to a few weeks ago.

The PE apparatus was very popular on Monday as we explored ways of moving over, under and along it. Sebastian practised spinning around as he jumped off, Harry C balanced carefully along the bench, whilst Lottie chose to include a balance with her leg in the air. It is amazing how much quicker we are at getting changed when there is a musical countdown timer on the Interactive Whiteboard!

Our focus child next week will be Harry C.

Could we please remind parents to return reading books, reading records and library books in their child's book bag every Friday.

Mrs Burton

Badger class



In science, Badger class have enjoyed exploring waterproof and absorbent materials. We wanted to find out which material would be best to make an umbrella to keep teddy dry. The Badger scientists demonstrated brilliant collaboration working in groups to complete their investigation. In maths Y2 have been working on identifying 2d and 3d shapes and their properties, and lines of symmetry in 2d shapes. Y1 have continued their work on place value and finding one more or one less of numbers to 50. Over the last few weeks children have been considering the meaning of Easter to Christians. We discovered that it was a time of both great sadness and great joy. We created Easter cards using colour to show happiness and sadness. We hope you like them!

On Monday we will be creating mini- Easter Gardens in a small container. We already have some materials in school to create the gardens but if possible could children bring in a small selection of flowers or stones to personalise their gardens. Many Thanks.



Mrs Hodsdon

Owl class



Owl Class have had a really busy week! In English they have been planning and writing 'A New Adventure for Mr Toad', I have loved all the imagination that has been used to inspire their stories; Mr Toad has met aliens on the moon, been ejected out of a jet plane and explored under the sea in a submarine! I look forward to reading all the completed adventures! We have continued to research Kenneth Graham and compile some fact sheets full of amazing facts and information about this classic author who spent some of his life living in our local community!

We have also been busy making props and rehearsing for our Passion Play on Thursday 7th April at St Mary's church, don't forget that all Owl Parents are invited to come and see this at 9:30. The Last Supper and its links with Holy Communion have been the focus in RE, and how this is an important part of the Easter Story.

Next term, the year 4 children will be having their statutory times tables tests, set by the government. They will have 5 seconds to answer a timetables question from all tables from 1-12 and this will include division. Supporting your children to practise this over the Easter break would be much appreciated. The Sound Check platform on Times Tables Rock Stars mirrors the test format, so is a good place for practise.

Looking forward to seeing you on Thursday for the Passion Play

Mrs Pickering

Falcon class



The Falcons have been writing their autobiographies this week, applying all the learning from our previous lessons. It has been great to see them recognising people who have influenced them in a positive way! It has also led to some intriguing discussions as to whether the lockdown was a negative or positive experience. Many children felt it gave them more time with their families, which they enjoyed. In Maths we have continued with aspects such as using the four rules with fractions, fractions of amounts (Hexagons); ordering/comparing fractions (Pentagons); telling the time to 5 minutes (Crystals). In Art, we are well on our way to creating our own William Morris inspired wallpaper designs, putting together all the ideas from our studies so far. In addition, we have started our DT project: Victorian needle cases, complete with embroidery! I was pleased to see many children can thread a needle and do a simple running stitch with little help - it will make the process much easier for us all. We look forward to holding our own 'Great Exhibition' in class next week, to show off our Art, DT and their art homework - so please remind your children to complete the art in time!

Mrs Hicks

FOPS News

FOPS SOCIAL TONIGHT!

A reminder that a few of us are planning to go to the Purley Sports & Social Club by the Barn on Beech Road tonight from 7pm onwards. We would love it if you could come and join for a drink and a chat if you are free. No talking shop - honest! Just a chance to relax and get to know people.

If you can, do drop Charlotte Allum a message on 07818062259 so we have an idea of numbers & if

you are a member of the club. If you're not a member, don't worry we can sign you in. If you can't make tonight, don't worry, we'll be arranging more.

Hope you can join us & we look forward to seeing you there!

SCHOOL LOTTERY

We are excited to announce the launch of a lottery for Purley School through Your School Lottery. You can enter via the following link

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/purley-ce-primary-school>

Tickets for the lottery cost just £1 per week. There is a guaranteed cash winner from Purley Primary every week and the chance to win the **£25,000** jackpot.

The draw takes place every Saturday & Your School Lottery will notify the winners via email. Match all 6 numbers and you win the **JACKPOT!** For every ticket you play, 76% goes to your school and prizes. If you sign up, there is also a chance of winning a £500 bike voucher. A really easy way to help raise money for the school, with a chance of winning something in return - Good luck everyone!

Gymfinity Kids

Gymfinity Kids, a local gymnastics & ninja club are running an exciting event next week where they will be offering free trials to children around Reading and a month of free membership at our facilities! Please see the attached flyer. Their goal is to inspire children to keep fit, improve their health, strength and wellbeing, but above all to have fun. For more information, please visit the 'About Us' section on our website:

<https://www.gymfinitykids.com/club/reading/>

Dates for the diary

07/04/22 – End of Spring Term 2 at 1:15pm

29/04/22 – School Photographer – Class Photos

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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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



Steve Hewitt
Saturday 2nd April 2022

Hailing from Kent – Steve Hewitt is an emerging singer songwriter pushing the boundaries of folk-roots genres. Entering into a new chapter of his journey as a songwriter & performer, Steve has been focusing on creating his follow up and second album 'Never Two Days The Same'. This collection of new material originally developed in 2020 is currently being finely tuned with Rob Townley and will be the result of a successful crowd-funding campaign. Fans and followers can expect the album to be unveiled later this year, with more singles planned in the near future.

"It's hard to pigeon hole Steve Hewitt into one genre - he is a country/ folk/ Americana and/or acoustic rock artist. Hewitt's guitar playing and songs are of a very high standard." **Maverick magazine**

Sam Carter
Saturday 1st Oct 2022



Midlands-born guitarist & songwriter Sam Carter has earned a reputation for vivid, narrative-driven song-writing & captivating live performances. He is a highly-regarded instrumentalist, renowned by many as 'the finest English-style fingerpicking guitarist of his generation' (Jon Boden). Over the past fifteen years, Sam has toured the world, won a BBC Folk Award and made appearances on national TV, including a spellbinding performance on Later... with Jools Holland. Sam has recorded and performed with some of folk's leading lights, including Richard Thompson, Eliza Carthy, Martin Simpson and Nancy Kerr.

"A brilliant guitarist & songwriter who combines the observational with social comment & personal reflections." - **Songlines**

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

X-Country Running

At the beginning of March, 8 children from the after school running club, went to Elstree School to take part in a X-country event. We entered 2 teams of 4 from years 3 through to 6. I was mighty proud of each and every one, not only for placing 3rd and 6th, but for the sportsmanship they demonstrated to both their teammates and towards their competitors from other schools. Well done, Purley, yet again you did us proud!

**Purley CofE
Primary School
Sporting update!**



Football

Last week a team of nine children, eight from Falcon class and one year 3, from Owl went to Kennet School to represent Purley School in a 7 a-side football tournament. Again their sportsmanship was amazing and since the last tournament they have really developed working as a team on the field, which really improved their game play. They did amazingly well and came joint 1st! I believe this is the first time that Purley has won a football tournament! Well done everyone and let's see if we can do it again!



Football