



PURBROOK POST

Purbrook Junior School

Headteacher – Mr C Williams

Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

We have been really busy in school this week! Monday started with a visit from our Governing Body. They spoke with numerous children from across the school about: who is their champion in school, how to know how to Dream Big! and Keeping safe in school. It was a really positive visit and I was really proud to see the children speaking so enthusiastically and passionately about Purbrook Junior School.

On Tuesday we had our annual monitoring visit from the Local Authority Lead Learning Partner (this is like a mini Ofsted inspection from the Local Authority). The visit focussed on the following areas:

- Year 4 & 5 classroom visits and teacher observations
- Year 3 & 6 book reviews (looking at academic progress in children's books)
- Maths and English curriculum across the school
- School attendance and our strategies for improving attendance

We were able to celebrate lots of good practice and also share our ideas for areas for further development.

On Wednesday morning Year 5 had a visit from Zoolab. The children were able to get up close and personal with a variety of animals including an Australian Tree Frog, a Giant African Land Snail, a snake, a hissing cockroach and a tarantula! Evelyn (5H) spoke about how the snake had shed its skin and shared some pictures of the snake too. Please check out the school social media pages as pictures of the visit have been posted there.

We also had a visit from Hampshire County Council's Health & Safety Team on Wednesday. This was for an audit on our Fire Safety procedures and Risk Assessments. Again, this was a really positive experience and we were able to share our excellent record keeping, practices and procedures.

As part of their Anglo Saxons topic, Year 4 had a visit on Wednesday from a Dane. He spoke about why he came to England, his life, family,

slaves, what he eats and even how he goes to the toilet! The children learnt about ancient runes including how to write their names and solve some riddles. The children were also able to use their sketching skills to draw their own runes.

It was World Book Day on Thursday and it was great to see so many children coming to school dressed as a character from their favourite book or dressed in comfy clothes they like to read in. Personally I don't think there is anything better than putting on your pyjamas and reading a good book!

Across the school there were characters from Harry Potter, Wizard of Oz, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Alice in Wonderland, Mary Poppins, Cat in the Hat, Harley Quinn and even a Willy the Wimp.



It wasn't just the children who joined in! Can you guess who these were?

Don't forget our Back to Basics scheme will be commencing next week. These sessions are for parents and carers. Struggling at home? Why not come along to one of our drop-in sessions to find out how we can help. Monday 11th March at 9am, or Wednesday 13th March at 2.30pm at Purbrook Infant School Community Room. Mrs Ginn, Mrs Johnson and Mrs King (Purbrook Infant School) are looking forward to seeing you.

Please don't forget to send your child into to school with a healthy snack at break time. For some children, the gap between breakfast and lunch can be very long – a little food boost at breaktime can work wonders!

Thank you

Mr C Williams

DREAM BIG!



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 11th and Wednesday 13th March – Back to Basics session at Purbrook Infant School

Tuesday 12th March – 9am and 2pm – Anxiety Workshops from NHS MHST (see separate email invitation)

Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th March – Year 3 visit to Lyme Regis Museum

Friday 15th March – Red Nose Day

Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th March – Year 6 Rivers Trip

Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st March – Parents' Evenings (Years 3, 4 & 5)

INSET DAYS

**Thursday 28th March 24
Monday 3rd June 24**

HOUSE POINTS

Check out the latest House Points total at:
<http://www.purbrook-jun.hants.sch.uk/school-houses/>

