



*Achieving and growing together*

## Summer 2 Newsletter 2023

Thank you to all our children and families for being so supportive to the school and staff throughout this Summer Term. It's been a pleasure to see our children grow and develop as they prepare for Primary School and pre-school transitions within the nursery.

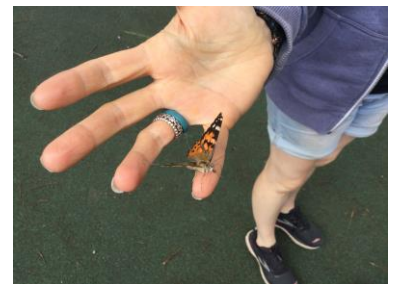
### **What's been happening at Purley Nursery School?**

#### **Froglets and Butterflies in the Nursery**

During this half term, the nursery children have been able to observe and explore 'life cycles' of caterpillars and tadpoles. The children have been patiently observing both living creatures grow in the classroom and ask questions all about the life stages that they have. To conclude the term, the nursery came together to release the beautiful Red Admiral Butterflies into our outdoor classroom and the Froglets into our nursery pond!

#### **Forest School based Learning in the 'Spinney'**

This half term, I am pleased to share that we were able to offer our complete 4 week block sessions of Forest School based learning to our final 8 pre-school children. Children loved exploring non-fiction texts to explore and investigate insect life thriving in the Spinney as a result of the summer weather. They engaged in a variety of craft activities and wood work using real woodwork tools and equipment e.g. hand saws. Throughout the year we have been able to offer 4 week block sessions to 32 children (4x 8 children) which is a fantastic achievement not only for Claire (Leader of the Provision) and Ali (Lead Teacher and Forest School Lead) but also our amazing parent volunteers Katie, Lindsay and Finn and Federation Partner Staff Shereen and Ella. Their support and dedication in providing these rich and creative outdoor learning experience and opportunities for children will leave a lasting impact and memory for many years to come. We thank



you all for your hard work and look forward to be able to provide these opportunities to more children next year through dedicated parent volunteers and staff.

If you are a returning family to nursery in September and would like to get involved in joining Claire and Forest School based Learning Team, please contact the school office on [office@purley.croydon.sch.uk](mailto:office@purley.croydon.sch.uk) or speak to Maria as early as possible in September. This will enable us to organise our first group in Autumn 1 group ready for their first session on Wednesday 13th September.



### Visit from Yoshi the Bearded Dragon!

On Wednesday 19th July, Oria and her Mummy brought in their pet Yoshi to meet her friends and teachers at nursery. Yoshi is a bearded dragon and was happy to be stroked and handled. The nursery children were so excited to learn all about how Oria and her family look after him in his tank, what he eats and learn about his species.



### Did you know:

- Bearded dragons are native to Australia.
- Bearded dragons have been around since the time of dinosaurs!
- The name "bearded dragon" comes from their beard-like spines on their chin. ...
- When bearded dragons are born, they're about the size of your pinky finger nail.



### End of Year Picnic and Parties!

Thank you to everyone who donated for our 'End of Year' party celebration in the nursery. The children all enjoyed a variety of party food and fruit to conclude the end of another successful year!

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### Staff updates

No doubt you all know by now that I (Polly) am expecting a new arrival early September. I will be going onto maternity leave from September and will look



forward to seeing you all on my return. I am pleased to confirm that my current Head of School partner and Lead Teacher Maria Reeve will be adopting the full time role in my absence. To work alongside Maria, I am pleased to announce the arrival of Olivia Philips who will be adopting the Lead Teacher role in the nursery classroom during this maternity cover. I am excited to share that Olivia started her professional teaching career with Purley Nursery School years before and it's wonderful to welcome her back as a skilled Early Years Lead Teacher to enrich our curriculum and practice further.

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### **Home-School Library**

We would like to thank Katie and Farah for all their support organising the home school library for us throughout the year. The children have loved sharing stories and books with you both throughout their nursery sessions and look forward to each week when they can access the Library resources to check in and check out the books as part of our 'real life' library experience. Thank you again!

If you are a returning family or family member in September and would like to get involved in our 'Home School Library', please contact the school office on [office@purley.croydon.sch.uk](mailto:office@purley.croydon.sch.uk) or speak to Maria as early as possible in September. This will enable us to open this provision as early as possible so that we can inspire and develop children's learning attitudes and 'love for reading' at nursery.

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### **Nursery Clothes**

Please check at home to see whether you might have any clothes belonging to the school. We'd be pleased if you could return them to us as soon as possible. In addition to this, if you have any unwanted Purley Nursery School Book Bags, polo shirts, jumpers etc that you wish to add to our second hand uniform stock, please save them and bring them back to school from September. We welcome all second hand donations to support our families and children across our school community.

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## **Safeguarding children and families**

**Our safeguarding policy is on the school website:**

**<https://www.purleynurseryschoolcc.com/>**

**It's important for our school community to be vigilant about safeguarding children and families. If you have any concerns about a child or family or wish to speak to**

**someone in confidence please do not hesitate to speak to our Designated Safeguarding Lead Maria when term reopens in September.**

**If you are attending Summer Playscheme please contact Playscheme Lead Sherlynnna to support any safeguarding concerns you may have.**

**Alternatively, during the summer holidays if you have any safeguarding concerns about a child or family please contact the Croydon **Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)** on 0208 726 6464, 1pm to 4:30pm**

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Here are a few contact details for families if they require further support or information regarding safeguarding during the summer holidays:

**Refuge - For women and children. Against domestic violence.** The freephone, 24-hour National Domestic Abuse Helpline 0808 2000 247

**Victim Support** - An independent charity dedicated to supporting victims of crime and traumatic incidents in England and Wales - Call - 08 08 16 89 111

**Turn2us** - Turn2us is a national charity providing practical help to people who are struggling financially. Visit: <https://www.turn2us.org.uk/About-Us>

**Help for Households** - Government Cost of Living Support information - See what support is available to help with the cost of living and save money with our energy saving tips. Visit: <https://helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk/>

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### **Federation Partner Fund raising at Tesco's**

Our Federation Partner Christ Church School is fundraising at Tesco to build a sensory garden to promote wellbeing and provide a quiet space for pupils. If you happen to shop there over the summer and receive a fundraising token at the till, please feel free to add it to their slot so that they can generate enough tokens for the final target of £1500 to purchase resources of which children transitioning to Christ Church will benefit from.  
**See you at Tesco's!**





## Money saving tips to support families over the Summer



### PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE 6 WEEKS SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2023



COURTESY OF MONEY SAVING CENTRAL

#### **ASDA**

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

#### **TESCO**

Kids eat free with a purchase of 60p+ from Mon 24th July - Fri 1st September 2023

#### **SAINSBURYS CAFES**

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

#### **BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE**

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

#### **THE REAL GREEK**

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

#### **TABLE TABLE**

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

#### **TRAVELODGE**

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

#### **HUNGRY HORSE**

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays & up to 2 Kids get free breakfast with 1 adult breakfast

#### **PREMIER INN**

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

#### **SIZZLING PUBS**

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

#### **IKEA**

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

#### **MORRISONS**

Spend £4.49 & get one free kids meal all day, every day.

#### **GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS**

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

#### **PRETO**

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

#### **BILLS**

2 kids eat FREE all day, every day from Monday 24th July - Friday 1st Sept 2023

#### **BELLA ITALIA**

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

#### **WHITBREAD INNS**

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

#### **SA BRAINS PUBS**

Children can eat for £1 with any adult main. Valid All Day Wednesdays

#### **FUTURE INNS**

Under 12's eat for free with any adult meal. During the school holidays

#### **PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM**

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

#### **YO! SUSHI**

From Mon 17th of July until Fri 11th of Aug kids eat free with every £10 adult spend

#### **TO BE CONFIRMED...**

M&S and Farmhouse Inns

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## **Meeting Councillor Amy Foster and Local Labour Candidate Ben Taylor**

On Wednesday 19th July, Purley Nursery School welcomed Councillor Amy Foster and Labour Candidate Ben Taylor to the nursery to share and celebrate all the amazing work and provision that we offer to our local families and children. Both were very impressed with the high quality provision we offer and also very interested to hear parental views and concerns about the Local Authority's proposal for September's consultation. If you have any questions or comments that you would like to share prior to the consultation you can email Amy Foster directly at:

[amy.foster@croydon.gov.uk](mailto:amy.foster@croydon.gov.uk)

Twitter: [www.twitter.com/AmyF0ster](https://www.twitter.com/AmyF0ster)

Further updates and developments regarding the Local Authorities proposal for Maintained Nursery Schools in Croydon will be issued once the consultation begins in September. Once we have more information, we will ensure that you are informed accordingly. Purley Nursery School would like to thank all members of our school community for being so supportive and dedicated to the staff, provision and historical legacy that Purley Nursery School and Maintained Nursery partners have had across the borough.

## **A message from our Chair of Governors Sally Marvin**

July 2023

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope that your children have had a good Summer Term, and have enjoyed all the various end of year activities that are always a part of school life at this time of the year.

As the PPF Governing Board reflects over the events that have taken place in its domain during the past couple of months, the highlight of our schedule was most certainly the Governors Day which took place at CCS and PNS on Friday 9 June. Due to Covid restrictions, Governors Day had not been held since 2019, so it was especially valued by all those governors who were able to attend. It was such a joyous occasion. We were able to see both schools in full action: meeting parents at the beginning and end of the school day; having lunch with the children including time spent in the Willows; joining them in various activities such as the Reception children in



the Spinney; and meeting with our link staff member who reported back as to how their area of responsibility had progressed during the term and the whole academic year.

Governors try to attend as many school events as possible. Two governors, Lola Bejide and John Harrison were able to join the first ever CCS Community Celebration Service held on 28 June and so received in person their certificate acknowledging the positive contribution they had made to the PPF community - other governors were delighted to be given theirs at a later date. Several governors met with parents of children due to start at PNS in September 2023 at the new parents Stay and Play evening on 11 July whilst others attended the wonderful production of the Year 6 end of year musical Peter Pan on 12 July.

Inevitably, the end of a school year involves having to say lots of goodbyes. PPF governors wish all the very best to those children at PNS who are leaving to attend primary schools elsewhere and to the Year 6 pupils at CCS who are about to begin their journey into secondary education. We are also saying goodbye to one our governors, Sylvia Kerambrum who is moving to France. Although she hasn't been with us for very long, we have appreciated her input into all things SEND through her wide experience as a teacher and recently qualified Ofsted inspector.

So it just remains for me to wish you all on behalf of the PPF Governing Board a very happy, relaxing and enjoyable summer holiday.

Best wishes

Sally Marvin (Chair of Governors)

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### **Final note**

On behalf of the nursery staff, I would like to thank you all for your support and dedication to the children and the school. The help and support offered by our school community in both volunteering, funding raising, caring and thoughtfulness towards children and staff is amazing and we are proud to serve you all.

The staff and I would like to wish you all a safe and happy Summer holiday and we look forward to welcoming you all back to nursery from September.

Best wishes to you all

Polly Jones  
Head of School  
Purley Nursery School

## **TERM DATES – 2023/24**

### **Autumn Term 2023**

Autumn 1 – Open Wednesday 6th September – Close Friday 20th October at normal time

Autumn 2 – Open Monday 30th October – Close Thursday 21st December at normal time

### **Spring Term 2024**

Spring 1 – Open Monday 8th January – Close Friday 9th February at normal time

Spring 2 – Open Monday 19th February – Close Thursday 28th March at normal time

### **Summer Term 2024**

Summer 1 – Open Tuesday 16th April – Close Friday 24th May at normal time

Summer 2 – Open Tuesday 4th June – Close Wednesday 24th July at normal time

Please note:

### **Bank Holidays:**

**Monday 6th May 2024**

**Monday 27th May 2024**

### **Staff Training (subject to change)**

**Monday 4th September 2023**

**Tuesday 5th September 2023**

**Friday 22nd December 2023**

**Monday 15th April 2024**

**Monday 3th June 2024**