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Friday 9th October 2026

Hello Everyone,

The school week has once again kept us all very busy, with lots of great work happening across the school.

Yesterday it was fabulous to see so many Class R parents at lunchtime- we hope you all had a great time dining with the class and seeing how our lunchtime routines operate. The children are already feeling very settled and are growing in confidence with every passing day.

The School Council shared some very important ideas in assembly this week connected to The Big Future Survey. It is vital for children to feel that their voices are heard and opinions valued. As detailed later on in this newsletter, KS2 children will complete this survey in school, while your support would be appreciated in assisting the KS1 children in completing this survey at home.

Read on for more information!

Mr Stotter

New Governors

We are looking to recruit more governors to our LGB. We have space for another parent governor and a governor from the wider community. If you, or anyone you know, would like further information, please contact me via the school's admin email before next Friday.

Thank you,
Jess O'Brien
Chair of Governors

HAVE YOU BOOKED YOUR PARENT'S EVENING APPOINTMENT ON ARBOR YET?



Maisie S Grace C
Caitlin F Isla S

We hope you all have a wonderful day!

THE GOLDEN BOOK

Congratulations to the following children who are in the Golden Book this week:

Class R- Ronnie C

Class 1- Ryker F

Class 2- Ryu P

Class 3- Mason R

Class 4- Rose N

Class 5- Elliott H

Class 6- Chester C



The Big Future Survey

On Thursday, our new School Council members introduced *The Big Future Survey* to pupils during a special assembly. At Purleigh Primary School, our School Council plays an important role in representing the pupil voice. We greatly value our children's thoughts, ideas and experiences, and believe that giving them meaningful opportunities to share their views about their lives and learning helps us to make our school the very best it can be. The survey has been launched by the Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, to ensure that children and young people's voices are heard by those who make decisions that affect their lives. It is an opportunity for children to share what it is like to be a child in England today, including what they enjoy, what worries them, how they spend their free time, and the changes they would like to see for a better future. The survey includes questions about school, local communities, voting, online safety, and other issues that matter to children. More information can be found via: https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/the-big-future/ In the coming weeks before half term, pupils in Key Stage 2 will be given the opportunity to complete the survey in their classes. For our EYFS and Key Stage 1 children, we kindly ask parents and carers to support their child in completing the survey at home. The survey takes around five minutes to complete and is a valuable opportunity for every child's voice to be heard. The survey closes on Friday 23rd October, so we would be grateful for your support in helping your child take part before then. To complete the survey, please visit: https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/TheBigFuture/ Thank you for your support and for helping us ensure that children's voices are heard.

MESSAGES TO SCHOOL

If you are emailing the office to inform us of changes connected to your child (e.g. change of pick up arrangements or medical appointments) please can you also contact your class teacher to inform them. Your class teacher will be available via their class address, for example class2@purleigh.essex.sch.uk

AROUND THE CLASSES

CLASS 2

Year 2 have had a busy and exciting fortnight full of learning! In Science, we have been exploring healthy eating and learning about the different food groups. We have discussed how a balanced diet helps us to grow, stay healthy and have plenty of energy for learning and play. The children have enjoyed sharing their ideas about making healthy food choices. In Maths, we have continued to develop our understanding of place value. We have been practising estimating where numbers belong on a number line, using our knowledge of tens and ones to help us make sensible estimates. The children have been working hard to explain their thinking and justify their answers. Well done, Year 2, for your enthusiasm, hard work and positive attitudes throughout another fantastic fortnight!

CLASS 1

Year 1 have been enjoying a wonderful few weeks filled with exciting learning and new experiences! As part of our topic exploring significant people and the ways they have made a difference to others, we were delighted to welcome Guide Dogs into school. The children discovered how guide dogs support people who are blind or visually impaired, helping them to travel safely and independently. This was a fantastic opportunity for the children to develop their understanding of sight loss and the different ways people can experience and interact with the world around them. The visit linked beautifully to our learning about Louis Braille, who invented the Braille reading and writing system. The children enjoyed feeling real Braille and were fascinated to discover how people can read through touch. Of course, the highlight for many children was meeting the friendly guide dogs and learning more about their very important jobs. Alongside this, the children have been working hard in English, where we have been exploring poetry and learning about acrostic poems. They have enjoyed creating their own autumn-themed poems, using descriptive words to capture the sights, sounds and colours of this beautiful season. Good work Year 1. Keep it up.





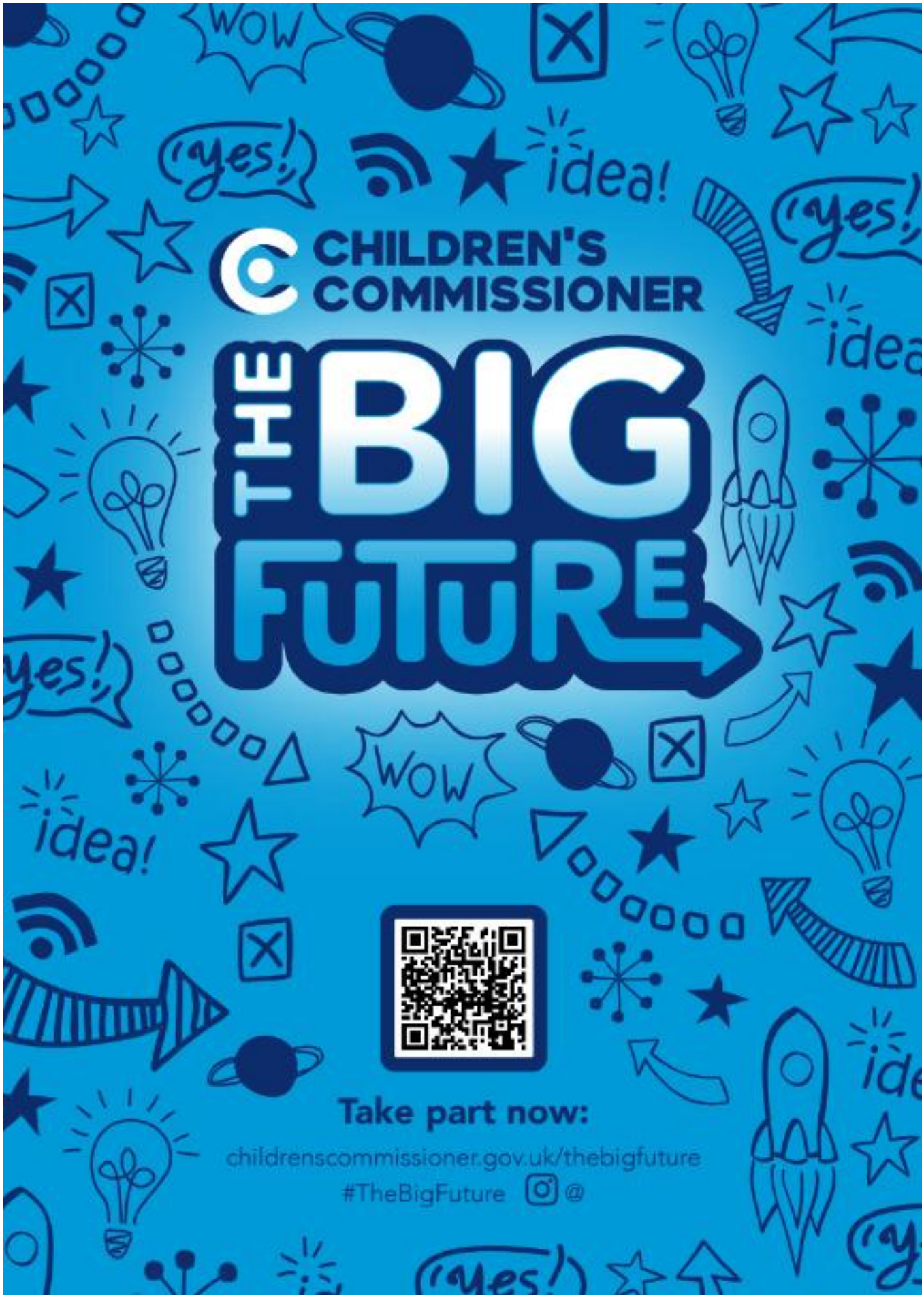
CLASS R

To celebrate Black History Month, Class R has been learning about the past. We briefly discussed how, in the past, people were treated differently based on their appearance (particularly the colour of their skin). We then looked at how times have changed and that everyone is unique and special in their own way. After all, the world would be a boring place if everyone were the same! Next, we moved our discussion onto music and the different types of music created by different people. In the past, people might have judged or refused to listen to certain music because of the colour of the artist's skin. However, you can't tell an artist's race just by listening to their music. Class R all agreed that everyone has their own unique taste in music and that we should not pre-judge music based on the artist's skin colour. As a class, we listened to some famous Black artists, including Prince, Rihanna, Whitney Houston, Bob Marley, The Tramps, Stevie Wonder, and Beyoncé. We then decided for ourselves if their music was to our taste. We made sure to have a "boogie" first before colouring the box green (I like this music) or red (I do not like this music). Throughout October, we are going to expand our musical horizons and listen to more famous Black artists during Funky Fingers.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 12th October	Year 6 Trip to Layer Marney
Thursday 15th October	Year 2 Great Fire of London Day
Thursday 15th October	Year 5/6 Girls Football @ Meadgate
Friday 16th October	PTA Pre-Loved Uniform Sale (3.10pm)
Monday 19th October	Parent's Evening Week
Wednesday 21st October	PTA Pumpkin Decorating Competition
Thursday 22nd October	Individual School Photos
Thursday 22nd October	Year 5/6 Boys Football @ Meadgate
Friday 23rd October	Inset Day
Mon 26th- Fri 30th Oct	Half Term
Tuesday 3rd November	Year 3 Trip to Colchester Castle
Thursday 5th November	Bonfire Themed Lunch
Thursday 5th November	EYFS Open Afternoon
Tuesday 10th November	Flu Immunisations
Wednesday 11th November	Remembrance Day
Thursday 12th November	EYFS Open Afternoon
Friday 13th November	Children in Need
Monday 16th November	Multi-Cultural Week
Thursday 19th November	EFYS Open Afternoon


CHILDREN'S COMMISSIONER
THE BIG FUTURE
The Children's Commissioner, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched The Big Future survey.
It's your chance to have your say on what it's like to be a child or young person in England today - what you love, what worries you, how you have fun, and the changes you want for a better future.
There are questions about voting, school, your area, online safety, and space for you to tell her what you think is important!
It takes less than 10 minutes to complete the survey.
Take part now:
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idea!
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