

PALACE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Starting the week off 'on a roll'.

If you haven't heard about what happened on Monday, where have you been! All of the children came to an early assembly because we were fortunate to be visited by Courtney Tulloch. He came in to inspire our children, and inspire them he did! Courtney spoke about his journey in gymnastics – how it started, the barriers he has faced and how he has overcome them. He then wowed the children with some of his gymnastic skills.

The children were definitely most excited by the back flips and when he jumped over four teachers! However, my personal favourite moment was when he discussed his medals. Most would class a gold medal as a favourite, but not Courtney. He talked about why his silver medal was most important to him. His reason – he had to work so much harder to get it, and so it means more to him.

The visit finished with him opening the outdoor classroom that our Friends Association worked so hard to raise funds for. Thanks to Mrs Davies for organising the visit

Diversity Week Continued

We have continued our learning about Diversity week this week, and it has been lovely to see the things that the children have been doing.

One of the whole school activities we have done this week is to work on rewriting lyrics to a song to reflect the values we believe in at Palace Wood. The children all worked really hard on coming up with their section of the song and then pulled it together brilliantly. Well done also to Miss Knowers who had the inspiration and helped the children (and teachers!) with pulling it all together.

We hope you are able to come in and see us today from 2:45 to see the learning that the

children have been up to. They are very proud of the work they have done and we hope you will be too.

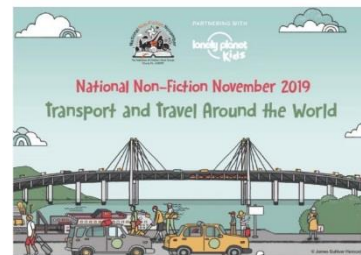
Read All About It!

This week, we asked our year 6 children to consider the role of becoming a Reading Ambassador for the school. As a Reading Ambassador, the children will help manage the library, have a say in which books we order, help organise Book Week and other reading events, and work together to promote and celebrate reading across the school. We hope to reveal who are Reading Ambassadors are in next week's newsletter. Watch this space!

EYFS, KS1 and KS2:

This week our recommendation focuses on non-fiction books as part of the Federation of Children's Book Groups Charity: 'Non-fiction November'. The theme is 'Transport and Travel Around the World'.

We would be delighted if the children would recommend any great books they have read to the rest of the school in our weekly newsletter. Books can be of any genre: fiction, non-fiction, poetry. Please send any child suggestions to Mrs Childs at serpin.childs@palacewood.kent.sch.uk for the chance to be in next week's 'Read all about it!'



Superstar Corner

Imogen in Hippos had her first paediatric diabetic appointment this week having recently been diagnosed with type 1 diabetes. She has done so incredibly well in managing her blood/glucose levels that the doctors were blown away. Throughout the whole process, she has shown incredible growth mindset. Well done Imogen!

Luke in Crocodiles received his number 4 badge at gymnastics. Well done Luke!



Alfie and Percy - Attendance and Punctuality

Percentage Attendance		No. of Lates	
Sheeran	97.46	Sheeran	12
Yarnold	94.00	Yarnold	9
Hawking	98.37	Hawking	6
Rowling	96.25	Rowling	6

Overall weekly Attendance 96.52%

Attendance

Hawking had the best attendance this week, and they share the best punctuality with Rowling.

Other great learning

For those of you who follow us on Twitter (@palace_wood), you will have seen that this week we have had a bonfire and roasted marshmallows, a Victorian immersive experience and boat challenge to name but a few. As well as always looking to create the best learning experiences for our children, we are increasingly looking to share this on our Twitter feed, so make sure you follow us and check in. We always try and share the comments with the children and they love hearing them so don't be afraid to comment!

Parents' Evening

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend parents' evening this week. I hope you found the meeting useful by way of updating you on your child's progress. If you have any follow up questions, or if something comes up at any time, please contact your class teacher. We really value the ongoing conversations about your child's learning and want to work with you to help them progress.

Book Fair

The book fair was a huge success. It was so encouraging to see so many children excited about books. We are really trying to support reading for pleasure and there is something so very special about a new book. Thank you to everyone who visited the book fair. We raised £1,293.95, which means we will have £716.37 to spend on new books for school!

Children in Need

Next Friday is Children in Need. Your child can wear pyjamas (complete with dressing gown and slippers for me!) on Friday for a suggested donation of £1.

And finally

Please have a good look at all of the Christmas Dates that will be coming out with the newsletter. It is always such a busy time of year with things going on all the time. We wouldn't want you or the children to miss out on anything.

Mr Chatley

Letters/Parentmails home this week:

All Book Fair
 Celebration of Cultural Diversity Week
 Breakfast & After School Club Contact Number
 Yr6 Reading Ambassadors

Dates for your Diary (new dates in red)

15 Nov Non Uniform Day for Children in Need (Pyjamas)
 22 Nov Open Day
 25 Nov Friends' Grotto
 28 Nov Non-uniform day (chocolate!)
 29 Nov Friends' Christmas Fair
 4 Dec Year 4 Christmas Show
 5&6 Dec EYFS Christmas Show
 10 Dec Year 2 Christmas Show
 11 Dec Christmas Jumpers
 Christmas Lunch
 Year 5 & 6 Carol Concert
 12 Dec Year 1 Show
 13 Dec Oaks' Christmas Disco
 16 Dec Carols at St Nicholas Church (children)

INSET Days, when school is closed to children, are:

1. 18 October 2019
2. 18 December 2019
3. 16 April 2020
4. 17 April 2020
5. 1 June 2020