



PALACE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Firstly, apologies for not sending a newsletter out last week. Time ran away with us here so we have decided to cram everything into this week's edition!

World Book Week

We have had a hugely busy week this week as it has been World Book Week. We have followed a Whale theme this year, where all of the year groups have had a book linked to the theme of whales. There has been a range of different activities all week linked to reading. You hopefully will have seen the development of the whale that Mrs Lembo has been working on with the children. It has been amazing to see how this has been growing over the week. The children have been brilliant and, under the direction of Mrs Lembo, have helped her to create this year's masterpiece.

We have also been supporting Greenpeace (still following that theme!) and it was lovely to see the Splash of Green on Thursday across the school. I saw everything from green socks to green hair(!). We really appreciate you supporting this charity, and we raised just over £250.

Although we love World Book Week at Palace Wood, it is really important to remember that this week is just a week! The importance of reading simply cannot be underestimated.

Reading for pleasure is more likely to determine whether a child does well at school than their social or economic background. Books expose children to more facts and a broader vocabulary and virtually any other activity, and persuasive data indicate people who read for pleasure enjoy cognitive benefits throughout their lifetime.

The fact that reading regularly and widely gives you more knowledge has multiple

benefits too. The main one of these is that when it comes to knowledge, the more you have, the more you can gain.

In addition, evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment every day not only perform better in reading tests than those who don't, but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures.

We ask that you do as much reading as you possibly can with your child. Encouraging them to read independently is great – reading to them (even in Year 6!) is even better!



Superstar Corner

Ella (in Monkeys) has recently joined Pegasus Gymnastics Club. Last week she earned her first badge in their award scheme which she was very proud of. Lucia has recently achieved her level 5 badge from Pegasus gymnastics club. Elif (Giraffes) gained her Pegasus Gymnastics Awards Level 1 badge and certificate this week. Emilia (Leopards) was awarded her badge 10 at Pegasus Gymnastics.

Alfie and Percy - Attendance and Punctuality

Percentage Attendance		No. of Lates	
Sheeran	98.02	Sheeran	38
Yarnold	98.03	Yarnold	24
Hawking	96.02	Hawking	27
Rowling	96.99	Rowling	24

Overall weekly Attendance 97.26%

Attendance

Attendance is won by a whisker by Yarnold this week, and they share the punctuality prize with Rowling. It was a very nasty week for traffic problems hence the high number of lates recorded.

Book recommendations



Somebody swallowed Stanley by Sarah Roberts Meet Stanley. He's no ordinary jellyfish. He is a plastic bag and he shouldn't be in the sea! With beautiful illustrations, this

book tells the story of the problems a simple plastic bag can create in the oceans and all the creatures he meets on his journey. Perfect for our Book Week theme on whales and Greenpeace.



Greta and the Giants by Zoe Tucker

Inspired by Nobel Peace Prize nominee Greta Thunberg – the Swedish teenager who has led a global movement to raise awareness about the world's

climate crisis. This book has made this important topic has been made accessible to young in a powerful way.

Friends' Dates

Mother's Day - We will be holding a Mother's Day gift event on Friday 20th March during school. The price will be £2 per gift, one per pupil.

Easter Event - date for you diary! There will be an Easter Hunt after school on Monday 30th March.

More details to follow next week.

Run to Paris

One of the Palace Wood community is part of a team who are running to Paris. The good news is that a spot on the team has opened up and we would love to help them fill the place. For more information, please check out <https://run2paris.com>. Please contact the school if you can help out

And finally

What better way to start World Book Day than this. It brought a huge smile to my face when I saw it. Story time is my favourite time.



Mr Chatley

Letters/Parentmails home this week and last:

All	Music Survey, Mother's Day Assembly, Coronavirus Advice, Reading Newsletter
	EYFS Outdoor Area Clean-Up Reminder & Clean-Up Cancellation
	World Book Day
	Elmer Designs
Giraffes	Head Lice
Pandas	Teaching Arrangements
Monk's	Swimming Reminder
Yr3/4	Choir Club
Yr1/2	Film Club
Yr5/6	Maidstone Squash Club
Yr6	Secondary School Allocation
Acorns	Pedal Cycling Cancelled

Dates for your Diary (new dates in red)

11/12 Mar.	Consultations
9 Mar	Return reading sponsorship forms & money
	Wooden spoon return
20 Mar	Friends Mother's Day gifts
23 Mar	EYFS Mother's Day Assembly
25 Mar	Year 3 Performance @ 2.30pm
30 Mar	Easter Hunt
1 April	Break-up for Easter

INSET Days: 16 April 2020, 17 April 2020, 1 June 2020