



PALACE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Memory!

This week we ran the first sessions on 'Helping your child to learn' based around memory. It was hard to know what to expect, as we haven't had to organise workshops like these virtually before but it was fantastic to see so many of you 'tune in'. If you missed it, we will be sending around a link soon where you can watch it at your leisure!

We are really keen to share this information with you as we have really started to see the positive impact of it in school.

Over the rest of this term, we will run a few more sessions on memory, developing deeper and longer lasting memories as well as some strategies and activities that you can do at home to support your children. The best bit is that once you have an understanding of this, the application can be really low stakes so will not put any undue pressure on you or your child so it's a win win scenario!

If you have any questions, comments or would like any further clarification, please let us know as we are more than happy to help.

Palace Wood Needs You!

As I mentioned last week, we will be unable to hold the traditional Open Mornings to show children how amazing Palace Wood is.

I asked last week if you could help us out with some parent testimonials to support the school in sharing your positive experiences. So far, I have only received a couple (thank you if that is you!) but I would really love a few more as your voice is so important to us. You could record a short video of yourself, or send in a voice recording that we could or send in some words that we could add to a slide on a presentation would also be fantastic.

If you are keen to support, please send your testimonials to headteacher@palacewood.kent.sch.uk. If the file size is too big, using We Transfer is an excellent free site to share a link.

Parking

It's been a while but we all knew it would be coming back! As the weather has started to turn, we have started to see an increase in the number of cars around school and so unfortunately the inconsiderate parking has also returned.

Last week I had reports of parents parking over the drives of residents which meant that they were unable to get in or out of their own house. This is not fair on them. We also were contacted by the BP garage who reported that parents were parking in front of the store and across the entrance. This is unacceptable as it significantly increases the risks of accidents due to the number and size of vehicles accessing the garage. Please take more care in where you are parking. Like so many things, perhaps think about how you would feel if the roles were reversed. If you wouldn't like it done to you, then it's a good enough reason not to do it to others.

Happy News!

We are absolutely delighted to be able to tell you that Miss Ridout is expecting her first child, with the arrival due in February. I am sure you will join me in offering her huge congratulations on her next big adventure!

Harvest

You may have seen the ParentMail regarding harvest this year. We will still be linking up with St Nicholas and they have asked that our children produce a small display for their church. It will be open to view to parents and a date will be set in due course.

They have asked that we have a 'Lockdown Harvest' theme. Each class is producing an A2 collage of photographs/pictures of new skills learnt or projects the children produced over the period they weren't physically at school and since their return. Examples could be photo of learning to ride a bike, photos of arts and crafts or pictures of vegetables they have grown. We would ask that these are sent in with the children or emailed to the class teacher by the end of the week. They can then be put together ready for collection by the church on Tuesday 6th October.

Palace Wood has been forging links with our local community and would like to continue to support The Maidstone Winter Shelter. As part of the Harvest celebration, we would be very grateful to receive non-perishable foods, toiletries or anything you would like to donate that you think homeless people would appreciate.

And finally

As we enter October, Autumn is most definitely upon us. During the Summer term, I stumbled across a fantastic poem which I shared in one of the online lessons with Year 5 and 6 and it is so lovely that I wanted to share it with you. Enjoy!

*Thick blankets, crisp tapestries
Of burnt-oranges, raging-reds and golden-browns,
Now cover the feet of tired trees.
A last ditch effort to keep them clothed and warm.
And as the wind picks up and shakes the blankets out,
The languid leaves perform nonchalant aerobatics.
Nature's fire-work display ignited by the biting breeze.*

*Scurrying squirrels search frantically
For their winter hoard.
They rustle through the blankets
Hoping to find their crown-topped treats.
And once they have raided nature's kitchen,
They scamper back to stock up their own larder.*

*Once short shadows now stretch out like creeping roots
As the sun sits heavily in a milky sky.
The artist spills her watercolours across
The canvas that envelopes the world.
Beautiful blends of pastel shades streak across the horizon
Before being drowned by a black ink.*

Dates for your Diary:

3 remaining INSET days: 23/10, 4/1, 7/6
Flu immunisation – whole school – 20/11
Individual Portrait Photos – 13/10 – NO PE TODAY

Parentmails:

EYFS	Letter from The Friends
YrR/1/2	Infant free school meals
Yr4/5/6	The Maplesden Noakes School Open Day
Yr6	Secondary Transfer Meeting & PESE test uniform
	PGL 2021
	PESE test day information
	Art - Architecture
All	Helping Children Learn
	School Photos
	Flu Immunisation 2020
	Harvest
	October Holiday Club
	The Friends 1 st Meeting
Tigers	Writing for Pleasure



Superstar Corner

Sammy (Zebras), Amelia(Zebras) and Chloe(Elephants) all had their first Taekwondo grading and are now all Yellow Stripes. Efe (Panthers) has had a great start to the season for Castle Colts. Stanley (Pandas) won a Man of the Match award and has learnt how to swim.