



PALACE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers

A big thank you to all those people I have met either at the beginning or end of the day and who have come and said hello. It's been lovely to meet so many of you. It's been a busy week in school and the children have been working really hard on lots of different topics. Below is a tiny peek into some of the things each year group have been doing this week. It's been great meeting the children and getting into classrooms – what well behaved and motivated children. They've really impressed me with their attitude to work and their keenness to speak about their learning.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Cairns

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| Monday 31 st May – | School Holidays |
| Friday 4 th June | |
| Monday 6 th June 2021 | INSET day – school closed to children |
| Tuesday 15 th June 2021 | Class Photos |
| Tuesday 4 th May | Balance Ability – selected children in Acorns |
| Tuesday 18 th May | Consultations <i>(we will inform you when our booking system is open)</i> |
| Wednesday 19 th May | Consultations |
| Wednesday 21 st July | Break Up |

INSET DAYS FOR NEXT YEAR

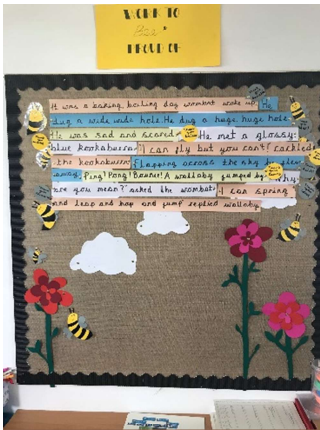
Wednesday 1st September 2021
Thursday 2nd September 2021
Monday 1st November 2021
Tuesday 4th January 2022
Monday 6th June 2022

Remember to let us know about your child's out-of-school achievements by Thursday afternoon each week.

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In **EYFS** this week we started our new learning topic of “Growing” and have looked at the lifecycle of a sunflower and we also read “The Tiny Seed”. Using our loose parts box some children decided to make pictures of some flowers



In **Year 1** this week we have been working on counting in 2s and 5s in maths and noticing what kinds of patterns we see. In English we have started a new story called 'Wombat goes Walkabout' and have been introduced to some very interesting Australian animals. We have been using a variety of literary techniques including onomatopoeia and repetition in our writing. In Science we have begun learning about animals. This week we have learnt about amphibians, mammals, insects, fish, birds and reptiles. In ICT we have begun to learn about coding using 'Fun with Fish'. In PSHE we have been learning about what qualities good friends have and what to do if we have a falling out with our friends. In Art with are learning about the artist 'Jackson Pollock' and offered our opinions on a variety of his artwork. Finally in Geography we have been learning about our world and the continents. It has been lovely to be back in school and to get our teeth stuck into lots of different learning.



In **Year 2** we are learning about plants in science. We all planted a bean seed and are going to keep a diary to observe how they grow. We have also set up an investigation to find out what happens to plants without water and sunlight.”

Year 3 are learning about Henri Matisse in Art. Monkeys class used chalk shadow drawings to help them think about dancing figure shapes. They then used these shapes to cut out coloured paper to create a Henri Matisse style picture.



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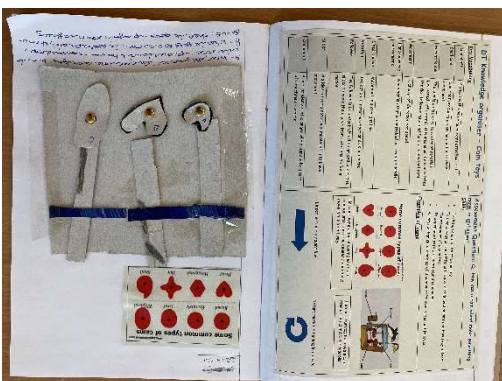


In **Year 4** we have been on a virtual trip to Sicily. The children then looked at pictures and information and were tour guides for the area. They had to narrate a tour of the area focusing on location, food, weather, sight-seeing and history and outdoor adventurous activities. Year 4 really enjoyed this and are looking forward to writing a travel brochure.

In maths, children have been recapping on how to multiply by 10 and 100 and we have also covered dividing by 10 and 100. The children have focused on explaining their answers when answering challenges to demonstrate their understanding.



Year 5 have been studying the reproduction of flowers. To look at the way a flower uses pollen to reproduce, we dissected flowers and looked at the sections which are male and female. It was amazing how the pollen travels from the stigma to the ovule. It helped us revise old knowledge and introduce the new vocabulary we are using in Science for the coming term.



Year 6 have begun their unit on Cams this week. Thanks to your donations of cardboard, they have explored how different shaped cams move and the names of the parts of a cam toy.

They're looking forward to building on this next week by recalling the component parts names and beginning to designing their own.

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Times Table Rock Stars:

Mudasir – Crocodiles
William – Lions
Jacob – Lions

Star spellers of the week

Kateko – Lions
Joshua – Tigers
Milaya - Monkeys

At Palace Wood we
Give it our best
Respect one another
Overcome obstacles
Work together

Libby in Panthers has played her first football match for Castle Colts - Castle Maidens on Sunday and won player of the match!

Libby also completed 3k Easter run and managed it without stopping.





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This week's Always Children:

Hippos - Ava
Rhinos - Kyle
Lions - Sienna
Tigers - Maddison
Leopards - Aisha
Panthers - Mabel
Crocodiles - Finley
Monkeys - Rosa
Pandas - Manha
Zebras - Jacob
Giraffes - Felix
Bears - Emilia
Elephants - Hannah
Penguins - Sophie

Rowling Team
achieved the most team
points this week.

If your child would like a new
team colour badge, please send
in 10p in an envelope marked
with name, class and team.

