



PALACE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers

It has certainly been an interesting week of weather this week but the learning hasn't stopped as you will see from the photos and comments below. Even today, between the downpours and torrential rain, the children have been using the outside space to continue investigating minibeasts in EYFS, PE lessons further up the school and some maths learning on measuring!

We are now all aware of the new Delta covid variant and the increase in infection rates in our local area. This is leading, as in our school, to bubble closures across the county and I suspect this will continue throughout the rest of this term. We are doing our best to minimise the disruption this causes to learning and will switch to remote teaching straight away in the event of a year group bubble closure. We have reinforced, with all staff and children, the need to continue following our covid risk assessment. Currently, I have no plans to return to class bubbles but this may change if the local situation becomes more challenging.

We were disappointed that 'Freedom Day' has been postponed and this has meant that we, again, have needed to look at the events we had planned for later in the term and adapt accordingly. This does mean that, with regret, we will not be able to invite parents on site for the Year 6 Leavers' Assembly or any transition activities.

Guidance from the DfE and KCC have made it very clear that transition meetings for Year R and Year 6 should be postponed. We are in discussion with secondary schools as to how this will look and I will update you as soon as I have any information.

On a happier note The Elmer Big Heart Parade starts tomorrow for 9 weeks. From 19th June, don't forget to download the Elmer's Big Heart of Kent Parade app from the App Store or Google Play for FREE. It will show you the location of each Elmer and the herds of small Elmers, along with information about our Official Partners, Sponsors and artists. <https://elmermaidstone.co.uk> Maps are available from Fremlin Walk that detail where the Elmers are situated. We do know that our Elmer, designed by Robin in Crocodiles (photo in Yr3 below), has found a new home at the Maidstone Library.

It's National Picnic Week next week – let's hope the sunny weather returns and we can enjoy being outside again.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Cairns

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 22nd June 2021 EYFS Hearing & Vision Checks (School Nursing Team)

Friday 2nd July Class Photos

Wednesday 21st 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

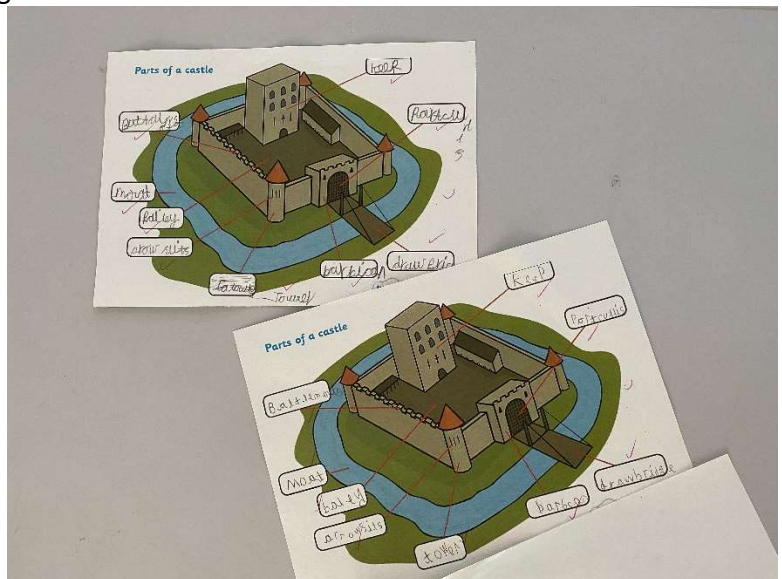
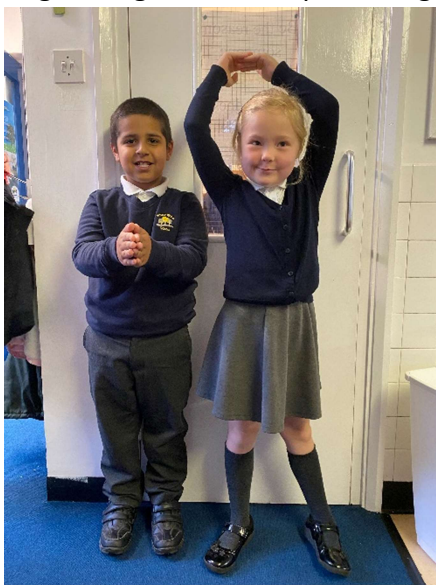


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We have certainly made the most of the weather in **EYFS** this week. The sun brought out plenty of minibeasts for us to investigate. We also froze some beasties in ice and predicted what would happen to them in the hot sun. In our maths learning, we have been exploring measure. We have been looking at a variety of ways we can measure length, height and distance

This week **Year 1** have been learning about castles and different parts of a castle and their purpose. The children really enjoyed labelling their pictures independently. They have also been making up actions to go along with their space song and going to the moon in music this week too.



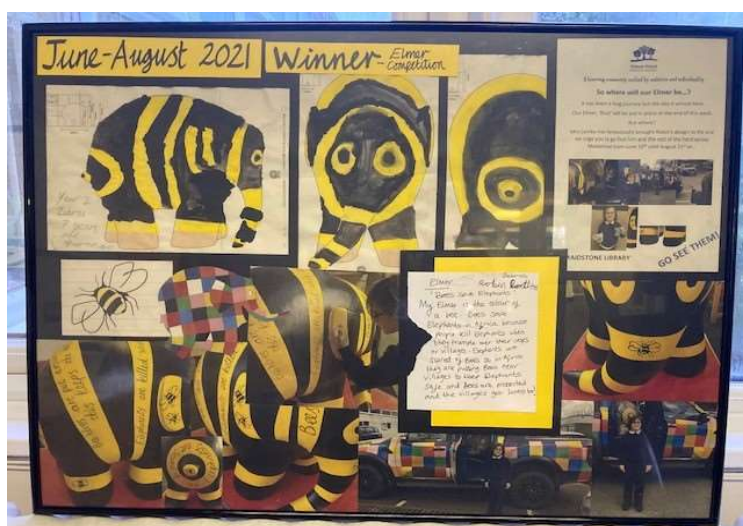
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Well **Year 2** what an amazing week! So many of you working at home, finding new ways to do things and making 100% effort and commitment. Year two have continued with all learning this week. In English - we have learnt how to write a simile and make new language choices. In maths - we have been thinking about grams and kilograms. History was really cool, when we turned our focus to castles - many children making castles in their gardens during the hot spell. In PSHE - we thought about things that make us jubilant. As teachers' we are very proud of you all. We look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

[Sorry we couldn't do any photos this week!]



Year 3 learning about traditional Indian music. Here they are trying to play the Rag which is a series of notes which Indian music uses to create the tune and often played using instruments such as a sitar (like a guitar) or harmonium (a pump organ).



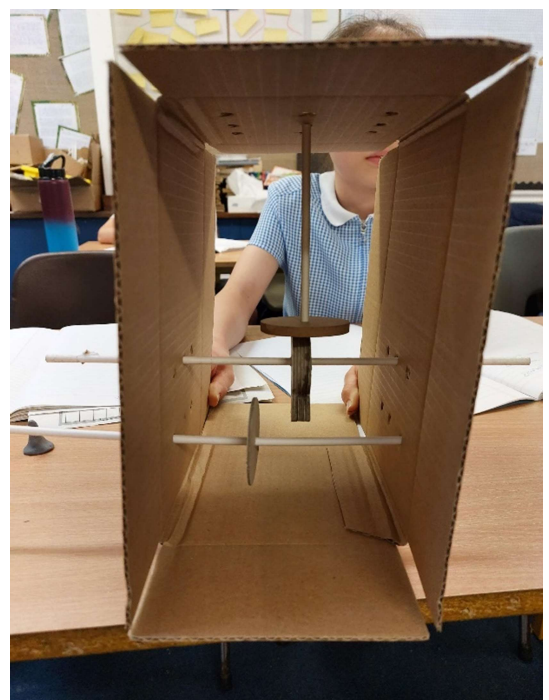
Robin from Crocodiles winning the Elmer design competition.

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This week in **Year 4**, we have been investigating food chains and what would be the result if part of a food chain was removed. In English we have been planning our independent write and trying to include different elements of our success criteria and writing rainbow as part of our focus on “The Journey by Aarron Becker”. On Monday the children had their first opportunity to take part in some cricket activities, we can’t wait to see what we will be doing next week!



This week in **Year 5** we have been looking at how cams work so we can make our own moving parts toy. Investigating how the cams move and designing the toy has been so interesting. Our moving toys are definitely going to look amazing when we have made them. Our ideas are fabulous!



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Year 6 have been exploring nets in maths. To help deepen their understanding they created different nets for commonly used packaging. The sandwich boxes were a challenge that most overcame. Great work Year 6!



Rhinos sandwich packets and chocolate boxes.



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Rowling achieved the
most team points again this
week!

This Week's Always Children

Hippos – Frank	Rhinos – Ben
Lions – Bethany	Tigers – Oliver
Leopards – Malak	Panthers – Ellis
Crocodiles - Darcie	Monkeys - Theo
Bears – Isabella	Giraffes - Harry
Elephants - Charlie	Penguins - Isabelle

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

TT Rockstars
Yasmin (Rhinos)
Dylan (Rhinos)
Ted (Monkeys)

Mrs Cairns' Always Child:
Tommy in Crocodiles