



# Palace Wood Primary School

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Year 3 have had a fantastic time at Kingswood over the past 3 days. I visited them yesterday to see how they were getting on. I am pleased to report that, despite facing some challenges, they had a fantastic time. Whilst I was there, the children took part in circus skills, zip lining, archery, swimming, nightline and indoor rock climbing. Well done Year 3. We

are really proud. A huge thanks to all the staff (Mrs Vincett, Mrs Shaw, Mrs Ball, Mrs Fittall, Mrs Griffiths and Mrs Vella) who gave up their own time and left their own children with family members to take Year 3 on this adventure.



## Alfie the Attendance Alligator

Rhinos 98.3%

Hippos 97.9%

**Tigers 100%**

Lions 94.3%

Leopards 93.1%

Panthers 96.8%

Monkeys 95.8%

Crocodiles 93.3%

Pandas 96.9%

Zebras 98.0%

Bears 92.5%

Giraffes 96.6%

Elephants 98.8%

Penguins 96.7%



## Superstar corner

APM Holtwood under 7's football team is made up of all Year 2 Palace Wood boys. On Sunday 3rd May they won the Invicta Primary League Cup Final beating Castle Colts 4-2 and were awarded the Danny Holkham Shield. Players are from left **Jack, William, William, Lewis, Zane, Ted, Ethan, Ethan, Nicolas and Oliver**. Well done boys!

Congratulations to **Cooper and Harrison Bedford** who played in the Isle Of Wight Rugby Tour with their rugby club last weekend. The U11's were plate runners up after a very exciting semi final and Cooper played in his first tour winning a special award for sportsmanship and always giving his all.

Well done to **Charlie in Lions** who won the Under 10s "Spirit of Rugby" award at the annual awards day at Aylesford Bulls Rugby Club on Sunday.

Congratulations to **Urban in Monkeys** who was awarded the "Coach's Player" trophy. This was Urban's first season for Aylesford Bulls. Urban was chosen for this award for his commitment, effort and for always encouraging & supporting team mates.

Well done to **Ellie and Eliana in Bears and Abbie in Giraffes** who passed their first dance exam and were presented with medals and certificates.



**This week's letters home (or via parentmail):**

All: Non School Uniform Days

Year R:

Year 1/2:

Year 3/4:

Year 5/ 6: Yr 6 Safety in Action visit

**Dates for your diary: New dates are in red**

w/c 11th May Year 6 SATs week (Y6 breakfast club 8:30 Mon-Thurs)

13th+14th May— 2pm Foundation Stage parents in school sessions

**Fri 15th May—non-uniform for Nepal**

Mon 18th May 7pm—Year 5 CATs test meeting **NOW in Hippos**

Thurs 21st May—2:45pm informal parents' forum

Fri 22nd May—Friends' non-uniform day

**ADVANCE DATES:**

**Fri 12th June 9:15am Giraffes assembly**

**Fri 19th June 9:15am Bears assembly**

**Friday June 26th AM—Sports Day. We will be extending sports day this year to include a family picnic afterwards (weather permitting!)**

**Saturday 20th June—Summer Fair 12-3.30pm**

**Fri 3rd July 9:15am Pandas assembly**

**Fri 10th July 9:15am Zebras assembly**

**Thur 16th (2pm) and Fri 17th (7pm) July—Year 6 Production**

**Wednesday 22nd July—Year 6 Prom and Year 2 Party**

**Non-uniform day to support fundraising for Nepal**

As I'm sure you are aware, Nepal suffered a devastating earthquake on April 25th which killed more than 7,000 people and injured more than twice as many people. To offer our support to the Nepalese community during this devastating time, we will be holding a non-school uniform day next Friday - 15th May. We would welcome donations of £1.



**Class Photographs**

Class photographs were taken on Tuesday. We were very lucky with the weather so the photos were all taken outside. This year we opted for the traditional class photo so that you have something different to the previous few years. If your child is in Year 6, there is also an option to buy a whole year group photo. You will have the option to buy this in addition to or instead of the Year 6 individual class photos.

**Kent Fire and Rescue Service**

Last week, children from Year 1-6 received a visit from the Kent Fire and Rescue service. Year 1 and 2 learnt about matches, 'stop, drop and roll', smoke detectors and what they should do if they discover a fire. Year 3 and 4 had a recap of previously covered topics and also discussed how having a fire plan is helpful. Year 5 and 6 received very important information regarding hoax calls and how to deal with burns. We would like to thank Kent Fire and Rescue for coming into school and delivering such important messages to help keep our children safe.

You will be receiving a card from KF&RS offering their advice services for free. There is a sign-up sheet in the office which will provide a quicker response if needed.

**Payment for school trips**

Although we use the word 'voluntary' in our paperwork for trips that take place during curriculum time, if insufficient contributions are received from parents, the trips cannot go ahead. We do ask that if parents are having genuine difficulty paying for these extra-curricular activities that we organise to extend the children's education, they contact me confidentially and I will endeavor to find the funds to cover the child's attendance.

**Thinking question.....**

Would you rather be a pen or a pencil? Why?

All suggestions to Miss Ridout, 2tps an entry.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Miss Ridout