



# Palace Wood Primary School

Issue 35 2014-15

16th June 2015

[www.palacewoodschoools.org.uk](http://www.palacewoodschoools.org.uk)  
**Email: office@palacewood.kent.sch.uk**  
**Phone: 01622 750084**

It's been another busy week at Palace Wood. It was so lovely to see so many of you at the fair—thank you for braving the weather. A HUGE thank you must go to our extremely dedicated Friends team. Without them, there wouldn't be a fair. Thank you to Clair, Wendy and Kelly who helped at our new entrants evening on Tuesday and to the Friends (and Edward) who helped at Sports Day this morning.

The bottom right of the newsletter has the class destinations for next year.

### A message from Mrs Priestley

You will notice that Mrs Sue Ridout is not part of the staffing structure for next year. Mrs Ridout has been an outstanding member of the staff team this year and a wonderful teacher for Panthers Class since October. From September Mrs Ridout will return to her role as one of our excellent supply teachers. Although not teaching full time at the school, I am very pleased that she will continue to teach here on a regular basis and I would like to thank her for her exceptional commitment to Palace Wood.

### Year 5 visit to Valley Park

On Tuesday 23rd June, Year 5 went to Valley Park for a day of creative workshops. I have heard that their behaviour was noted as exceptional—well done Year 5; how lovely to hear. Thanks to the parents who accompanied us and to Valley Park for organising the event.

### Year 6 London trip

The Year 6 trip to London went extremely well. The children enjoyed the musical Wicked, a quick visit to Buckingham Palace and a picnic in the park. A big Thank You to the helpers who came along - we are very grateful. As always, the children's behaviour was excellent and they represented the school well.



### Alfie the Attendance Alligator



- Rhinos 98.7%
- Hippos 99.3%**
- Tigers 94.6%
- Lions 96.7%
- Leopards 99%
- Panthers 97%
- Monkeys 96%
- Crocodiles 96.3%
- Pandas 97.2%
- Zebra 99.2%
- Bears 95%
- Giraffes 93.9%
- Elephants 92.7%
- Penguins 95%

Year group	Class	Class
FS	<b>Mrs Wallace (FS Leader)</b> Elephants	<b>Mrs Gallie</b> Penguins
Year 1	<b>Miss Cackett</b> Old Elephants Giraffes	<b>Mrs Childs (AHT)/Mrs Bedford</b> Old Penguins Bears
Year 2	<b>Mrs Kyte</b> Old Giraffes Zebras	<b>Miss Gower</b> Old Bears Pandas
Year 3	<b>Miss Mason</b> Old Zebras Crocodiles	<b>Mrs Staple</b> Old Pandas Monkeys
Year 4	<b>Mrs Nolan</b> Old Crocodiles Panthers	<b>Mrs Vincett (AHT)</b> Old Monkeys Leopards
Year 5	<b>Mrs Armstrong</b> Old Leopards Lions	<b>Miss Archer</b> Old Panthers Tigers
Year 6	<b>Mrs Fullagar</b> Old Lions Rhinos	<b>Miss Ridout (DHT)/Mrs Tristram</b> Old Tigers Hippos

## This week's letters home

(or via parentmail):

All: Sports Day

Year R:

Year 1/2:

Year 3/4/5:

Year 6: London Trip, Prom

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

Fri 3rd July 9:15am Pandas assembly

Fri 3rd July Palace Woodstock 6-10pm

Fri 10th July 9:15am Zebras assembly

Fri 10th July 6:30 End of Year disco Y3-6

Weds 15th July AM Whole school transition session

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

Weds 22nd July—Year 6 Prom (7-9) and Year 2 Party (5-6:30)

Fri 24th July 2:30—Year 6 Leavers' assembly

Fri 24th July—Last day of term

Mon 7th September—first day back

### Thinking question.....

What does 'pandiculate' mean?

Year R and I grandparents may be able to help after the tea party quiz!

All suggestions to Miss Ridout,  
2tps an entry.

Thanks to everyone who came and supported our sports day and picnic today.

Well done to Sapphire who won this year's sports day and Hippos who were chosen by the Porter family to win the Charlotte Porter cup for sportsmanship.

Thanks so much to my Year 6 helpers who were fab and to the parents who entered the parent race. We hope everybody had as much fun as we did.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Ridout

## Sport News

### Girls' cricket tournament

You may remember that our Year 6 girls finished 2nd at the Maidstone cricket tournament 2 weeks ago. Unfortunately, Roseacre were unable to attend the county finals so on Tuesday we travelled to Folkestone to represent Maidstone. We had a fantastic day and I simply cannot fault the enthusiasm of the girls throughout the day.



There were some fantastic catches and, as the day progressed, the girls became more confident with their batting making some excellent running opportunities. Well done, girls! Thanks to Mrs Watts and Mrs Mitchell for coming with us for the day.

### Gymnastics

On Monday, three teams of children from across ks2 took part in a gymnastics competition. Held at Swadelands secondary school, the teams competed in three sections: floor exercise, body management and vault. Our teams worked really well, supporting each other and helping each other with routines. We are pleased to announce that our 3/4 team came fourth, one of our Year 5/6 teams came fourth and the other came third. A fantastic result for a sporting event we have not competed in before. Well done to all who took part. Thanks to Mrs Shaw and the parents who accompanied the teams.

### Quicksticks hockey

On Thursday, after the disappointment of the Maidstone hockey competition being cancelled, our teams took part in the Kent School Games Quicksticks Hockey district final. The event was held at Medway park with the Year 3/4 team competing in the morning and Year 5/6 in the afternoon. The Year 3/4 team tried really hard and although they did not win a match, they were awarded the Respect cup, awarded by the referees to the team who demonstrates the Olympic value of respect towards other teams, supporters and officials. Well done to them. The Year 5/6 team had mixed fortunes winning two matches and losing two matches. They played brilliantly and to come away third in their group was a fantastic achievement. They had the added bonus of meeting Team GB hockey goal keeper Kirsty Mckay, who chatted to them about her sporting career and listened as they shared all the sports they are involved in at Palace Wood.



All in all we had a fantastic day and the 13 children who took part were a credit to our school. Thanks to Mrs Shaw and parents/grandparents who accompanied the teams.

