

PALACE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

You can learn anything!

What have Ed Sheeran, Harry Kane, J.K. Rowling and Albert Einstein all got in common? I asked the children this question on Monday. We agreed that each of them is at the very top of their field. A lot of children would hold some of these as role models and inspirations, but how different are they from you and me? Ed Sheeran wasn't born able to play the guitar, Harry Kane wasn't born able to score goals, J.K. Rowling wasn't born a writer and Albert Einstein not born a scientist. All started from the same point. They all couldn't walk or talk just like you and me.

We used this as a springboard about how you really can learn anything. I showed the children a short video (which you can find here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JC82II2cjqA>). I love this video because it simply captures the idea of anyone being able to learn anything.

With the children starting a new year group in a new classroom, they will invariably discover things that they don't know. That is the point! We want them to learn new things, and, while we know that not everyone will go on to be the next Ed Sheeran, Harry Kane, J.K. Rowling or Albert Einstein, I do know that everyone can improve and learn anything they want to.

Before and After School arrangements

Please can I remind everyone of the arrangements for the start and the end of the day.

The school gates will be opened at 8:30, ready for the classroom doors to be opened at 8:45. Between these times, the children should be waiting to go into class, and not playing with equipment or riding on scooters or bikes. As soon as the classroom doors are open, the children should head inside as the teachers will have activities for them to be doing.

At the end of the day, the gates will be opened at 3:00 and the children will be dismissed at 3:15 in Acorns and 3:20 in Oaks. Again, the children should not be playing with any equipment or riding bikes or scooters.

It is lovely that the children want to stay behind after school, but it is important that we ensure the safety of everyone on the school site. The playgrounds become very busy, especially after school, and so it is not appropriate for the children to be playing with balls or riding scooters or bikes.

I would very much appreciate if you could support the school by reminding your children of this.

The Circus is coming to Palace Wood

You may remember that we announced last year that we would be hosting Happy's Circus. There are still some tickets available to what promises to be an amazing event. It is on Thursday 27th September from 6pm until 8pm. You can find out about Happy's circus here - <https://www.happyscircus.co.uk/> and you can get your tickets through the link below. www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsopalacewood

See what we've been up to

Now we are a few weeks in to term, the children would love to show you what they've been up to so far. If you would like to pop in and see some of their work, and maybe have a quick chat with your child's teacher, please pop along from 3:20pm until 4:00 pm on Wednesday 3rd October.

Year 6 Secondary Transfer

Calling all Year 6 parents. On Wednesday 3rd October at 4:00pm in Oaks Hall, we will be holding a meeting about Secondary Transfer. In this meeting, we will talk to you about the form that needs to be completed, any dates and deadlines and try to answer any questions that you have about the whole process. We hope to see Year 6 parents there.



Superstar Corner!

Hannah in Tigers worked really hard organising activities to raise money for cancer research. She did a fantastic job.

Alfie the Attendance Alligator - weekly attendance



Rhinos	99.3%	Panthers	98.3%	Bears	95.7%
Hippos	96.2%	Crocodiles	96.8%	Giraffes	99.3%
Lions	96.6%	Monkeys	97.3%	Elephants	NA
Tigers	97.7%	Pandas	98.0%	Penguins	NA
Leopards	97.0%	Zebras	98.7%		

Overall weekly Attendance - 97.7%



Parking

Please can I remind all parents that they cannot park on the chevrons outside of school as these need to be kept free to allow children to cross safely.

Calls from school

If you receive a missed call from school, please can you check to see if we have left you a message. This will make forwarding your call to the appropriate person much easier.

Congratulations Miss Gower

We are delighted to announce that Miss Gower has had her baby. He was a little early, which took everyone by surprise, but both he and Miss Gower are doing well.

Parent Volunteer Safeguarding

We are again running our Parent Volunteer Safeguarding training. If you currently are, or would like to volunteer in school, you must attend one of these sessions. Please read the letter for more details. To clarify – the 3rd date is **Wednesday 19th at 9.00 am.**

Pupil Premium Funding

A letter will be accompanying the newsletter this week about Free School Meals. Even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, you can be eligible for Free School Meals. This does so much more than provide a free meal every day, as it £1320 of funding will be available to the school. Please take the time to fill in and return the form if you think you may be eligible.

Friends' Summer Challenge

The draw will take place on Friday 21st September so make sure all the challenge sheets are returned to school before then please.

And finally...

Yesterday was Roald Dahl day. He was one of my favourite authors as a child, and his books are still as popular today. Whilst Arthur loves books, I'm not sure he is quite ready for some of the Roald Dahl classics just yet. I can't wait to read him Charlie and the Chocolate Factory or The BFG which are two are my favourites. What is your favourite Roald Dahl book? Maybe have a look through the bookshelf or pop along to the library to read it one more time!

Letters sent home this week:

Yr6	Newsletter, MGGS info
Yr5&6	Sportshall Athletics Club
Yr1	Phonics Café
EYFS	Phonics Café
EYFS & YrR	NHS Height & Weight Measurement

Dates for your Diary: (new dates in red)

Mon 17/9	2pm Safeguarding training
Wed 19/9	9 am Safeguarding training
Thu 27/9	Happy's Circus
Wed 3/10	9.00 McMillan Coffee Morning in Acorns Hall
	Yr6 Secondary Transfer Mtg 4pm
	KM "First Class" Photo of EYFS children
	3.20 Book Look
Sat 6/10	Open Morning for Sept 2019 entry
Tue 9/10	Harvest Festival at St Nicholas Church
Wed 10/10	Open Morning for Sept 2019 entry
Fri 12/10	Oaks' Disco 6.30-8.00
Mon 15/10	Individual & Family Photos
Mon 29/10	INSET Day (school closed)

Term Dates:

October holiday 22-26 October

Attachments:

Messy Sports
Free School Meals