

# PALACE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

It's been a busy week this week at Palace Wood!

Year 6 had 'mock SATs' this week, to help prepare them for the real thing that start a week on Monday. The children, as we have come to expect, responded very well to a routine that is very different to the normal days that they will have been used to.

As it is now May (already!) Year 2 have also started their SATs. The children will be taking various papers to support their teachers' assessment across the whole month of May – dodging the various other events!

If you follow us on Twitter (and I suggest you do!) you will have seen that we had new curtains fitted in Acorns Hall (thank you to the Friends for the donation). I'm sorry if this means you won't be able to use the phrase 'Oh, we had those curtains when I came here.' any more, but we think the upgrade was worthwhile!

You will have also seen from Twitter and the website that Percy has now travelled to Maidstone Museum to be part of the main exhibition entitled 'Endangered and Extinct'. You can find out more about the exhibition [here](#).

The eagle eyed amongst you will have noticed that we have had a 'mulch patch' put in on the field next to the walkway between Acorns and Oaks. This will soon house an outdoor table tennis table, which we have been able to fund due to our Sports Premium Money.

In times where we talk a lot about school budgets, I'm sure that many of you may be wondering why the school have spent money on this rather than other resources. There is a very long and complicated reason, but the

short story is that schools receive a separate pot of funding called the PE and Sport Premium. This money is ring fenced to be spent on five very specific areas:

- the engagement of all pupils in regular physical activity
- the profile of PE and sport is raised across the school as a tool for whole-school improvement
- increased confidence, knowledge and skills of all staff in teaching PE and sport
- broader experience of a range of sports and activities offered to all pupils
- increased participation in competitive sport

I can assure you that the school carefully consider the best use of the budget to provide the children with the best opportunities to fulfil their potential. If you are interested in finding out more about the PE and Sports Premium, it may be worth you reading the government website (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/pe-and-sport-premium-for-primary-schools>), and also the documents on our website.



## **Superstar Corner**

Phoebe (Giraffes) gained 3 badges at Rainbows this week. Her family tree, her 1 year service and Her Rainbows Know Myself. Elliot and Samuel from Panda's attending the St Georges day parade through Maidstone high street on Sunday, representing Allington Beavers. Isaac in Giraffes is very pleased to have earned his stage three swimming certificate this week, and is loving his new lessons in the deep end

## Alfie and Percy - Attendance and Punctuality

Percentage Attendance		Percentage of Lates	
Sheeran	97.76	Sheeran	0.19
Yarnold	97.40	Yarnold	0.10
Hawking	96.82	Hawking	0.47
Rowling	96.27	Rowling	0.98
Overall weekly Attendance 97.6%			

### Attendance

**Sheeran** win Alfie this week, and **Yarnold** win Percy! **Sheeran were promised a non-uniform day, which will be next Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May.**

### Friends Update

Don't forget that it is a Disco for children in Oaks tonight from 6:30 until 8:00. There are no advanced tickets, just £2 entry on the door. There will also be the tuck shops as well as the raffle and some of our other favourite stalls

You should have all received a paper copy of the sponsorship form for the Rainbow Run. We are really excited about this, so hopefully it can be a fun (and paint) filled event that can raise money for the school.

### And finally

Tomorrow is May 4<sup>th</sup>, and you know what that means!



Mr Chatley

### **Letters home this week:**

- All Non-uniform Day for Sheeran (now 10<sup>th</sup> May),  
Walk to School  
After School Club/Breakfast Club
- Yr6 Transition Tips  
FAB First Aid course  
Kent Police Open Day
- Yr5 Trip to Horton Kirby  
Kent Test Meeting
- Yr1 Phonics Screening Information Presentation

### **Dates for your Diary (new dates in red)**

- | <b>10 May</b> | <b>Non-uniform day for Sheeran</b> |
|---------------|------------------------------------|
| 13-16 May     | KS2 SATs                           |
| 20-24 May     | Yr6 to Kingswood                   |
| 27-31 May     | School Holiday                     |
| 5 June        | Class Photos                       |
| 7 June        | Yr5 to Horton Kirby                |
| 21 June       | Sports Day                         |
| 27 June       | Welcome meeting for new parents    |
| 28 June       | Yr6 to Kent Police Open Day        |
| 29 June       | Summer Festival                    |
| (2 July       | Reserve Sports Day)                |
| 4 July        | Summer Reading Event               |
| 5 July        | Reports to Parents & Oaks Disco    |
| 11 July       | Transition Day (date changed)      |
|               | Book Look                          |
| 15 July       | Year 6 Production (2.00)           |
| 16 July       | Year 6 Production (6.00)           |
| 18 July       | Year 2 Party (3.30-5.00)           |
|               | Year 6 Party (6.00-7.00)           |
| 19 July       | Year 6 Leavers' Assembly (2.45)    |