

PALACE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

A double dose of news this week due to there being no newsletter last week. Apologies for that, but Sports Day, the picnic and everything else meant that I got so distracted that I didn't get around to a newsletter!

Sports Day

Talking of Sports Day, what a wonderful day we had! The weather treated us well and the children all engaged in some new and exciting events in our restructured Sports Day. It was a tremendous effort from all involved and I know the children also thoroughly enjoyed themselves. A huge thank you to Miss Ridout who pulled the events together and organised the staff to ensure it all ran smoothly. Thank you to everyone who has commented on Sports Day. The feedback has been gratefully received.

The picnic too was a lovely occasion. I really enjoyed seeing the children sitting down with families and friends – I have to say that most of the food put my picnic to shame! Thank you too for making our friends from Five Acre Wood so welcome. They came and joined us for the picnic as part of their transition to the satellite classes for next year. They have all commented on the positive atmosphere around the school and how they have been treated with such kindness. They are so excited to be joining us next year, and we are excited to be welcoming them to our community.

Growth Mindset Week

This week we have been celebrating all that is Growth Mindset. The children have all been refocusing themselves on the pillars that support Growth Mindset and have been undertaking activities all week that reinforce these values. There has been juggling, papier mache, origami and much much more.

I started on Monday by sharing the story of Michael Jordan. Although he has been

retired for some time, his status as a legend goes on and many of the children had heard of him. He is an excellent embodiment of Growth Mindset. He was originally cut from his High School basketball team, before coming back even stronger the following year. He also tried another sport when he attempted to become a professional baseball player. He was not successful, but he gave the same effort as he did in his basketball. He famously said the following:

"I can accept failure, everyone fails at something. But I can't accept not trying."
"My attitude is that if you push me towards something that you think is a weakness, then I will turn that perceived weakness into a strength."

For those of you who could attend the great unveiling yesterday, you would have seen an amazing sculpture made and donated by Mr Maisey (a parent). It has taken 5 months of preparation and discussion, which has resulted in the logo structure now located in our Oaks entrance. The primary aim of this is to use it to celebrate and capture some key learning each year. A bit like a time capsule, when people come and visit they will get a true sense of the wide and inspiring curriculum we deliver. If you are yet to see it, then please come look.



Superstar Corner

Milo (Monkeys) got his red and yellow belt in kick boxing. Poppy (Leopards) performed at the Royal Albert Hall last week. Lexie (Zebras) and some of her friends who also have type 1 diabetes did a colour fun run yesterday for JDRF! They managed to raise a wonderful amount of £531.88. Izi in Giraffes, ran a 2.5km "bubble rush" sponsored fun run for Demelza house

Alfie and Percy - Attendance and Punctuality

| Percentage Attendance | | No. of Lates | |
|-----------------------|-------|--------------|---|
| Sheeran | 97.17 | Sheeran | 8 |
| Yarnold | 96.54 | Yarnold | 8 |
| Hawking | 97.94 | Hawking | 7 |
| Rowling | 94.71 | Rowling | 7 |

Overall weekly Attendance 96.61%

Attendance

This week Alfie is won by Hawking, and Percy is shared between Hawking and Rowling.

School Games Award

Good news. We have achieved the School Games Gold Award again for PE and Sport. We have now achieved it four years in a row which means we can apply for platinum next year! Thank you to all the staff, parents and children who have contribute to this award, and to Miss Ridout for coordinating it so well.



Friends Update

The date is finally here! Tomorrow is the Summer Festival! Thanks to a very generous donation, the tickets have now been reduced to £3 for adults and £1 for children. For that low price, you get to engage in some of your favourite activities from the Summer Fair like the coconut shy, tombolas, crockery smash and much more. In addition to all of that, you will also be treated to amazing live music, as we used to for Palace Woodstock – so for such a low price, you are getting the best of both worlds. The weather is going to be gorgeous so we hope to see you there!

Parking and Driving around school

Thank you for taking care to park and drive considerately. I know we mention about it a lot, but I wanted to share with you a story from the news this week about my previous school, where a parent was knocked over outside the school. this was a very serious incident, and one I am sure we all want to avoid.

<https://www.kentonline.co.uk/tonbridge/news/woman-airlifted-to-hospital-after-being-hit-by-car-outside-school-207060/>

And finally

"If you're trying to achieve, there will be roadblocks. I've had them; everybody has had them. But obstacles don't have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don't turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it."

Michael Jordan

Mr Chatley

Letters/Parentmails home this week:

Year 5 STEM Day
 All Festival x 2, Police Information (ride-outs)
 Buster Book Club, Childcare Vouchers
 House Day, History Day
 Growth Mindset Meeting
 Yr6 Yearbook

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

29 June Summer Festival
 1 July Year 2 Trip to Wingham
 3 July Year 1 Trip to Port Lympne
 5 July Reports to Parents
 Oaks Disco 6.30-8.00 pm
9 July SummerRead – please note date changed from 4th July
 11 July Transition Day & 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 (6.00-7.30)
 19 July Year 6 Leavers' Assembly (2.45)

(NO CLUBS WILL RUN DURING THE LAST WEEK OF TERM 15-19 JULY)