



# PALACE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

There is no sign of things slowing down at Palace Wood this week!

On Tuesday, we had the last of our House days. This one had a STEM theme where each group of children travelled around the school and took part in four activities with their group, accumulating points along the way. Although each room had an element of madness about it (in a good way obviously!) it was lovely to see how the children across the school collaborated. Each group was made up of children from all year groups across the school, and to see them all working together and having so much fun on the activities was a joy to see. I was actually showing some people around the school, and they too were blown away by the engagement and enthusiasm of the pupils and staff. It is things like this that really make the difference for our children and their journey through school. A big thank you to Mrs Fullagar and Mrs Homewood who organised the event.

Thursday was also a very exciting day as the children all moved up to their new classrooms. After registering in their current class, they then spent the time until break time in their new classroom with their new teacher. This is a great experience for the children and I know that it was a morning probably filled with excitement mixed with a little dash of nerves! If it is any consolation, I know the teachers feel like this too.

I also hope you enjoyed coming in to see the fruits of your children's labour after school yesterday. We know that we set high expectations for our children but the results and progress are clear to see.

## Phonics

	Average score	Working towards	Working at
Year 1	35.2	8.3%	<b>91.7%</b>
Year 2	35.7	8.1%	<b>91.9%</b>

## Key Stage 1 SATs

	Expected Standard	Greater Depth
Reading	77.4%	25.8%
Writing	67.7%	17.7%
Maths	75.8%	30.6%

## Key Stage 2 SATs

	Expected Standard	Greater Depth
Reading	73.3%	25%
Writing	76.6%	23.3%
Maths	83.3%	33.3%
Combined RWM	65%	NA
GPS	78.3%	26.7%

A huge amount of work goes into getting these results. We are proud of what the children have achieved, but have already identified how we want to continue to progress.



**End of year results**

Rory, Sullivan, Caden, Isaac, Henry, Ethan  
Rhys, Alex, Bilal, Noah, Sami



## Superstar Corner

Milo completed the 5km mud run in aid of Cancer Research. This week boys from Giraffes and Bears classes collected their end of season soccer school medals for Castle Colts. They have been amazing in their development and have really worked hard. Phoebe swam 15m and is very pleased her hard work has paid off! Ella recently moved up to Stage 3 in her swimming lessons, having completed Stage 2 and achieving her 5m Award. Alice (Giraffes) had her first ballet show on Sunday. She played a 'ballet doll' in front of an audience of at least 250 people at the Chatham Central Theatre

## Alfie and Percy - Attendance and Punctuality

Percentage Attendance		No. of Lates	
Sheeran	95.28	Sheeran	6
Yarnold	95.40	Yarnold	9
Hawking	97.59	Hawking	4
Rowling	97.96	Rowling	13

Overall weekly Attendance 96.55%

### Attendance

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

### Friends Information

As you will have read from the Friends information sent out a few weeks ago, our committee members are standing down at the end of the year. The Friends' AGM will be on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm in Oaks. We would encourage as many of you as possible to come so that you can hear about the successes of the year and, hopefully, volunteer for some of the roles for next year.

### Children's Raffle

One week down, one to go. Don't forget that your child can bring in some money for the Children's Raffle. The raffle will be drawn in assembly on Friday morning, so tickets will be available Monday – Thursday next week.

### Year 2 and Year 6 Leavers' Parties

The Year 2 party is on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 until 5:00pm and the Year 6 party is from 6:00 until 7:30pm.

### And finally

This time last year, I was talking about England having just lost to Croatia in the World Cup for football. However, we can now look forward to England playing in the ICC Cricket World Cup on Sunday against New Zealand. It is their first final in 27 years and the team are in a good place going into the final. Interestingly, in the last four years, the team have changed their approach to playing. They are adopting a 'no-fear' approach to cricket; this means that sometimes, things don't work and the team, or individuals within the team, fail. However, they learn from this, regroup, and try again. Approaching things without fear of failure has led to the team being ranked no.1 in the world. Surely, something to be learnt from that!

Mr Chatley

### **Letters/Parentmails home this week:**

Yr6	DVD Transition Tips
EYFS	Pirate Day Transition to Year 1
All	Fruit & Veg Competition Non-Uniform day reminder Parent Drop-in reminder Staffing information The Absolutely Everything Show
Individuals	Specific information re clubs

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

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)

### **ALL CLUBS HAVE NOW FINISHED**

9 Sept	7pm Friends' AGM Oaks
2 Sept	Children (and staff!) return to school

Term dates are attached for the next year and our INSET Days, when school is closed to children, are:

1. 18 October 2019
2. 18 December 2019
3. 16 April 2020
4. 17 April 2020
5. 1 June 2020