

PALACE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a busy week in school with parent meetings over 3 evenings. We thank you for your attendance and hope that you found them useful and productive conversations.

It was Walk to School Week this week and after an assembly on Monday each class discussed the positive benefits of walking to school –

- Walking to school improves health including mental health.
- It Improves fitness and physical development and helps children come into school alert and focussed. It helps with social development as it's an opportunity to chat and discuss the surrounding environment
- It lessens your environmental Impact.

There is another Walk to School Week later in June and again we will be discussing with the children the benefits and encouraging them to walk if they can. We understand that not everyone is able to walk but it may be that you can park a little bit further away from school and walk the last bit, or if you travel by bus get off one stop earlier before your normal stop. This would also help with congestion around the school and your children will benefit from the positive impact of walking each morning.

Next Friday we are having a day of kindness and will be encouraging the children to think about what it means to be kind and the remarkable benefits that can be reaped by those who show kindness every day. Research shows that when we allow ourselves to be kind we create neural pathways that enhance our feelings of well-being and we get a boost of feel-good endorphins.

Our Year 6 children will be leading some of the kindness sessions next Friday, and planning activities for our younger children – virtually of course!

Have a restful weekend

Mrs Cairns

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 26 th May 2021	Hippos' Deferred Consultations – booking now live
Friday 28 th May 2021	Kindness Day
Monday 31 st May – Friday 4 th June	School Holidays
Monday 7 th June 2021	INSET day – school closed to children
Tuesday 15 th June 2021	Class Photos
Wednesday 21 st July	Break Up



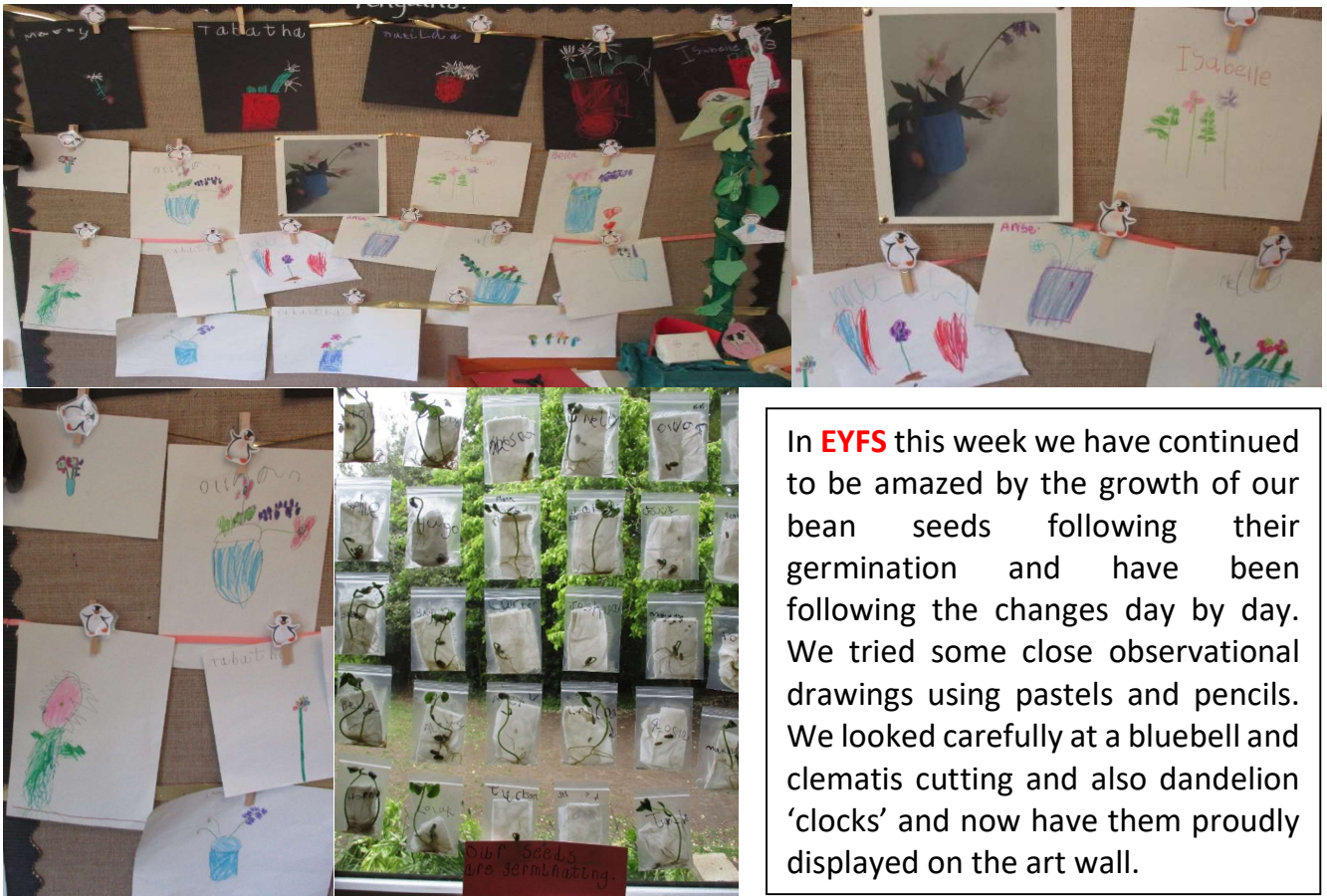
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INSET DAYS FOR NEXT YEAR

Wednesday 1st September 2021, Thursday 2nd September 2021, Monday 1st November 2021
Tuesday 4th January 2022, Monday 6th June 2022

UPDATES AND REMINDERS

- We are pleased to confirm that our fabulous June Half Term Holiday Club will definitely go ahead. Booking through Schools Buddy will remain open so please feel free to book further sessions if required. www.schoolsbuddy.net/Account/Login
- Parents of children in Hippos who had their consultations cancelled on Wednesday, may now book for the new date (26th May) via your parentmail account where the booking system is live.
- Children should not bring mobile phones into school unless this has been approved in advance by the Headteacher due to exceptional circumstances.



In **EYFS** this week we have continued to be amazed by the growth of our bean seeds following their germination and have been following the changes day by day. We tried some close observational drawings using pastels and pencils. We looked carefully at a bluebell and clematis cutting and also dandelion 'clocks' and now have them proudly displayed on the art wall.

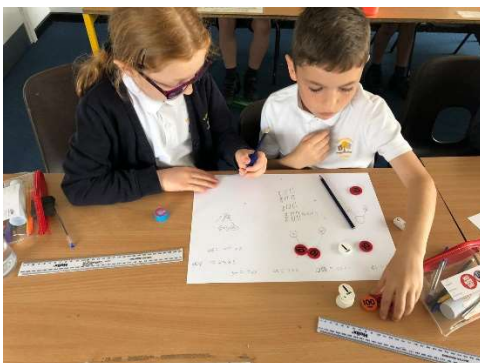
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This week in **Year 1** we have been continuing working through 'Perfectly Norman' or 'Grandad's Island'. In Maths we have been revisiting our work on partitioning into tens and ones and have been using this to help with addition. In Science we used Now Press Play and went on an adventure to the Zoo and met lots of interesting animal groups. In computing we designed our own computer game in space and in PE work worked on our ball skills and gymnastics. In Geography we have been comparing what we learnt about the Sahara and Antarctica.



In PE this week, **Year 2** have been learning different types of rolls such as forward rolls, dish to arch, log rolls and rocking to standing. The children had great fun demonstrating these skills through a carousel.



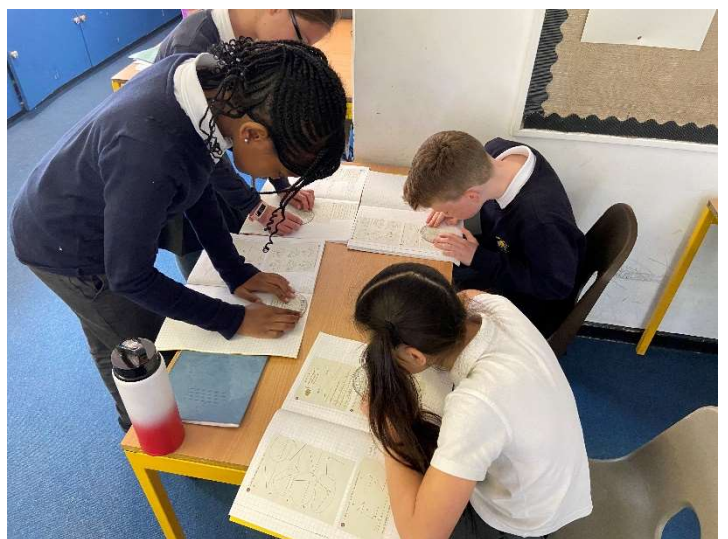
Year 3 have been using their investigative skills to work out some tricky multiplication questions. Working in pairs, they have multiplied 2 digit numbers and worked out which combinations of numbers give the largest and smallest answers. The most challenging part was proving that they were right!

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This week **Year 4** have started a new English text called 'Journey'. The children have discussed journeys they have been on in the past so they can relate to the text. The text is a wordless picture book. Year 4 have been excellent at using the pictures to interpret what is happening. We have also plotted the main characters feelings on a narrative map. In reading, we have enjoyed our text 'Varjak Paw'. We have been reading aloud this week to gain understanding of the text and looking at vocabulary the author has chosen to use.

In **Year 5** this week we have been learning about angles. We have talked about the different names of angles, compared them and used protractors to measure angles accurately. We needed perseverance to ensure our protractor was lined up in the correct place.



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Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed using the Now Press Play to experience an air raid and VE day celebrations. They have also completed topics in Geography and RE culminating in two wonderful displays.



At after school club this week we had lots of fun when Zach from Panthers taught us a little bit of self-defence kung fu.

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Star spellers of the week

1. Noah in Lions
2. Kateko in Lions
3. Olivia in Rhinos

At Palace Wood we
Give it our best
Respect one another
Overcome obstacles
Work together

This week's Always Children:

Hippos – Jenson
Lions – Eleni
Panthers – Miles
Crocodiles – Lucy
Zebras – Louie
Giraffes – Camilla
Elephants – Ellen

Rhinos – Olivia
Tigers – Olivia
Leopards – Phoebe
Monkeys – Esme
Pandas – Eddie
Bears – Nikolaos
Penguins – Flynn

Hawking achieved the
most team points this
week!

Mrs Cairns' Always Children:

Ben in Rhinos and Elsa in Crocodiles