

PALACE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Courage Curiosity Challenge Compassion

Dear Parents and Carers,

I have finally tested negative and am very much looking forward to being back in school properly from Monday. I wanted to say an enormous thank you to Mrs Vincett, Mrs Childs, Mrs Emmerson and all the staff for what they have done over the last week. I hope that we are over the worst of the absence, and even with possible bumps in the road, we are moving in the right direction to get the school back to a place of normality.

On that note I wanted to share some very exciting news for the future. As you will know, from previous newsletters, parent forum minutes and the school improvement plan, one of our main aims for the year is to improve the use of our outdoor space. With this in mind, we now have firm plans to start a forest school from September. We have two members of staff undertaking the training in March and have identified an area at the back of EYFS that will make a perfect setting. Our plan is that all the children, in school, will be able to partake in forest school sessions from September. Forest school offers a unique educational experience that uses the outdoor environment as a classroom.

Evidence of forest school education shows that children, who participate in the lessons, gain in the following ways:

Confidence – children have the freedom, time and space to learn and demonstrate independence.

Social skills – children gain increased awareness of the consequences of their actions on peers through team activities such as sharing tools and participating in play.

Communication – language development is often prompted by the sensory experience of being outside.

Motivation – woodland and being outside usually fascinates children and they develop a keenness to be part of the session and develop their ability to concentrate for longer periods of time.

Physical Skills – they develop physical stamina and both fine and gross motor skills develop

Knowledge and understanding – children develop an interest and understanding of their surroundings and gain respect for their environment

Obviously, making sure we have the right equipment and environment for the forest school will cost money and the Friends of Palace Wood have kindly said that any money raised by events, over the next year, will go towards buying a forest school round house similar to the one in the pictures below. Please see their newsletter for more information.



Have a lovely weekend and thank you for your continued support.
Mrs Cairns.





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Reminders and Updates

- Breakfast club children need to be dropped off at the door with an adult each day.
- Car Parks are not for parents please. We ask that when and where you park you are being courteous and respectful to our neighbours.

Dates for the diary

Date	Event
Tuesday 8th February	Internet Safety Day
Wednesday 9th February	PJ Day—Take 2!
Friday 11th February	Red Day/ Fire Safety Talks
Monday 21st February	Drama for all EYFS/1/2

Other information you may be interested in:

For all dates for the coming year please check the school calendar on our website

[Palace Wood Primary School - Home \(palacewoodschools.org.uk\)](http://palacewoodschools.org.uk)



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Children who have been curious learners this week



Elephants	Alfred
Penguins	Oliver
Giraffes	Finn
Bears	Rosie
Pandas	Scarlett
Zebras	Helena
Crocodiles	Manha
Monkeys	Ed
Leopards	Daniel
Panthers	Sulli
Tigers	Freddie
Lions	Aiden
Rhinos	Jacob
Hippos	Harry



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SUPERSTAR CORNER



Poppy M made this most wonderful cake! We wonder if she will take orders?! Looks delicious.



Congratulations to Chloe for completing her Stage 2 in swimming. What an achievement.



What an amazing team effort from Danil, Shiv, Madoc and Bea for winning the Primary Maths Challenge at Invicta Grammar School. They beat 12 schools in 4 rounds, but at half time were not even in the top 3! Phenomenal perseverance and courage. We are so proud of you.

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This week's always children:

Elephants	Lenny	Crocodiles	Charley
Penguins	Harley	Leopards	Robin
Bears	Tabatha	Panthers	Izi
Giraffes	Logan	Lions	Alfie
Pandas	Mollie	Tigers	Lewis
Zebras	Sarah	Hippos	Daniel
Monkeys	Amelia	Rhinos	Lewis

Times table Rock Stars

Mohammed (Monkeys)

Bilal (Panthers)

Aiden (Lions)

For improvement in accuracy

Numbots of the week

William (Giraffes)

Jessica (Giraffes)

Scarlett (Giraffes)

For biggest increase in levels passed

Greatness Gallery

Penguins – Isaac

Giraffes - Teddy

Pandas – Arijus

Crocodiles – Roman

Panthers - Daniel

Lions – Olivia

Hippos – Olivia

Team Point Winners

Yarnold

**This weeks
attendance is 89.6%**





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EYFS

This week we have been learning about Chinese New Year. We have read the story of the Lunar New Year and looked at Chinese Traditions. We have made decorations including dragon puppets and lanterns. We have also learnt about the Tale of the Four Dragons to understand the significance of Dragons in the Chinese culture.



YEAR 1



This week in maths we have been using a number line to subtract. Some groups were able to go outside in the sunshine to draw their own number lines with chalk or to jump backwards on our number snake.



YEAR 2

In year 2 this week we have been talking about reading. We have been thinking about how important it is to enjoy a book with an adult or by ourselves. We can even read to our pets! We are really enjoying our new book *Here We Are*.



YEAR 3



This week we have been creating our own *Beneath our Feet* posters, dividing whilst considering regrouping, discussing new language in Science, learning about General Fu Hao, performing our pentatonic music pieces and having a go at creating some Picasso inspired art!





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YEAR 4

This week in Year 4 we have been producing our own individual mixed media art. We used many different materials such as bubble wrap, tissue paper and glitter to make them. We then evaluated our pieces of work and thought about all the different skills we used!



YEAR 5



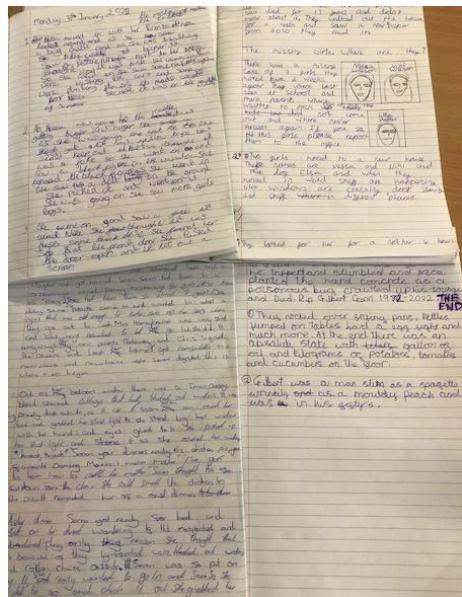
Year 5 have been learning about day and night and the solar system. We then created some planet art using paint, water and straws. Here is an example of what it looked like.



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YEAR 6

Year 6 have been working extremely hard on writing their 'spooky stories' this week, including suspense, intrigue and just a little bit of horror. They have also completed some assessments, showing a good attitude as well as a lot of progress in their learning. Their netball skills are also progressing well and they have enjoyed competing in some matches.



At Palace Wood we:

Give it our best
Respect one another
Overcome obstacles
Work together



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Waste Wednesday Update

As you will be aware, with the help of one of our parents, we have expanded our waste recycling with the added bonus of raising funds for the school. Regularly, we will update you with how this is going. Below is a spreadsheet of the progress. How is your child's class fairing?

Jan-22	Reception		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4		Year 5		Year 6		Total	£			
	Penguins	elephants	giraffes	Bears	Pandas	Zebras	Crocodiles	Monkeys	Leopards	Panthers	Lions	Tigers	hippos	Rhinos			
Bread bags (grammes)	130		172		8	30	49	102		358	25	45	19	67	20	1025 £0.03	
Cheese packaging (grammes)	8		23		6	29		13		22		8				109 £0.11	
Ferrero rocher (grammes)	114		2				53			114		53			245	581 £0.58	
pringles cans (nbr)			12		2	4	1		1	3		5	1		5	33 £1.62	
wipe/cleaning packaging (grammes)			57			35		15		61		19		22	209	£0.21	
kinder			4			6				4					14	£0.01	
																£3.86	
	Fiona						Thomas				Oliver						
						Benjamin											
Feb-22	Reception		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4		Year 5		Year 6						
	Penguins	elephants	giraffes	Bears	Pandas	Zebras	Crocodiles	Monkeys	Leopards	Panthers	Lions	Tigers	hippos	Rhinos	office	Total	£
Bread bags (grammes)															22	22	118 £0.12
Cheese packaging (grammes)															9	37	£0.04
Ferrero rocher (grammes)															0		£0.00
pringles cans (nbr)			1								1				2		£0.10
wipe/cleaning packaging (grammes)										18					14	7	39 £0.04
kinder										6					6		£0.01
																	£0.30

I know this is small, so let's give you the highlights:

- Panthers are still doing very well with the Terracycle collection. However, it is great to see that Rhinos and the Office are not far behind.
- On Monday this week, 4 kgs of Pringles cans, 2kgs of bread bags and 1kg of Ferrero Rocher were sent to be recycled.
- We have currently raised £3.86 for the school and know we together we can continue to improve on this amount.
- If you'd like to know more about this then here is the link to a video that shows what happens to the waste: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lg_9_Dz1FMc

