



PALACE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Courage Curiosity Challenge Compassion

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to see the children back in school after the half term break and even nicer to be back to more normal schooling. Having different year groups together for a whole school assembly yesterday was great and far more interactive than is possible on Teams.

Some of you may have noticed that the large hedge between the infants and junior school has started to be removed. The plan is for the rest of the fencing to be taken down and the area made good, so that the children can move more easily between the two buildings and as the weather improves use the field all together. We are working on ways of how our older children can have more to do with our younger children, and being able to mix on the field will help this process.

I am looking to hold another parent forum on **Tuesday 28th March at 2pm**. These meetings have been very helpful for sharing information and finding out how parents feel about different areas of school life. If you are interested in joining the meeting please email me at headteacher@palacewood.kent.sch.uk.

The children have been learning about our new value of compassion this week, and we rewarded our Compassion Champions with a chocolate coin for this during the assembly this afternoon. Kindness and consideration of others is such an important skill to have and if your child does something, out of school, that shows compassion or kindness to others please share this with me as I would like to add their name to our kindness tree.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Cairns





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Reminders and Updates

- We know that we have a split drop off time and understand that for some of you this can be frustrating but have noticed that some of our children are being left unsupervised during this time. We politely ask that you stay with your child until they go in as we cannot always guarantee that a member of staff will be on the playground and if an accident happens, they may not get the attention they require swiftly enough.
- Please only send waste Wednesday items on Wednesday to school as we have no where to store these items.

Dates for the diary

Date	Event
Monday 28th February	Viking Experience for Year 4
Mon 21st-4th March	Book Weeks
Thursday 3rd March	World Book Day
Tuesday 8th March	Virtual Parents' Evening
Wednesday 9th March	Face-to-Face Parents' Evening

Other information you may be interested in:

- Chess Club and Lego builders challenge at Oakwood Grammar - Have you seen the flyers? Both for Years 4-6
- MGGS Year Workshops – Please see additional leaflet

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

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



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Children who have been compassionate pupils this week



Elephants

Penguins

Giraffes

Bears

Pandas

Zebras

Crocodiles

Monkeys

Leopards

Panthers

Tigers

Lions

Rhinos

Hippos

Maddie

Matilda

Alana C

Carter

Bella

Remy

Madison

William

Ellie

Noah

Lexie

Isabella

Olivia

Olivia



SUPERSTAR CORNER



Ambia (crocodiles) and Lucia (monkeys) took part in their first ever gymnastics competition on Saturday 6th February, representing Pegasus gymnastics club at the Kent Championships. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves and did amazingly well, being placed both 5th and 6th. Well done girls!

Keira getting her first belt and certificate in kickboxing this week.

WOW! What an achievement.



This week's always children:

Elephants	Freddie G	Crocodiles	Max
Penguins	Eva	Leopards	Mudasir
Bears	Lola W	Panthers	Rosa
Giraffes	Alex	Lions	Ellis
Pandas	Hridhaan	Tigers	Ralph
Zebras	Molly	Hippos	Oliver
Monkeys	Poppy C	Rhinos	Sienna

Times table Rock Stars

Ali A (Panthers)
Laila B (Pandas)
Wisdom I (Crocodiles)

For improvement in accuracy

Numbots of the week

George A (Giraffes)
William A (Monkeys)
William B (Giraffes)

For biggest increase in levels passed

Greatness Gallery

Giraffes - Liam
Pandas – Clayton
Monkeys – Poppy M
Panthers- Esme
Lions - Julia
Hippos - Freddie

Team Point Winners

Yarnold

This weeks attendance is 94.9%



EYFS

In EYFS this week we have been thinking about our school value of "Compassion". We talked about what it means to show compassion and we recognised when our friends were being compassionate. We have read the story of "The Bog Baby" this week to help us explore this value. We had fun making our own bog babies with playdough!



YEAR 1



It has been lovely to see all the children back at school on Monday morning. Hope you all had a great half term break. This week we have started learning to play the glockenspiel with the aim to be playing Hot Cross Buns by the end of the term.



YEAR 2

This week we were building on our safety first lessons in PSHE that we started in the previous term when we took part in internet safety day and a fire safety talk on Friday 11th February. We also utilized our community links by being taught by Fiona from St Nicholas church who shared her knowledge on keeping safe. We are looking forward to Fiona's return in the coming weeks as she has promised to share how we can stay safe at home, safe outside and safe around strangers.



YEAR 3

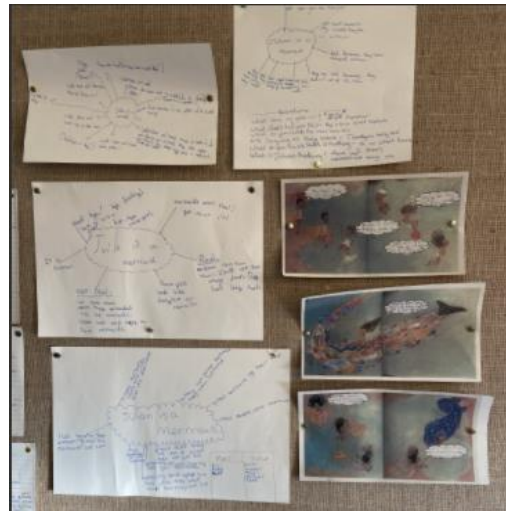


This week we have been exploring 'Julian is a Mermaid' and been refreshing our understanding of Money. In Science we have created a planting experiment to see if plants can survive in different conditions. We have also been working on our ball skills in PE.



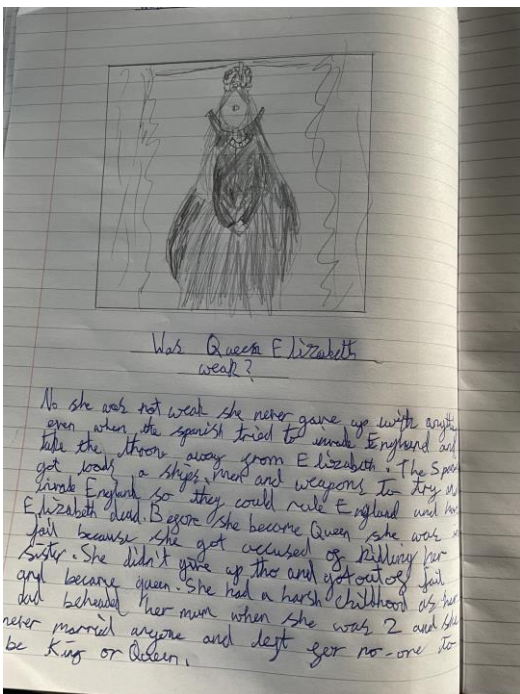
YEAR 4

This week we have enjoyed looking out our texts 'Julian is a mermaid' and 'Windows' linked to our school value of curiosity. We have talked about stereotypes and used lots of inference as we have explored the images. We can't wait to find out what happens in the books next week!



YEAR 5

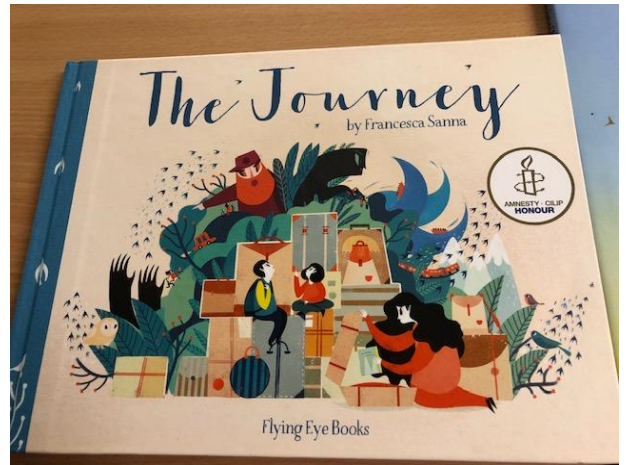
In year 5 this week we have been learning about Queen Elizabeth I. We decided she was not weak and feeble after looking into her past and the different things she did when she ruled England. We looked at different sources and decided she was a confident and powerful ruler. We then wrote down why we thought this.



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YEAR 6

Year 6 have thoroughly enjoyed starting to explore our Book Week texts. We were fascinated by the pictures in 'The Journey' and how they told so much more than the text alone. In fact, the entire story is told in just the illustration on the front cover, although we didn't see a lot of the details at first. The more we looked, the more we saw.



At Palace Wood we:

Give it our best

Respect one another

Overcome obstacles

Work together



Waste Wednesday Update

Well done Panthers and Giraffes for collecting the most amount of waste this week. Whoop!

We have already exceeded last month's amount of waste collected for Kinder, cheese packaging and dishwasher/cleaning wipes packaging. Well done.

We are only short of 100 grammes to exceed the 1kg of bread bags that were collected in January.

Let's try to all bring our empty bread bags on Waste Wednesday so that we can make it 1.2kg collected in one month. Why not ask your family and neighbours to keep their bread bags for you?

Good news, last week, we sent over 1kg of cheese packaging to be recycled. This means that we have now raised £10 for Palace Wood School and saved all of this packaging from the black bin.

Please ensure you are collecting eligible items for the schemes only. Posters will be resent next week.

We can only recycle Pringles cans at the moment and no other brands.

NEW Collection! We are now also collecting Baylis and Harding packaging. Unfortunately, we can't accept other personal care brands.



Keep collecting Palace Wood including the biscuit and crisp packaging the funds from which go to local charities.

