

Term 1
30th September 2022

Courage Curiosity Challenge Compassion

Did you know that playtimes make up 1.4 years of your child's 7 years at primary school? It is with this in mind that we want play at Palace Wood to allow our pupils to:

- create lasting memories with their friends,
- be team players and leaders,
- be intrinsically motivated,
- be physically active,
- be imaginative,
- make their own decisions,
- be outdoors,
- have fun!



There are certain things children **must** have in order to be able to play. These include:

- Having clothes that you can play in
- Having things to play with
- Having a certain amount of freedom

As you know, we have increased their freedom so the next step of our project is to increase the things that they have to play with. Your children may have spoken to you about some of the changes to lunchtimes that have happened so far. This includes 'zones' across the site so that children have varied play opportunities. At the end of the summer term, I went outside at lunchtime and surveyed the children to see what new zones they would like us to add. Based on this, some of the new activities this year are:

- den building,
- trikes,
- a mud kitchen,
- digging at the bug house,
- more bubbles and games
- a role play zone which includes our new Wendy House which, as an eco-friendly school, my husband upcycled for us over the summer holiday.

The Friends have kindly agreed for one of their next fundraising targets to go towards a mini beach! A sandpit zone for all children to enjoy.

As we improve play opportunities for our children, they may get a bit messier, be exposed to more challenges and have greater freedoms to play where, with whom and how they like. After half term, children are invited to bring in named wellies in a plastic bag if they would like to use zones such as the Mud Kitchen, digging and den building as the weather gets wetter.



We really want parents to see some of the wonderful play that is happening at Palace Wood and so Holly, Aisha, Samuel and Henry (Y6) have become our 'Play Detectives'. They were tasked with taking photos to show you how positive playtimes are at Palace Wood. I am sure you will agree that they have done a wonderful job of capturing this! Mrs Newell, Deputy Headteacher







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Reminders and Updates

Please bring Harvest donations for us to take to the church by Tuesday 4th October.

Please park considerately when you are dropping or collecting children.

Dates for the diary

Date	Event
Tuesday 4th October	Harvest Festival in school time
Weds 5th October	6pm Secondary Transfer Meeting – slides will be sent out after the event for those that can't make it

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)

This week's always children:

Elephants	Pippa	Crocodiles	Seb A
Penguins	Amy	Panthers	Sammy
Bears	Freddie	Leopards	Vinnie
Giraffes	Sophie	Tigers	Lucy
Pandas	Ruby	Lions	Reuben
Zebras	Bella	Hippos	Olivia
Monkeys	Elly	Rhinos	Lewis

Times table Rock Stars

Richie D (Rhinos)
Murtaza Y (Tigers)
Isabelle G (Tigers)
For biggest increase in coins

Numbots of the week

Benjamin W (Penguins)
Felicity K (Penguins)
Noah L (Elephants)
For biggest increase in coins

Greatness Gallery

Penguins-Madeleine
Bears – Finley G
Zebras – Harper
Monkeys – Mollie
Crocodiles – Joshua and Lexi
Panthers – Poppy and Faith
Hippos - Nyree

**Housepoint
Winners
Yarnold**

**This week's
attendance is 91.2%**





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Children who have shown one of our values this week



Elephants

Penguins

Giraffes

Bears

Pandas

Zebras

Crocodiles

Monkeys

Leopards

Panthers

Tigers

Lions

Rhinos

Hippos

Maisie and Harvey

Edison and Reeva

Teddy and Lenny

Jayden and Hollie

Danny and Louiza

George and Matilda

Logan and Alex

Scarlett and Clayton

Ella and Mia

Emi and Thomas

Murtaza and Evelyn

Alice B and Milaya

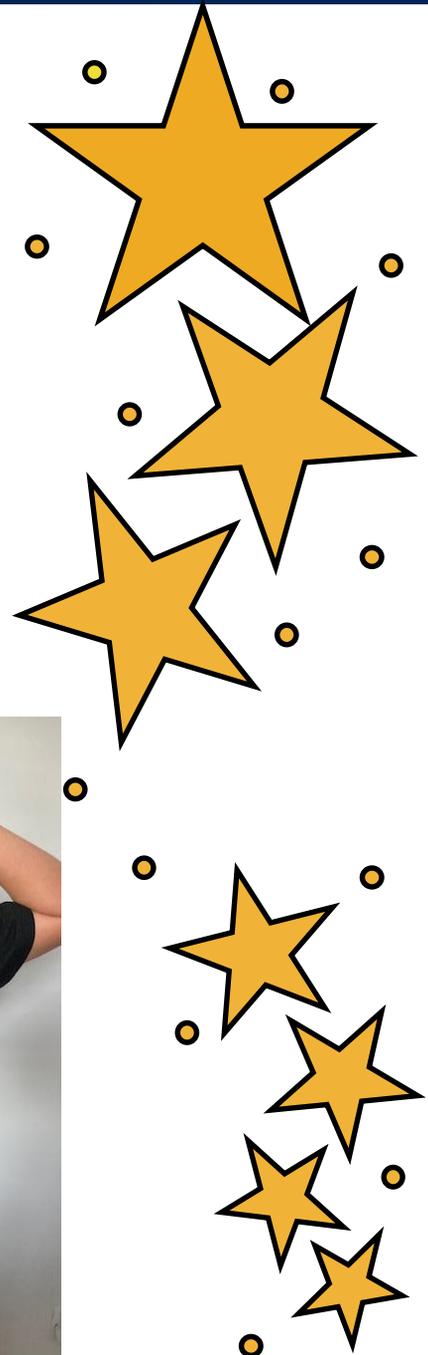
Kris and Mason Pe

Miles and Aiden



SUPERSTAR CORNER

Joshua joined PQA Maidstone just over a year ago and it has done wonders for his confidence, performance skills, understanding of film making and engagement in musical theatre. On Sunday 25th September Joshua performed in the musical "troubles a brewin" at the Shaftesbury Theatre. Joshua and his group have also recently won the national PQA short film making award to be presented in October. Well done, Joshua.



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A big well done to Lola and Jessica. Last Sunday they completed the 3 mile Heli Hike. This was in support of the Air Ambulance

charity. Both girls showed great determination and smiled all the way to the finish.

Next year 7.5 miles?





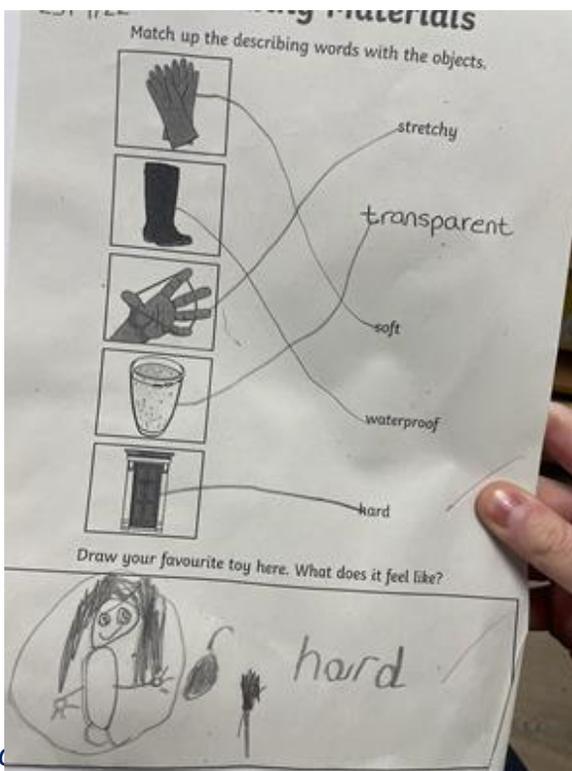
EYFS

This week in EYFS we have been reading the story "We're All Wonders" and talking about what makes us unique and special.

In maths we have been learning all about matching! We have had lots of fun building towers that matched our friends', playing snap and even matching odd socks!



YEAR 1



This week Year 1 have described different materials in science. We have used different vocabulary such as stretchy, opaque and transparent. In Geography we have also identified human and physical features around the school and used the iPads to take photos of this.



YEAR 2

In music this term we have been learning to play the glockenspiel.

First, we learnt that it is from the percussion family because you can strike it with a beater to make sound.

We discovered that when we play down the instrument from right to left, one note at a time, the sounds start high and get gradually lower. When we did the same from left to right the sounds started low and got gradually higher.



YEAR 3



This week we have been finishing off our work on Place Value in maths. We have begun writing our own versions of Stone Age boy. This week our rock focus is 'Metamorphic'. Ask us where it comes from!



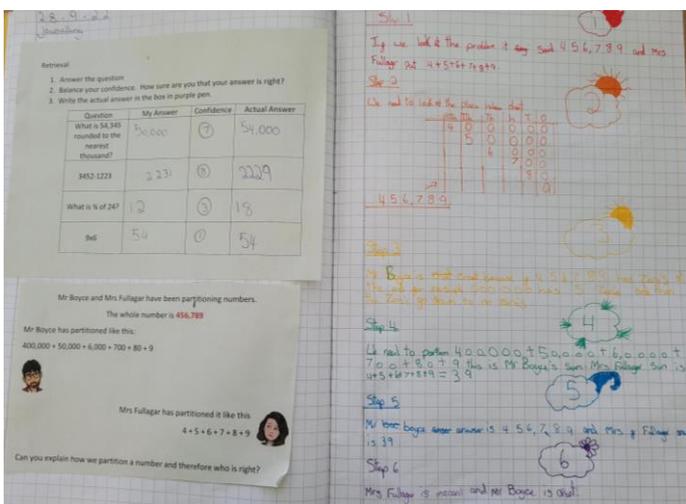
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YEAR 4



This week in our PSHE lessons we have added petals to our Compassion petal displays. We write about kind acts that we have seen people do and add them to the flowers. Our flowers are certainly starting to bloom!

YEAR 5



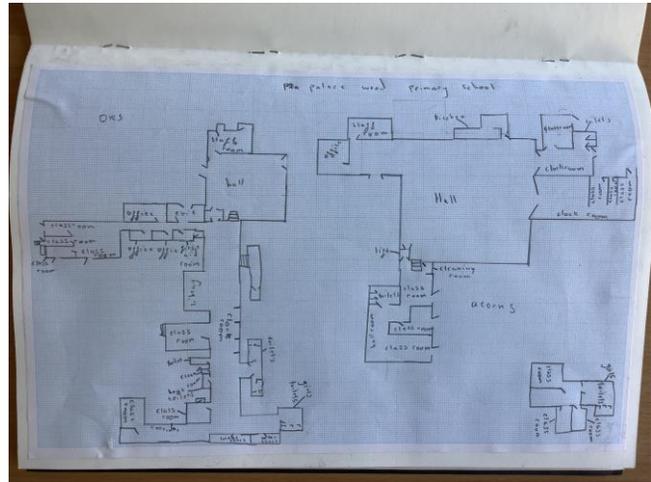
This week we have really been loving our learning. We've completed science experiments, completed Maths journals and written stories about Gorillas. We've played games outside and had fun with our friends!



YEAR 6

This week in Year 6, we have created some fantastic floorplans as part of our Art unit on Architecture.

In maths, we have used lots of mathematical vocabulary while sorting integers into Venn Diagrams. We challenged ourselves to work strategically and reason mathematically to explain how we knew that we had all possible answers!



Five Acre Wood

At Palace Wood we:

Give it our best
Respect one another
Overcome obstacles
Work together

This week in Turtle Class we have been looking at the book 'Super Duper You' by Sophie Henn. We have thought about why we are super and what we are good at. We then used this to write sentences using colourful semantics to support us. We all wrote amazingly and used beautiful handwriting to present our work.





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Forest School

We have had a great week in Forest School, enjoying the sunshine. The children have amazed us with their problem solving, independence, perseverance and teamwork. The children have been using items to move large tree stumps, create patterns and paths, aeroplanes and shelters. The children have also enjoyed sitting quietly in their magic spots and creating Conker necklaces. We have used different tools and one class even had a small fire!



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Whale Class are learning about fairy tales and we have enjoyed reading and listening to different versions of The Three Little Pigs, so this week we wrote our own. We made sure our fairy tales had a beginning, middle and end and used story language from the books we had read. Then we designed front covers on the laptops. We are looking forward to reading them to our adults at home.

