



PALACE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term 3
6th January 2023

Courage Curiosity Challenge Compassion

Dear Parent and Carers,

Happy New Year! It's been lovely welcoming the children back to school and hearing what they got up to over Christmas.

The year 1 children performed their Nativity again today and they did very well to remember the songs, actions and lines after a two week break. Thank you to parents and grandparents for supporting them today.

You will notice that there is no Always child in this newsletter. This is because we have begun to review our behavior policy and as part of this have made the decision to focus on our core values and recognising those children who show these through the week. I will be talking to the children in more detail in Monday's assembly and will write to parents with more information later next week.

This term is relatively short in comparison to those before Christmas but it will be a busy few weeks with lots of exciting events taking place. There will be a dates list coming out to you next week so please look out for it.

One of the Department for Education focuses is attendance and improving the percentage of children attending school regularly. Our target is for children's attendance to be 96% or above in a school year. We know this is challenging especially with the amount of illness around at the moment. In the next few weeks, we will be sending out attendance data to all our families so that you are aware of your child's current percentage. We know that the majority of parents try hard to ensure children are in school as much as possible and only keep them off if they are not well enough to be there. If your child's attendance is particularly low, then we may ask you to attend a meeting to discuss how we can help. Please be reassured that we aim to support and find ways to catch up any lost learning.

If you have any question regarding the above, please email me or catch me in the playground.

In the meantime, have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Cairns

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Times table Rock Stars

Sebastian D (Crocodiles)

Stanley S (Leopards)

Olivia H (Leopards)

For biggest increase in accuracy

Numbots of the week

Niamh HW (Giraffes)

Isaac T (Giraffes)

Oliver G (Giraffes)

For biggest increase in coins

Greatness Gallery

Penguins-Oscar

Zebras – Lola K

All of Bears and Giraffes

Leopards– Beau

**This week's
attendance is 96.4%**





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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

Sina and George

Jack and Reeva

Jacob and Archie

Nyota and Thomas

Maya and Alex

Joshua and Isabelle

Joshua B and Glorious

Alex and Shibbi

Stan and Duru

Poppy H and Musawer

Reuben and Robin

Iris and Hugo

Theo

Louie and Olivia



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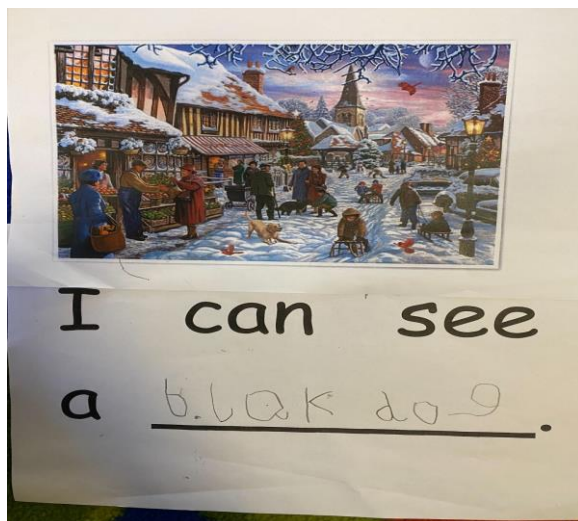


This was Skylar's first competition and she won 3 medals: 2nd place for Routine and Vault and 3rd for general.

Here is a photo of the day with her brother Finley (EYFS Elephant) who was cheering her on during the competition.

EYFS

Happy New Year! It has been lovely welcoming everyone back this week. We have been learning about seasonal change and the signs of winter. We have explored ice with magnifying glasses and investigated how long it takes to melt. We created winter collages using cotton wool, glitter and other materials. In English we read winter poems. We talked about what we could see in a winter scene and used our sounds to have a go at writing our ideas.



YEAR 1



Year 1 loved being back in our Forest School! The children in Bears class took it upon themselves to make their own Nativity stable yesterday. It's a shame we couldn't have used it in our performance on the stage!



YEAR 2

This week in Year 2 during our oral fluency lessons we have been learning tongue twisters.

They have been a wonderful way to improve our dictation (how clearly we can say words). We had to make sure every word was powerful and was heard.



YEAR 3



We have had a busy week! We have been introduced to the Shang Dynasty in our History, Began discussing the different types of light sources in Science and began learning new techniques in Dance and Netball.





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YEAR 4

Year 4 listened to the song For the Beauty of the Earth by composer and conductor John Rutter as part of our music appreciation. It was fantastic listening to something that had been made by someone still living and we listened to him speak on his website too! We really enjoyed the song it reminded us of weddings and churches and hymns.



YEAR 5

This week in Year 5 we have been investigating different planets in our solar system! We have worked together to create PowerPoints to share our information with the class.

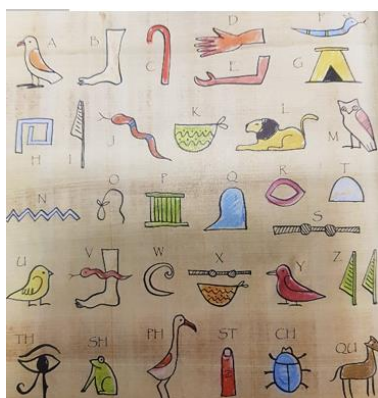


YEAR 6

It has been lovely welcoming the children back and Year 6 have begun the new Year with gusto. We have started our new text, Thornhill, which is proving to be very popular and very intriguing. The children have been enthusiastically learning how to play their first notes on the recorder and have begun to discuss different weather in French.

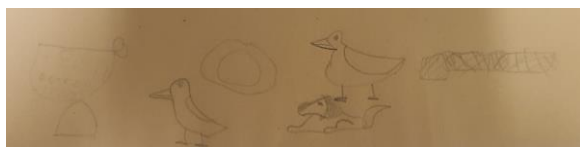


Five Acre Wood



This term Whale Class are going to be learning about the Ancient Egyptians. We talked about what we knew already and what new knowledge we would like to find out about.

This week we found out where Egypt is in the world, looked at photos of the River Nile and pretended to be scribes and wrote using hieroglyphics. We are glad we do not have to do all of our writing at school in hieroglyphics!



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Forest School

It has been great being back outside this week and enjoying some warmer weather. The children have remembered the rules and expectations really well from Term 1. They have enjoyed developing their gross motor skills by creating obstacle courses and a swing. They have worked as a team to create shelters and move large logs. They have created tree spirits to help protect the trees from the effects of winter. We have also talked about how the site has changed since term 1 and looked at photos to compare.



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Well done to MAX and Chloe from Pandas ad Amelia from Leopards who are our Trash Changers of the week. They braved the snow and brought in a nice amount of waste this week.

Remember to keep your **FERRERO ROCHER** and **KINDER** packaging over the Christmas period and bring them in so that we can raise funding for the school



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