

# PALACE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

## More Christmas

We have seen the first of our Christmas productions this week.

Year 4 started us off with a truly epic performance of Aladdin Trouble. They did such an amazing job, as the production was the longest and most complex Year 4 production we have ever attempted, and the first Panto that I have seen at Palace Wood. The children worked so hard on learning all of their lines and songs and performed with aplomb.

Then, on Thursday and Friday, Elephants and Penguins put on their nativity. It is definitely one of the most memorable events of the year. As I said at the performances, it is so incredible to think that the children have only been in school for 3 months. That first day at school seems so long ago when you see them standing up and performing in front of an audience.

Roll on next week where we will have the Year 1 production, Year 2 production and the Year 5 and 6 Carol Concert.

## Palace Wood Electricity Challenge

You may have seen on the website that the Global Gladiators encouraged us all to look at our use of electricity. We looked at how much electricity we use, and how we could be better at saving electricity. We even held two electricity free days at school, one in each building.

Throughout this time, the Global Gladiators had been carefully monitoring the electricity usage in the school, without telling us all! We are really proud to let you know that the difference between this year and last year over both buildings in the same month was 2433 kw/h. We will be continuing to do what we can to reduce our electricity usage.

## Christmas jumpers!

On Wednesday next week, as well as it being our school Christmas dinner, we will be having our annual Christmas Jumper Day. We encourage the children to dress festively in non-uniform, and get into the Christmas jumper spirit. If you don't have a Christmas jumper, don't worry – you can wear Christmas colours like green, red and gold, but NO football kits please.



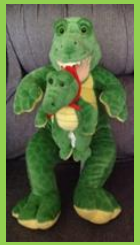
## Superstar Corner

Rhea in Crocodiles competed in the Annual Pegasus Gymnastics competition where she performed one floor routine and 2 vaults! Rhea won first place and was awarded a Gold Medal that was presented by James Hall (8th best male gymnast in the world). Mini d-fuse dance troupe came 2nd place in the Medway Christmas street comp. Aaliyah (Pandas) got her 50 metres swimming badge and her sister Nylah (Elephants) got her 5 metres badge recently. Sullivan in Giraffes has just been presented his first 15 metres Swimming Badge and certificate after he passed his swimming assessment. Fraser (Bears) achieved his 200 metre swimming badge at the weekend

# Alfie the Attendance Alligator - weekly attendance



Rhinos	99.4%	Panthers	96.6%	Bears	95.7%
Hippos	93.4%	Monkeys	98.0%	Giraffes	99.3%
Tigers	96.9%	Crocodiles	95.6%	Elephants	98.8%
Lions	90.6%	Pandas	98.1%	Penguins	97.8%
Leopards	94.0%	Zebras	98.0%		



Overall weekly Attendance - 96.6%

## Oaks Disco

Tonight is the Oaks Christmas Disco. There are no advanced tickets, just £2 entry on the door. There will also be the tuck shops as well as the raffle and some of our other favourite stalls. As it is the Christmas Disco, we will be setting up some Christmas Craft activities which the children can do and take home for £1.50. This will also be the last opportunity for the children to buy any Secret Presents. If they missed out at Crafty Christmas or the Christmas Fair, then tonight is the last opportunity to pick up a Secret Present.

## Parent Governor Election

Thank you for taking the time to read about our Parent Governor Vacancy and considering taking on this role. We were fortunate enough to have three nominations and so we will be sending out a further letter shortly about the ballot process.

## And finally

Despite all of the Christmas festivities going on at the moment, the children have still been hard at work and it has been lovely to see what they have been up to. This week I have seen everything from vibrant red fire engines to antediluvian dancing from Tudor times. I love seeing how our curriculum is so broad, and challenges our children in different ways.

Have a great weekend

Mr Chatley

## Letters sent home this week:

All	Photographers Pompoms Eco Schools Green Award
Yr3	Request for tin cans
Yr4	Reminder of start time for the play
Yr 4 & 5 Girls	MGGs information
Tigers	More than a gift
Young Voices	Rehearsal cancelled

## Dates for your Diary: (new dates in red)

Weds 5/12	Yr4 Christmas Show 2.30
Thurs 6/12	EYFS Christmas Show 2.30
Fri 7/12	EYFS Christmas Show 2.30
Fri 7/12	Oaks' Disco 6.30 – 8.00
Tues 11/12	Year 2 Christmas Show 2.30
Weds 12/12	Christmas Lunch Christmas Jumper Day Year 5/6 Carol Concert
Mon 17/12	Year 5 Tudor Performance 2.45
Weds 19/12	INSET Day

## Term Dates:

Christmas holiday 20 December – 2<sup>nd</sup> January  
Children return to school on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January