

PALACE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Palace Wood House Day

Today was a first for Palace Wood. We made the decision earlier this year to relaunch our teams as houses. The children have been at the centre of this, including having their say in the naming of the houses, voting in House Captains, organising House assemblies and deciding to organise an Inter House, whole school talent competition. We have been so proud of the way that all of the children have responded to these changes, and how the House Captains have relished the responsibility of leading their houses.

What a fantastic day this first House Day has been. We have had paired reading across year groups, older pupils teaching younger housemates a skill, e.g. origami frog, games and drawing. There was an inter-house competition including sports, tower building and other activities within their house groups.

It has given the children a real sense of identity, which was a real benefit when it came to supporting their housemates in the Palace Wood's got Talent final. I talked last week about the impressive talent we have in the school and today was a great showcase for it. Well done to everyone who took part. Congratulations to the **winners, Rhea & Scarlett** (Crocodiles) from Sheeran, but huge congratulations too to all the children who took part; it was such a brave thing to do in front of the whole school.

Nut Free School

Please can I remind you that we are nut free school. We have many children who have allergies to nuts and so we do not allow any products containing nuts in school. Please can you ensure that this is adhered to. You can read the full Healthy Eating Policy on the school website.

Friends of Palace Wood

You may remember from previous newsletters that the Friends of Palace Wood have been working this year towards charitable status. I am delighted to announce that this has been achieved, and the Friends of Palace Wood are now officially a charitable organisation. This is a fantastic achievement and testament to the hard work that has been put in. There will be more information on this coming soon.

The Friends of Palace Wood meet regularly to discuss the different ways in which they can continue to help and support the school. The next meeting is on Thursday 28th February at 3:30 in Rainbow Room (in between Giraffes and Pandas in Acorns). Everyone is welcome to attend.

Finally, a reminder that you can help the Friends raise money for the school without spending a penny! If you do any online shopping, you can help support the Friends by shopping through Easy Fundraising. If you go to their website and search for Friends of Palace Wood, you will be able to see how you can support us. You can also click on the link below.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fo-palacewoods/?q=friends%20of%20palace%200&cat=cause-autosuggest>



Alfie and Percy - Attendance and Punctuality

Percentage Attendance		Number of Lates	
Sheeran	96.54%	Sheeran	5
Yarnold	97.33%	Yarnold	0
Hawking	96.46%	Hawking	5
Rowling	96.14%	Rowling	8

Overall weekly Attendance - 96.61% 😊

Attendance

Yarnold win both Attendance and Punctuality this week. Well done Yarnold – not a single late mark!

Chess Tournament

For some time now, we have been fortunate enough to have a volunteer come into school to run a chess club at lunchtimes. The children who have attended have been working on improving their chess knowledge and skills. Last weekend, some of the players played in their first ever chess tournament. Individually they won quite a few games and as a team they beat one other school. It was the first tournament they have been to and the first time ever playing touch chess and using clocks. They did incredibly well and enjoyed the experience.

Walking to school

Don't forget March on Monday – every Monday this term!

Head Lice

We have had a few cases of head lice reported in school recently, and in honour of **Burns Night** (today!), here is a poem written by Robert Burns after watching a louse on a lady's bonnet during a church sermon.

*Ye ugle, creeping, blastit wonner,
Detested, shunned by saunt an' sinner
How daur ye set your fit upon her,
Sae fine a lady,
Gae somewhere else and seek your dinner
On some poor body.*

Thoughts I am sure we all share so we ask that all children's hair is checked and treated if necessary please.

And finally

We hope you enjoyed coming in to see the children's work this week. We continue to strive to improve and have high expectations for our children, and hope that you could see this in their work.

Have a great weekend!

Mr Chatley

Letters home this week:

Young Voices	Instructions for 1 st Feb
Yr6	Local Visit information
KS2	Yr5's project materials request
Yrs4/5/6 Girls	MGGS information
2 classes	Head Lice
All	Parent Governor
	Safer Internet Day

Dates for your Diary (new dates in red)

Fri 1 Feb	Young Voices (Yr5&6)
Wed 6 Feb	Yr2 Parents' SATs Mtg
Wed 13 Feb	Yr4 to British Museum
Fri 15 Feb	Oaks' Disco (6.30-8.00)
18-22 Feb	School Holidays
Thu 28 Feb	3:30 Friends' Mtg Rainbow Room
Wed 6 Mar	KS1 Reading Workshop
Thu 7 Mar	World Book Day
	Reading Evening
Weds 13 Mar	Parent/Teacher Consultations
Thurs 14 Mar	Parent/Teacher Consultations
Fri 15 Mar	Red Nose Day
25-28 March	Book Fair in Oaks
Weds 27 Mar	Year 3 Easter Performance
8-22 April	Easter Holidays