

PALACE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Another busy week

Amongst all the excitement that the snow has brought this week, we have still found the time to pack in some fantastic learning opportunities for the children.

EYFS went prehistoric on Tuesday for their dinosaur workshop. I was very jealous when I saw the dinosaur bones and fossils that they were all learning about.

On Wednesday, Year 6 took the short walk over to Allington Primary to watch a theatre production to support their PSHE learning.

And today, despite the best attempts of the weather to interfere, many of the children in Years 5 and 6 took the trip to the O2 for the Young Voices concert. This is always a fantastic event which the children love, so we were very glad that the snow stayed away enough!

NSPCC Number Day

Thank you to everyone for supporting NSPCC number day today. As well as seeing the numbers that the children were wearing, there were some great maths opportunities throughout the day. I even tested some of the children in assembly with some number puzzles!

Friends of Palace Wood

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.

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>

Sickness Absences

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind you of the type of information we require when reporting an absence. As a school and under the guidance of the local authority, we DO NOT have to authorise illness as an absence. If we receive a vague or an inappropriate reason for your child to be absent then it will be classed as unauthorised. In cases where the information we receive is vague it is highly likely you will receive a call from our Family Liaison Officer (Mrs Ball) who will ask for more information. This is part of the policy that we have to follow.

Examples of reasons which would need more information or clarification:

My child is ill.

My child is sick.

My child is unwell.

My child is feeling sick/ unwell.

We know that, especially at this time of year, children will sometimes feel under the weather. If you feel that they are too ill to come in to school, please provide some detail of the reasons when reporting their absence. Thank you for your support in this matter.



Superstar Corner

Evan scored a hatrick for his team Castle Athletic and was voted player of the match last Saturday. Izi in Giraffes class received her "Nature" rainbows badge

Alfie and Percy - Attendance and Punctuality

Percentage Attendance		Number of Lates	
Sheeran	95.10	Sheeran	14
Yarnold	94.65	Yarnold	3
Hawking	94.97	Hawking	4
Rowling	94.16	Rowling	19

Overall weekly Attendance - 94.72%

Attendance

This week Sheeran win attendance, and Yarnold win punctuality.

Walking to school

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

Squash festival

On Tuesday, Tilly and Henry (Panthers), Caitlin and Olivia (Leopards), Max (Crocodiles) and Evan (Monkeys) represented Palace Wood in a squash tournament at Mote Park Squash Club. We all worked really hard, had lots of fun and tried our best during the activities. There were 7 teams there and we came 4th. Thank you for taking us Mr Tree. By Tilly.

Spring Disco

A new date for your diaries. The spring disco for Oaks' children will be on Friday 15th February.

And finally

As it is Number Day, I had to set another number challenge:

An athlete is able to jump FOREVER. However, every time that she jumps she gets a bit more tired, and every jump goes $\frac{1}{2}$ as far as her prior jump. Now, for her very first jump, she goes $\frac{1}{2}$ of a foot.

On her second jump, she goes $\frac{1}{4}$ of a foot, and so on and so forth.

How many jumps does it take for her to travel 1 foot?

Have a great weekend!

Mr Chatley

Letters home this week:

Young Voices	2 x last minute arrangements
All	NSPCC Number Day
	Parking
	Online Safety
Yr3	Easter Production
Yr6	Design & Technology
Oaks	Project materials

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
Tues 5 March	KS2 SATs Mtg Oaks' Hall
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