

PALACE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

School is in full flow already after the break. At the end of the second week, we have fully brushed off the cobwebs and have seen some great evidence of high quality learning.

We started Monday off with a visit from Elmer and a non-uniform day, which raised £343.56, of multiple colours to support the Heart of Kent Hospice. There is further work we will be doing with Elmer and the Hospice so watch this space!

Behaviour

We have high expectations of our children in all that they do. We know that for them to be able to learn successfully in classrooms, children need to respond appropriately to those expectations.

We are continually reviewing our processes and practices to ensure that we are able to offer the best possible education to your children. As a result of this, we have been reviewing our Behaviour Policy and are very happy to be sharing it with you today. We know that for it to be most successful, we need to work together as a team, both within and beyond school. Along with a copy of the behaviour policy, you will be receiving a letter outlining our rationale behind it, and asking you to sign and return the letter to show your support.

There is a continued focus on positive praise and encouragement that reflect our 6 Golden rules. Children who show these will be rewarded in both individual and collective ways – we want the children to work for themselves and for each other, not just because we have told them to!

I am really looking forward to sitting down with some children each week and celebrating their consistently exemplary behaviour!

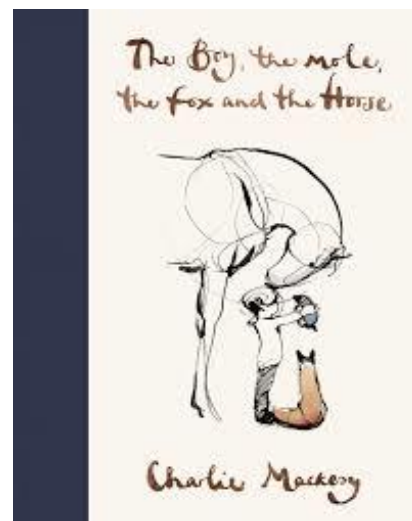
READ ALL ABOUT IT!

Comics and non-fiction books wanted! Thanks to the money you helped raise following our book fair in November, we have stocked our library with many wonderful new books. We now have a growing selection of fiction books but are in need of comics and non-fiction/information books only. If you have any at home that your children no longer need and they are in good condition (no writing inside or pages missing), we would love to rehouse them in our school library. Please may we ask that before you donate any comics or non-fiction/information books to our school you check that they are age-appropriate as some comics may contain mature themes. Thank you.

Book recommendations

This week we have a little something for our entire school community. 'The boy, the mole the fox and the horse' by Charlie Mackesy is a captivating book with truly stunning illustrations and thought provoking messages. Whether you are 8 or 80, there is something in this book for everyone. A short read but, hopefully, one which will stay with you for a lifetime.

Please send any book recommendations your children may have to the office marked for the attention of Mrs Childs. Keep reading!



Superstar Corner

Don't forget to send in your achievements from outside of school, no matter what they are. We love sharing your successes!

Alfie and Percy - Attendance and Punctuality

Percentage Attendance		No. of Lates	
Sheeran	98.16	Sheeran	28
Yarnold	96.45	Yarnold	4
Hawking	97.33	Hawking	9
Rowling	94.67	Rowling	12

Overall weekly Attendance 96.65%

Attendance

As last week, Sheeran had the best overall attendance (although their punctuality was not good!) and Yarnold the best punctuality.

Come and See what we've been doing

Our children and staff really enjoy sharing with you the work that they have been doing. They are, rightly, very proud of what they have achieved and want to show this off to you. It will also give you an opportunity to talk to your child's class teacher if you wish. So, on Wednesday 22nd January, straight after school, please feel free to pop in with your child so that they can show some of their fantastic learning.

Friends News

Dates for diary :-

Friends meeting - Wednesday 22nd January at 6pm in Oaks.

Disco - Friday 7th February 6-7.30pm

And finally

We are very lucky at Palace Wood to have a team of staff who are always looking to provide the best of opportunities for your children. We offer a huge range of clubs, which broaden their experiences and build knowledge and understanding outside of the school curriculum. The organisation and running of these clubs is not easy, and we always do our best to cater for a range of ages and interests. Sometimes, not all clubs can run due to low interest, and we apologise for this. We will continue to look to add to our ever-growing list of clubs so that the children's interests can be met.

An excellent example of how much 'extra' knowledge these clubs can provide came yesterday, when I met Toby the tortoise before Pet Club. I didn't know how much diet affected their shell – Toby had a flat section that was linked to previous malnutrition, and that the shell was too shiny and waxy

because his diet was too high in protein. But most interesting for me was that, before hibernating, tortoises will starve themselves for a few weeks before. If not, the build-up of gases and toxins can kill them! I thought that if you were going to be sleeping for a while, you'd want to stock up.

Have great weekend

Mr Chatley

Letters/Parentmails home this week:

All Careers Day 3rd Feb
 Choir Club starts 27th February (Term 4)
 Yr6 Bikeability – expression of interest

Dates for your Diary (new dates in red)

22 Jan 3.20 Book Look
 6.00 Friends Meeting in Oaks
 5 Feb Young Voices at the 02
 10 Feb Book Fair in Oaks, Monday - Friday
 7 Feb 6.00 – 7.30 Oaks' Disco
 17 Feb School Holidays, Monday - Friday

INSET Days: 16 April 2020, 17 April 2020, 1 June 2020

Reminders:

- Name everything! Biro names fade so please check.
- Children need a PE kit in school at all times.
- Dogs are not allowed on site, unless Guide Dogs.
- Let us know by 9.30am why your child is absent.
- Children's mobile phones are not permitted.