



PALACE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers

Another great week of learning here at Palace Wood. The children have been enjoying the sunnier weather and the outside space. We have been growing plants from seeds, learning new basketball skills and studying habitats amongst many other learning opportunities.

Our year 5 and 6 children have participated in The Big Ask survey this week. The largest ever consultation with children up to the age of 17 in England. This was launched, last week, by the new Children's Commissioner. It aims to find out children's concerns and aspirations about the future. The results will help the Children's Commissioner to identify the barriers preventing children from reaching their potential, put forward solutions and set ambitious goals for the country to achieve to support our children. We are pleased to be part of this important research.

Virtual parents' evenings will take place in the week beginning 17th May. Mrs Smith will be in touch next week with a reminder of how to book appointment times. We hope you find the evening informative and useful but please do not hesitate to contact us at any point if you need to discuss anything further.

Finally, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Vincett who has agreed to taking on the position of Acting Deputy Headteacher. I'm sure this will not come as a surprise to many of you but I'm very pleased that she was keen to take on the role.

Unfortunately we have had complaints from neighbours in Allington Way and Maple Avenue recently about the way our parents are parking and driving at drop-off and pick-up times. Please, please be considerate when parking in the area.

If your child is going to be absent from school, please let us know, preferably via parentmail, by 8.30 am.

Have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend and we will see the children back in school on Tuesday 4th May.

Mrs Clare Cairns

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Wanted!

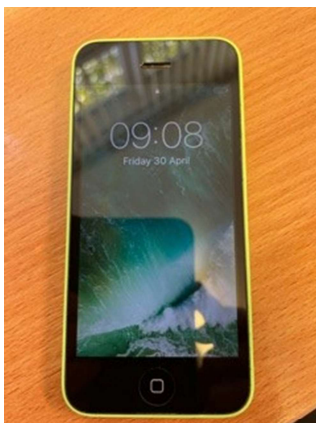
For a project which is currently in the pipeline, please could empty, clean, 2 litre drinks bottles be sent into school? We are also looking for, ideally 6ft, canes please.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 3 rd May	Bank Holiday – School closed to children
Tuesday 4 th May	Balance Ability – selected children in Acorns
Tuesday 18 th May	Consultations (<i>we will inform you when our booking system is open</i>)
Wednesday 19 th May	Consultations
Thursday 20 th May	Consultations
Monday 31 st May – Friday 4 th June	School Holidays
Monday 7 th June 2021	INSET day – school closed to children
Tuesday 15 th June 2021	Class Photos
Wednesday 21 st July	Break Up

INSET DAYS FOR NEXT YEAR

Wednesday 1st September 2021
Thursday 2nd September 2021
Monday 1st November 2021
Tuesday 4th January 2022
Monday 6th June 2022



Does anyone recognise this phone? It was left in the office for safe-keeping and never claimed. Please pop in to the office if it's yours.

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In **EYFS** we have been exploring seeds and planting this week in Elephants 😊

Year 1 art on the style of Jackson Pollock.

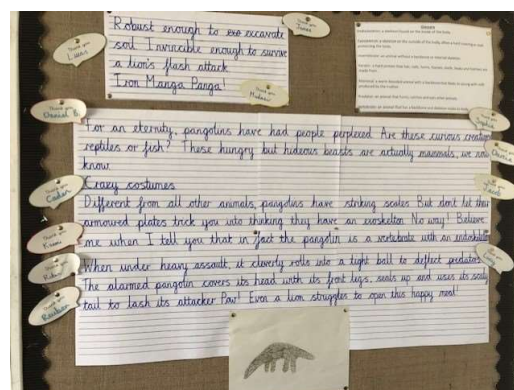


In **Year 2**, during an English lesson, we had an EXPERIENCE DAY. We were smelling different kinds of foods – lemons, oranges, toffee sauce, marshmallows, vanilla essence and cocoa. We had to look and smell the foods, one at a time and say what they reminded us of. Sammy said that the vanilla essence reminded her of vanilla pods.

Jacob said that the toffee sauce reminded him of Candy Land.
Harry said that the orange reminded him of the sunset.
Faith said that the bananas reminded her of wild flowers.

We had great fun.

Year 3 have been thoroughly enjoying writing about the pangolin in this week's English lessons and learning more about the skeleton and how it works. Ask us where our cranium is!



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This week in **Year 4** we have been studying invertebrates and where we can find them. As part of our science lesson, we went out onto the playground and onto the field to try and see if we could find any insects! We managed to find spiders, ladybugs, slugs, snails and lots of other bugs too. Children then classified the invertebrates to find out the name of the insect. Year 4 are really looking forward to finding out more about living things in their habitats.



This week in **Year 5** we have particularly enjoyed our PE lessons. We are learning the skills needed for both basketball and handball. We have practised the different passes needed in basketball and how to defend. In handball we have enjoyed learning new rules for a sport that is unfamiliar to most of us. We enjoyed translating these rules to team games and seeing these in action as we watched handball matches from the Olympics.



Year 6 have thoroughly enjoyed their learning based in Letters from the Lighthouse. They have learnt a lot about the social aspects of WW2. This week they edited and prepared their chosen pieces of writing for display

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Times Table Rock Stars:

Kieran – Rhinos
Zach – Panthers
Bilal – Monkeys

Star spellers of the week

Milaya - Monkeys
Kateko - Lions
Ben - Rhinos

Times Table Rock Star Special award

Luke Pescod – Rhinos

At Palace Wood we
Give it our best
Respect one another
Overcome obstacles
Work together

This week's Always Children:

Annabelle in Hippos,
In Rhinos
Danil in Tigers,
Nancy in Lions
Libby in panthers
Julia in Leopards
Izi in Monkeys
Chris in Crocodiles
Musawer in Pandas,
Ben in Zebras
Seb in Giraffes,
Jenson in Bears
Liam in Elephants,
Hugo in Penguins

Hawking achieved the
most team points this
week.

Mrs Cairns' Always Children:

Vanessa in Tigers, and Mustafa in Lions

PE Timetable

From week commencing 3rd May 2021

EYFS	Tuesday	Thursday
Year 1	Monday	Wednesday
Year 2	Wednesday	Friday
Year 3	Wednesday	Thursday
Year 4	Tuesday	Friday
Year 5	Monday	Wednesday
Year 6	Tuesday	Thursday