



PALACE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers

It's hard to believe that we are in the final term of the school year and that in a few weeks' time it will be the summer holidays. During this term we have some exciting events planned for the children including a sports week where each year group will have a sports morning or afternoon. This will take the place of a whole school sports day and sadly parents will not be able to join us this year. Although, we will not be having a full summer fair this term the children will be taking part in a farmers' market event. More details will follow but unfortunately parents will not be able to join this activity.

We are hoping to be able to invite parents in for a socially distanced look at books and work that children have completed this year. This will take place on the playgrounds and dates for this will follow shortly but we are looking at the week beginning the 12th July.

Could I remind parents that they do not need to wear masks while on the playground, dropping off or collecting, but please remain socially distant and if you need to speak to a member of staff please wear a mask.

Our lovely gardens throughout the school grounds have become rather overgrown with the warm weather and we are currently planning how some of these areas can be used next year. If you are able to spare an hour or two to help with weeding and tidying we would be most grateful for volunteers. Obviously, this would need to be carried out safely and following our COVID risk assessment. If you feel you are able to help please contact Mrs Smith via the office email or by phone. Many thanks in advance.

I am also hoping to hold some small parent working party meetings to discuss plans for next year. This again would be limited to groups of 6 parents and meetings will be held outside. I am planning to hold the meetings in the week beginning 28th June. If you are interested in being involved then please email me at headteacher@palacewood.kent.sch.uk. I look forward to working with you.

With warmest regards
Mrs Clare Cairns

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 15th June 2021

Class Photos

Tuesday 22nd June 2021

EYFS Hearing & Vision Checks (School Nursing Team)

Wednesday 21st July

Break Up

INSET DAYS FOR NEXT YEAR

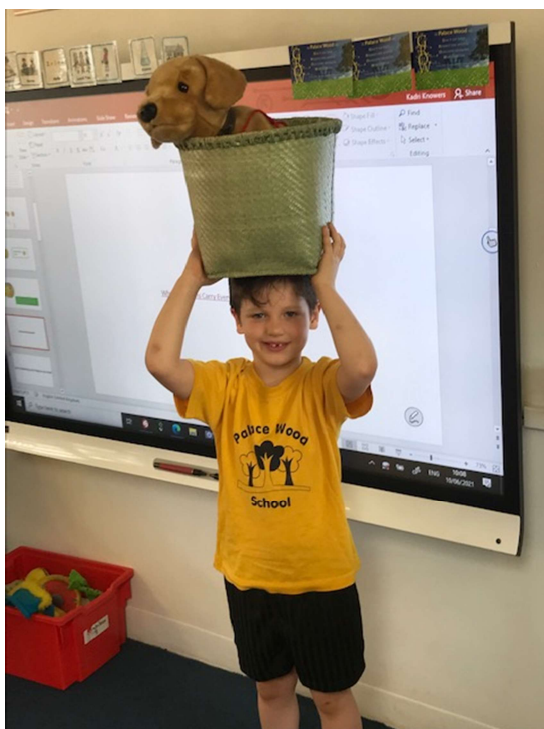
Wednesday 1st September 2021, Thursday 2nd September 2021, Monday 1st November 2021

Tuesday 4th January 2022, Monday 6th June 2022

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EYFS have had another busy week. We have begun exploring our new topic 'Minibeasts'. We found an ants' nest in our outside area and have been investigating how they move and even which fruits they prefer!

We ended the week by enjoying the beautiful weather and showing one another our biking skills.



This week in **Year 1** we have been recapping on our understanding of partitioning. In English we have been looking at 'Pinocchio' and have made some fantastic puppets, as well as, 'Handa's Surprise' where we have learnt about various aspects of South African culture. In Music we have begun looking at a mission to go to space and explore different movements to get us there. In History we have begun looking at castles and comparing them to the homes we live in now. In DT we have been looking at what makes a healthy diet in readiness for designing and making our own fruit salads. We have also learnt how to count to 10 in French!

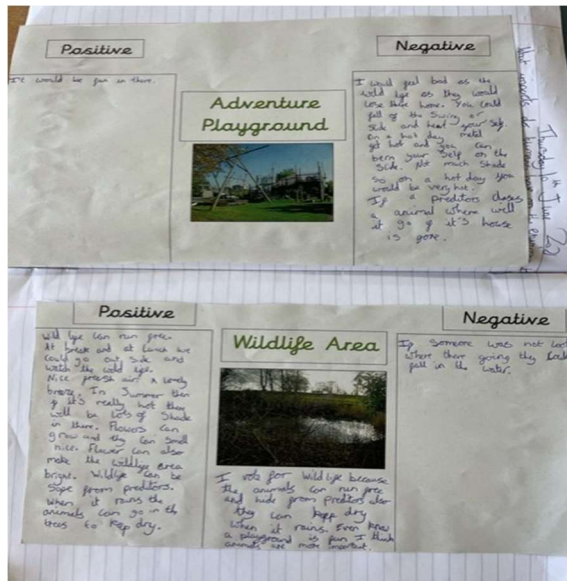
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In **Year 2** this week we started our new English text 'The Marvellous Fluffy Squishy Itty Bitty'. It is all about a girl called Edie who is trying to find the perfect birthday present for her Mum. For one of our experience days the children decorated a cake for a loved one along with a handwritten note. The children thought carefully about what to write and has lots of fun decorating the cakes. We hope you enjoyed them!



This week **Year 3** enjoyed learning about Indian music. The children were fascinated by this beautiful Sitar which was brought back from India by Miss Knowers' mum! Surprisingly, this huge instrument is very light in weight and makes an unusual sound when the strings are plucked.

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This week **Year 4** have started a new Geography topic based on natural resources. We found out lots of information about different natural resources and where they can be found around the world. We then located these on a world map. In Science this week we have been learning about our environment and how to help animals such as hedgehogs survive. Year 4 were then given the choice to have a playground or a nature reserve built. They had to write all the positive and negatives for each and make a final decision on what they would do. Many children decided to create a nature reserve based on the lesson we had just done.

This week in **Year 5** we have enjoyed our new Science topic about Forces. We learnt about the different types of forces and how forces make things move or change. We then showed different forces in action and discussed what the forces were and whether they were balanced or unbalanced. We are excited to find out the answers to some of our difficult questions such as why do clouds stay in the sky? and how do planes stay in the air?



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Year 6 have thoroughly enjoyed a visit from Maidstone Magistrates court. It was a real eye-opener for them. Learning about criminal age of responsibility and the consequences of rash actions. Please ask them about it, we think you will be surprised!



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HOLIDAY CLUB ROUND UP

Last week was half term and the holiday club children had great fun with their themed days:

- Tuesday was sports day. The children made hobby horses with Abbi and Mrs Adair as well as obstacle course and races. They also made rosettes.
- Wednesday was Kings and Queens Day in celebration of our Queen's coronation anniversary. There was crown making and dressing up.
- Thursday was messy science day the children enjoyed making slime, although unfortunately it didn't thicken up, so we settled for playing with jelly bath.
- Friday was cooking day when the children decorated biscuits and made pizzas and trifle for their tea.
- Monday was Inset day and the children who came into holiday club played with the pool and football tables. We watched Horrid Henry.

Thanks to Mrs Adair, Mr Fullagar, Mrs Hettiarachchi and Mrs Thompson for their help at holiday club.



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UPDATES AND REMINDERS

PE Timetable for Term 6

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

Rowling achieved the
most team points this
week!

This Week's Always Children

Elephants: Riley	Penguins: Leiland
Bears: Mollie	Giraffes: Elijah
Zebras: Amelia	Pandas: Oliver
Crocodiles: Misa	Monkeys: Evelyn
Leopards: Phoebe	Panthers: Ayisha
Lions: Sienna-Joy	Tigers: Jack
Hippos: Scarlett	Rhinos: Henry

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

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Sammy from Zebras and Teddy from Elephants picking up rubbish after a beach visit.



Star Spellers

Kateko - Lions
Bea - Tigers
Milaya - Monkeys

**Mrs Cairns' Always Child:
Teddy in Lions**