



PALACE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers

I wanted to update you on our current COVID risk assessment and plans for the next few weeks.

As you will be aware, 2 bubbles have burst in the last 2 weeks and 2 year groups have needed to isolate for 10 days. We have reviewed the current guidance and taken into account information we have received from Kent County Council and Public Health England and have decided to stay working as year group bubbles for the time being. I'm aware that this may cause some parents concern and it does mean that if a bubble bursts 60 children are sent home rather than 30. At the moment, we feel that to be able to offer children a broad and balanced curriculum and allow them to spend time with friends in the opposite class this is the best option and takes priority over the potential risk of a bubble closure.

We are keeping all other safety measures in place and hope that this reduces the chance of any further bubble closures. However, should the situation change and further cases are identified within school then we are likely to revert back to single class bubbles in the short term.

We are following the guidance from Kent County Council, the Department of Education and Public Health England and are very sorry that this means we are unable to invite parents into school to be part of certain events at the moment. We are looking at ways that we can involve you where we can.

Sports Day

Unfortunately, like so many schools, we have made the difficult decision to have staff and children only at this event. We appreciate that parents usually love to attend but with the restrictions not yet fully lifted by the government, we are unable to make this an option this year. We will take plenty of photographs of the day and tweet them as well as set up a folder on the website and we will announce the winning house team in our virtual assembly the following week.

Parent Working Party

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, please do contact me if you feel you would like to be part of this group. It is an opportunity for me to hear parent voice and for you to be part of discussions around important decisions before they are made. I can be contacted via my headteacher email – headteacher@palacewood.kent.sch.uk or via the school office, and I am also usually on one of the playgrounds at the beginning and end of days. I would very much like to work more closely with the parent community.

I hope you enjoy seeing the learning the children have been taking part in this week.

Have a great weekend

Mrs Cairns



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 2nd July

Wednesday 21st July

Class Photos

Break Up – normal time

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



Bug Observation Form

Scientist's name: MATILDA

How many legs? (circle)

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 more than 8

How many wings? (circle)

0 1 2 3 4 more than 4

What colours can you see?

black spighd

Draw a picture:

Bug's name:

In our **EYFS** this week we have spent lots of time outside “Bug Hunting” and then logging our findings in our Minibeast Investigation Centre, counting and logging the number of legs, wings, colours of the minibeast, drawing and labelling the forms. Model making, has been a favourite indoor activity this week, making bags, television screen and message boards.

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This week in **Year 1** we have been working on using a numberline to solve addition questions, including doing separate jumps of tens and ones when dealing with bigger numbers. In English we have been continuing with our 'Pinocchio' text and 'Pigs might fly' and Science we have been investigating the differences between the seasons. In Music we have been working on chanting and changing the dynamics of our voices alongside DT where we made a design for the fruit salads we will be creating next week. In History we have looked at what sort of rooms there are inside a castle and were particularly intrigued by the garderobe.



This week in **Year 2** we have been thinking about capacity and volume, during our maths sessions. The children have been measuring in millilitres and litres. The children have learnt the difference between capacity and volume. They have had great fun using the water to make clear connections of the written problems they have had to solve.

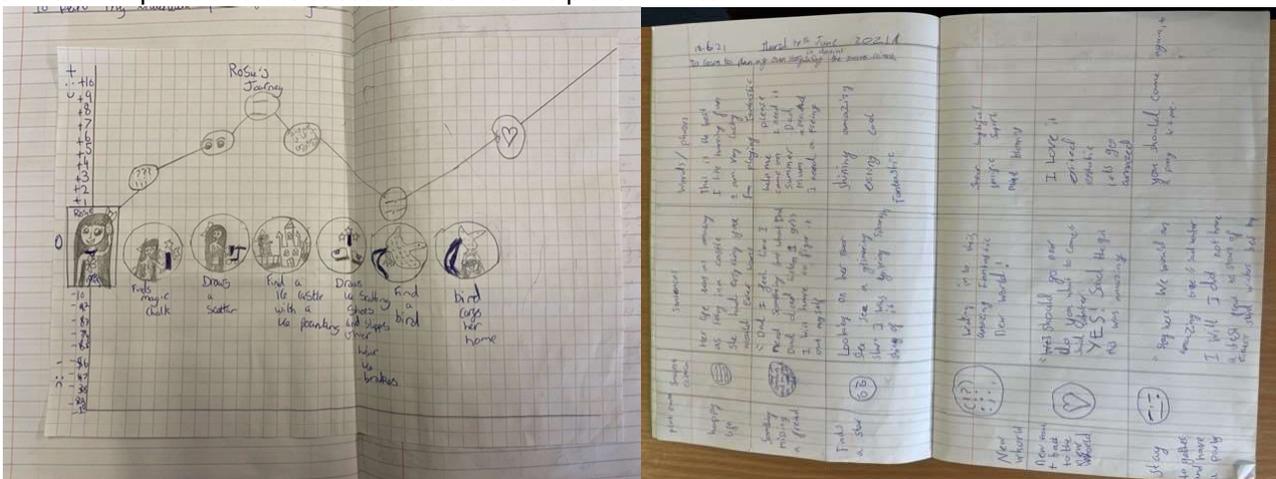


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In Science, **Year 3** tested different surface materials to see which would provide the most friction. The car travelled furthest down the paper-covered ramp as there was very little friction and travelled the shortest distance when on carpet.



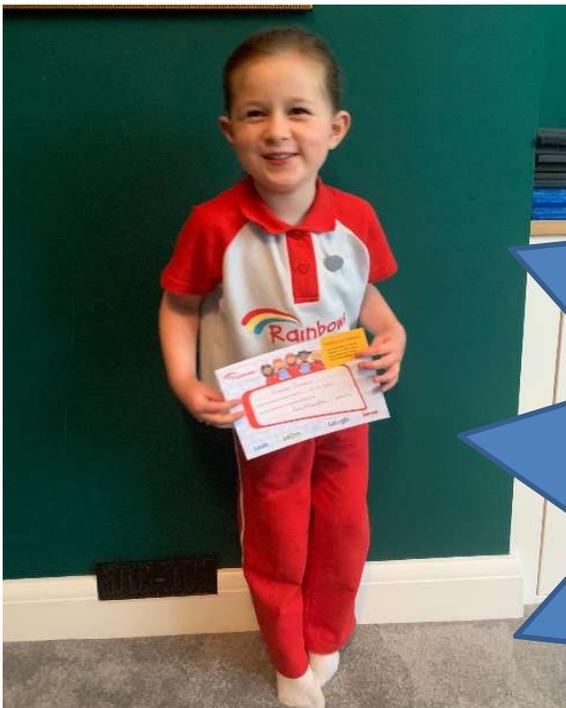
In **Year 4** this week, we have continued to learn about renewable resources. Children looked at a world map and located Chile. We then looked at Chile in detail and learnt about the natural resources the country produces and how much money they had made from this. Children could describe the landscape and write about different resources Chile produces. In English, we have been planning and writing our independent stories based on 'The Journey'. Children have been applying their knowledge of 'The Write Stuff' and looking at their detailed plans and the success criteria to help them write.



Well what a week **Year 5!** Despite an unexpected week at home we have all been working really hard to continue our learning. In maths we have been practising some areas of number work including rounding and negative numbers. In English we have focused on areas of grammar that will really help us in our writing. We have learnt about Sir Isaac Newton and his important contribution to the understanding of forces. Thank you for all your hard work this week Year 5, we can't wait to see you on Monday!

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Year 6 had the pleasure of a visit from Fiona (St Nicholas Church). She spoke to the classes about the importance of standing up for people's rights in the correct way. We spoke about different activists the children may know. For example Malala Yousafzi and Greta Thunberg. They then decided a cause that they wanted to stand up for and designed posters.



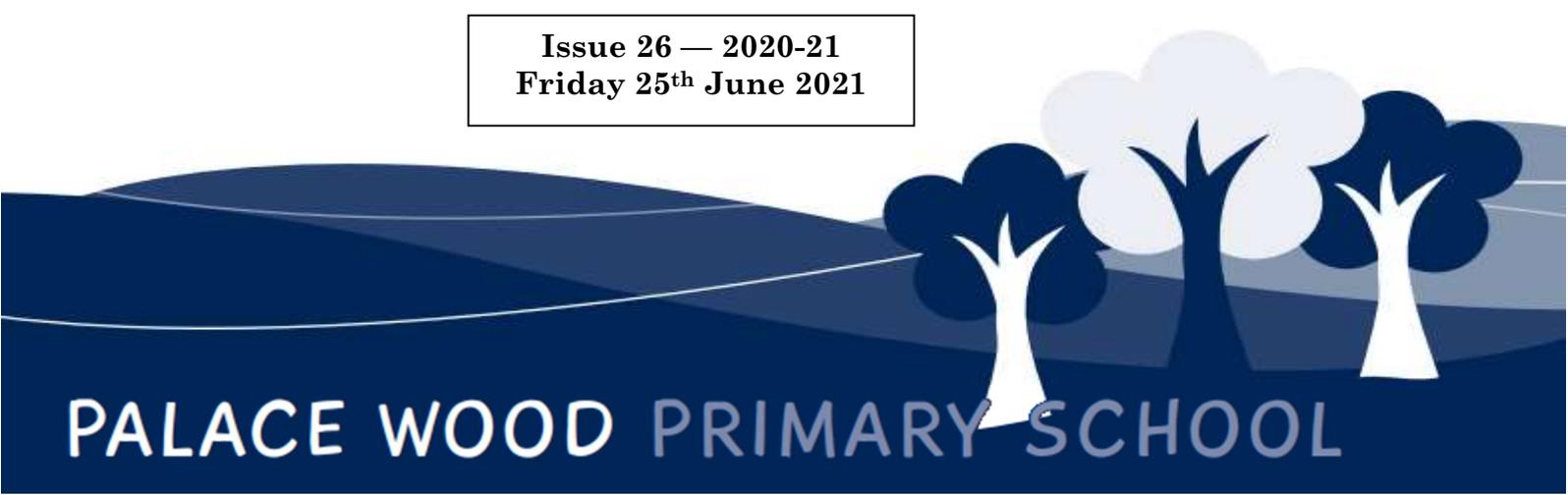
Eleanor in Elephants made her promise at Rainbows and was officially invested into 2nd Allington Rainbows.



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This week **Afterschool Club** celebrated 50 years since the release of the original Charlie and the chocolate factory by running a 'design your own chocolate wrapper' competition. The winners would receive a chocolate bar to go inside the winning wrappers. There was a prize for infants and one for juniors. Take a look at some of the great designs. Well done to Joey and Aleks who won, and thanks to Mrs Wallace for judging.





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Sheeran achieved the most team points this week.

This Week's Always Children

Rhinos – Oliver M
Panthers – Chloe
Crocodiles - Etta
Zebras – Emilia
Bears – Larna
Elephants - Danny

Hippos - Annabelle
Leopards – Christine
Monkeys - Ronnie
Pandas – Oliver
Giraffes – Jasmine
Penguins – Lola K

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

**Mrs Cairns' Always Child:
Tilly in Rhinos**