



PALACE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Courage, Challenge, Curiosity, Compassion

Dear Parents and Carers,

There are 3 weeks until the Christmas holidays and it has certainly started to feel festive in school. I'm regularly hearing carols being sung, which is such a lovely sound and not one that we've heard in school for a while. We have been frantically planning a number of festive activities for the children, over the next 3 weeks, and are trying to make up for some of the events they missed last year. Please see the list of dates included with this letter for clarity.

As I mentioned in a previous letter, we have 4 new Palace Wood values – courage, challenge, compassion and curiosity.



This week and for the next two weeks we will be focusing on courage and what it means to be brave and face our fears. In assemblies and our lessons we will be learning about courage. We will look at examples of people in history who have shown courage and reflect on the times when we have been brave. We will learn that bravery and courage doesn't just relate to physical feats but also to our daily words and actions such as being honest even if this might mean we get into trouble for something.

'I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it.' Nelson Mandela

Every Friday a child from each class will be acknowledged for the courage they have shown in the week. This may be in their learning or in the actions they have shown. As each new value is introduced, a child who has been successful in showing one of the 4 Cs will be recognised in our weekly Excellence assembly alongside the Always child. See below for who showed courage this week.

Displayed in our Greatness Gallery, this week, is work from Maddie in Elephants, Sonny in Zebras, Sandra in Crocodiles, Erin in Leopards, Miley in Tigers and Madoc in Rhinos—well done everyone, your work looks wonderful.

Have a lovely weekend and thank you for your continued support.

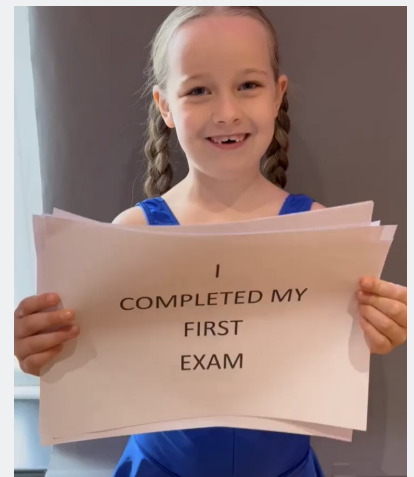
Mrs Cairns



SUPERSTAR CORNER



Emi from monkeys did her first tap exam and got a distinction!





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Reminders and Updates

- Remember, if you wish your child to bring in their mobile phone please contact Mrs Cairns in writing
- Remember to book your child's Christmas Dinner by Friday 3rd December. Payment to be made through your Caterlink account.
- Please donate any unwanted, children's sized Christmas jumpers for the Friends Christmas jumper shop.
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Dates for the diary

DATE	EVENT
3RD DECEMBER 2021	CHRISTMAS DECORATION AND OWN CLOTHES DAY
10TH DECEMBER 2021	CHRISTMAS FAYRE FOR CHILDREN ONLY
15TH DECEMBER 2021	CHRISTMAS DINNER AND CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY



EYFS



In EYFS we have been reading the story "On Sudden Hill". The two friends in the story have lots of fun playing with cardboard boxes and using them in different ways. In Elephants and Penguins we have also used our imaginations to create wonderful models from boxes! We have made cameras, police stations, televisions, boats and many more fantastic creations!



YEAR 1

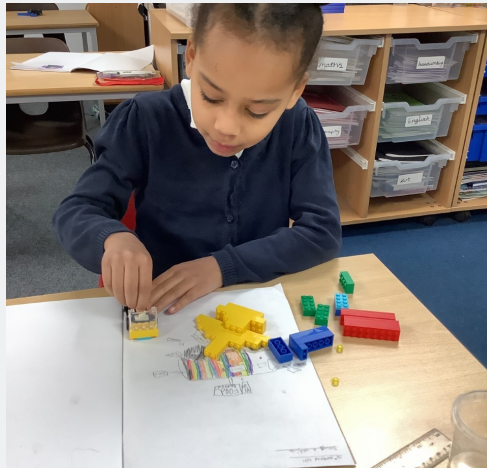


Year One – Bears and Giraffes

Year 1 are thoroughly enjoying learning about maps in Geography this term. The children can identify physical and human geographical features around our school and on an aerial map. They have had fun exploring different map making skills around the classroom and next week the children will learn about making a key for their maps.



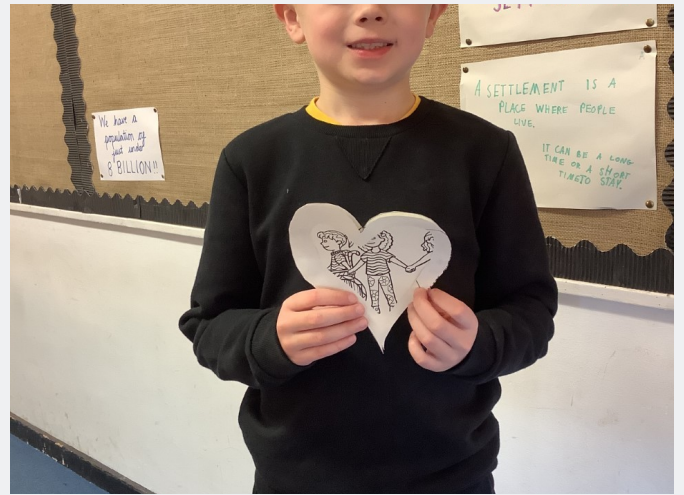
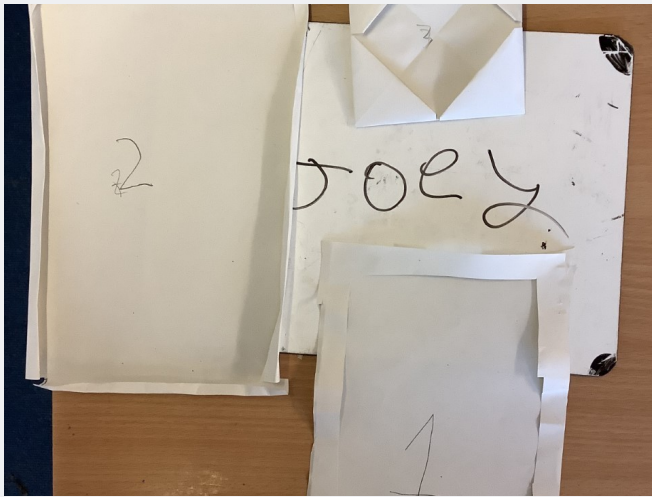
YEAR 2



This term in Year Two we have been exploring vehicles in DT. Last week we designed our vehicles and thought about the different parts needed. This week the children used their plan to build their vehicle using Lego. The children absolutely loved building them and are very proud of their finished product. Well done Year Two!



YEAR 3

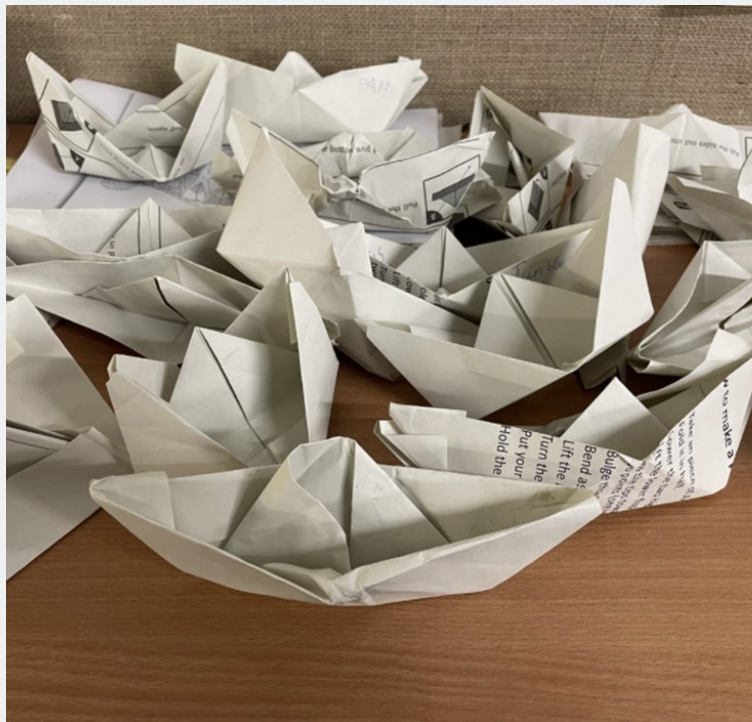


This week year 3 have been writing our own versions of 'Wolves in the Wall'. We have used lots of fantastic language including pathetic fallacy and alliteration. In Maths we have revising what we know about multiplication for example arrays and repeated addition. We have been going over out 2s, 5s and 10 times tables. In Science we have been continuing our focus on diet. In PSHE we discussed gender stereotypes and how we shouldn't limit ourselves because of our gender. In DT we made a practice of our frames that we will be making in the near future. For Geography we learnt about some of the different types of settlement including; dispersed, nucleated, linear and isolated. Finally in PE we introduced unison and cannon into our dance routines and continued with our tag rugby skills.



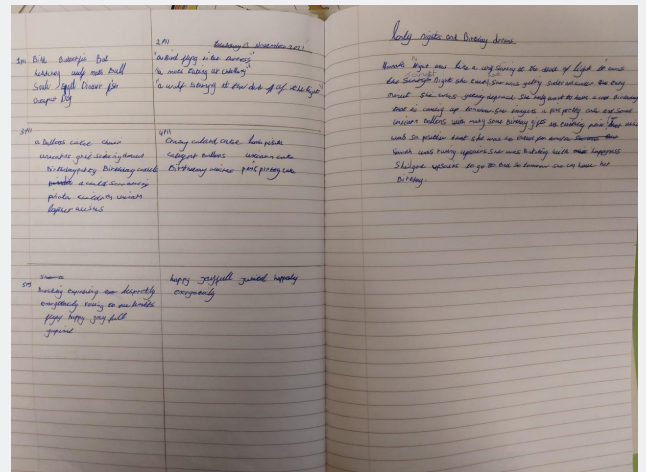
YEAR 4

This week in Year 4 we have started our new book “Float by David Miyares” in English. As part of our experience day, we had the opportunity to make Paper boats. In D.T this week we tasted lots of different flavoured quiches in preparation for making our own at the end of the term!





YEAR 5



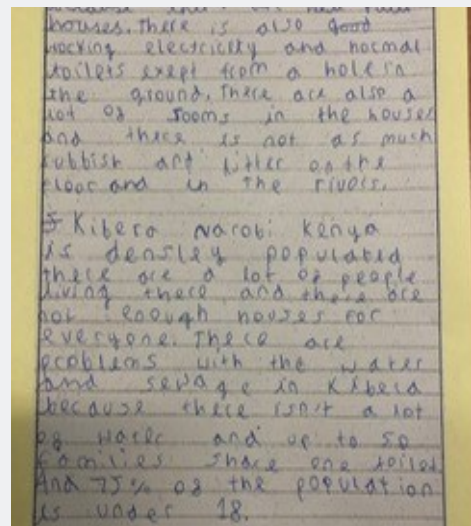
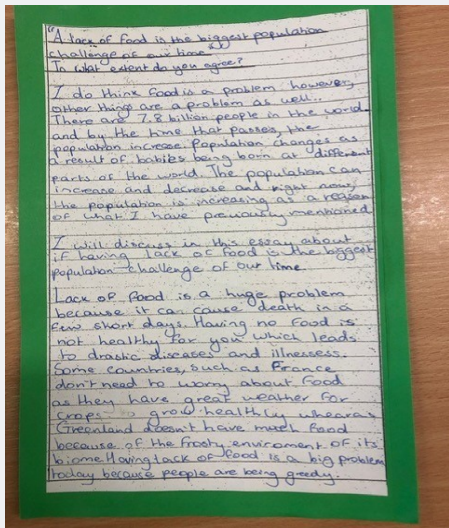
This week Year 5 have been working hard on their figurative language in writing. We have been using repetition for effect and introducing some really boring language (!) to show how uninteresting some situations are and then using similes and adjectives for effect. The results have been astonishing and we have seen our writing really improve. The imagination we have shown and the empathy for the character has produced fantastic writing. We cannot wait to see what else we come up with as we move through our learning.





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YEAR 6



Year 6 have been making strong links between their learning from last term and this. Both classes have applied their knowledge of the body and circulatory system to their fitness unit in PE. Last week we explored circuits and the impact that different exercises had on the body and this week we have been looking at building stamina and intensity in running. Hippos had the chance to complete the secondary transition lesson hosted by our well-being team. Once again, this proved very useful. Both classes have been working hard editing and publishing essays from different subjects to create our corridor displays. Here are two pieces of writing in geography.





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Children who have shown courage this week

Sebastian—Bears

Alex F—Giraffes

Remy—Zebras

Ruby—Pandas

Nylah—Monkeys

Ambia- Crocodiles

Kanni—Leopards

Sulli—Panthers

Emily-Rose—Tigers

Zachary—Lions

Leon—Hippos

Lewis—Rhinos



This week's always children:

Penguins	Ava	Crocodiles	Finley
Elephants	Jessica	Panthers	Natalia
Giraffes	Finn	Leopards	Robin
Bears	Joshua	Tigers	Charlotte B
Zebras	Sonny	Lions	Ava
Pandas	Jasmine	Hippos	Olivia
Monkeys	Florence B	Rhinos	Phoebe

Most House points this week:

Rowling

At Palace Wood we:

Give it our best

Respect one another

Overcome obstacles

Work together

Times table rock stars

- Zachary L (Lions)
- Sophia S (Crocodiles)
- Sandra W (Crocodiles)
- NUMBOTS
- Menaal (Zebras)
- Jack P (Bears)
- Logan H (Giraffes)

This weeks attendance is

94.82%

