



PALACE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Courage, Challenge, Curiosity, Compassion

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today has been very Christmassy! The children have enjoyed decorating their classrooms and other areas of the school. We have beautiful snowflakes dangling from corridor ceilings and Mrs Vincett has made some fantastic 3D snowflakes, out of brown paper bags, that look incredible. Mr Boyce's room is definitely the most decorated but then he did start the process at the beginning of November!

The children in Key stage 1 have been busy practising for there festive productions and they are looking forward to performing to parents over the next two weeks. Our school choir, organised by Miss Knowers, have all so been rehearsing Christmas songs and will be singing outside Waitrose on 11th December.

The Rock Steady children have achieved so much in such a short time and today they filmed their final piece. It was lovely to see children of all ages perform so confidently – they sounded great. Videos of the performances will be available to parents soon.

We are a community school and it's lovely to have so many links with different people across Allington but this does mean that we all need to work as a community and support each other. In the last week, I have had several emails from local residents in Talbot Road and Maple Avenue, suggesting that parents are not always being courteous in the way they park when dropping off and picking up children. I know that these comments will be directed at the minority and most people are sensible and considerate of our neighbours, but could I remind everyone to think of others when they park and to avoid blocking driveways, parking on the pavement and the yellow zig zag lines. Life is busy and I'm sure people have time constraints that mean they need to drop off swiftly but this does not excuse rudeness and unkindness. We are trying hard to teach our children compassion and tolerance and I would ask that we all value these attributes and are good role models when out and about.

Thank you for your continued support and have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Cairns



Greatness Gallery

This week's Greatness Gallery children are –

Isla in Penguins

Megan in Monkeys

Noah in Panthers

Eva in Lions

Sophia in Rhinos



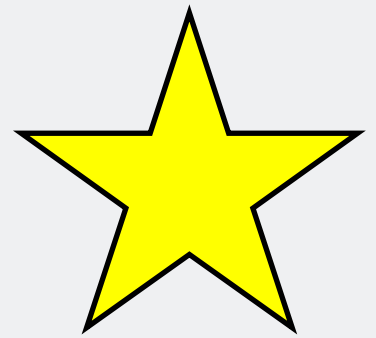
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The children who showed courage this week are

Penguins - Jayden
Elephants- Scarlett
Giraffes -Hannah
Bears - Skylar
Zebras - Jenson
Pandas - Leila
Monkeys - Mofe
Crocodiles - Stanley
Leopards - James
Panthers - Rune
Tigers - Max
Lions - Isabella
Hippos - Nikola
Rhinos - Noah



SUPERSTAR CORNER



Arijus in Pandas class had his grading at kickboxing, 3rd Red Belt





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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
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Dates for the diary

DATE	EVENT
6TH DECEMBER 2021	JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM, YEARS 2, 3 & 4
6TH DECEMBER 2021	YEAR 1 PERFORMANCE
7TH DECEMBER 2021	YEAR 1 PERFORMANCE
8TH DECEMBER 2021	JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM, YEARS 1, 5 & 6
9TH DECEMBER 2021	YEAR 4, 5 & 6 PANTO VISIT
10TH DECEMBER 2021	CHRISTMAS FAYRE—CHILDREN ONLY



EYFS



This week in EYFS, the children have begun our preparation for Christmas. We have talked about advent and introduced our own 'reversal advent calendar'. We have discussed how Christmas is a time for being with our loved ones and thinking about those less fortunate than ourselves.

The children have been busy making the most beautiful decorations for the classroom using natural resources, we have been able to collect from outside. And finally, thank you for all your most generous donations of decorations and chocolate, they are all very much appreciated.



YEAR 1



Year One – Bears and Giraffes

This week in Year One we have based our learning in English and Maths around the Nativity story with a particular focus in English on using adjectives. We have really enjoyed practising for our play performances next week and our dress rehearsal on Thursday was a resounding success and everyone was a Star and looked amazing.

The children have all very generously brought in some really lovely decorations for the classrooms and loads of delicious chocolate for the Chocolate Tombola. We are also going to be making some of our own decorations.



YEAR 2



This week in Science we have been looking at how we recycle our rubbish . We sorted lots of plastic wrappers and bottles and cardboard packages to see if we could find a clear recycling symbol on them.



YEAR 3



This week Year 3 have been busy creating their final Christmas photo frames in DT. They have looked at other photo frames and how they stand to ensure theirs are strong and stable. They then designed their frame with the purpose of Christmas and then practiced creating different frames for their final piece. Next week, they will be evaluating them to see what worked well and what could be improved!





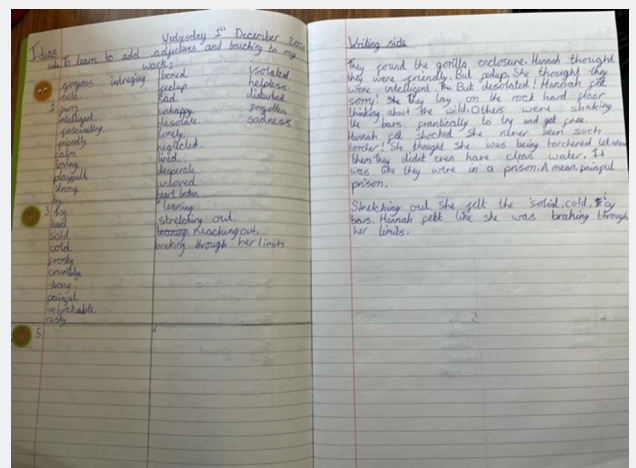
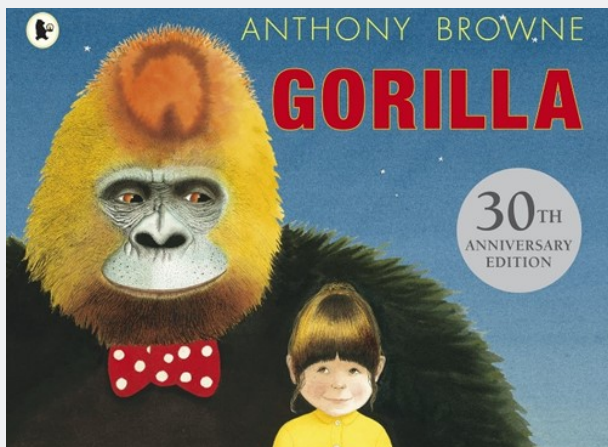
This week in Year 4 we have been working on our addition and subtraction in maths. We have practiced the skills involved to be able to complete calculations correctly. We have been working hard on our reasoning, using the skills we have learnt, and how to concisely explain using mathematical language. In PSHE this week we have continued to think about kindness and empathy and how we can show both of these in different aspects of school life.

MARKS AT 11 AND GOES DOWN AT 14
 2. A's numberline
 The last -2 and -3 are wrong because
 it is supposed to be 0 and 1.
 B is missing some numbers out here in
 his numberline
 Now you can see there is gaps the
 difference between 20 and 10 is 10
 so half of 10 is 5 so it is each
 a gap is 5. This is what the number
 line should look like.
 E is correct because there are gaps
 it is worth 2 (it goes up) there is
 the numberline for C.



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YEAR 5



This week Year 5 have been creating sentences based on the story 'Gorilla'. The children had an experience day to learn about Gorillas and we discussed whether or not they should be kept in a cage or out in the wild. Year 5 could then use this knowledge to create effective descriptions based on a picture of caged gorillas from the story. Children are building up to writing their own adventure story.



YEAR 6



This week Year 6 have been exploring living conditions during the Victorian era. This links very nicely with our science and English topics this term. They went down a mine, escaped the workhouse and demonstrated about working conditions in factories all courtesy of Now Press Play. During a couple of our maths lessons the children completed investigations using fractions. One of which was very challenging!



NUMBOTS

Helena (Zebras)

Oscar (Giraffes)

Shibaani (Pandas)





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This week's always children:

Penguins	Cecelia	Crocodiles	Oliver H
Elephants	Sophie	Panthers	Theo
Giraffes	Eleanor	Leopards	Caden
Bears	Lola K	Tigers	Mason
Zebras	Joshua L	Lions	Louie
Pandas	Bella	Hippos	Harry
Monkeys	Mohammed	Rhinos	Sienna-Joy

Most House points this week:

Rowling

Times table rock stars

- Ethan (Panthers)
- Holly (Lions)
- Evelyn (Rhinos)

At Palace Wood we:

Give it our best
Respect one another
Overcome obstacles
Work together

This weeks attendance is

95.20%

