



PALACE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Courage, Challenge, Curiosity, Compassion

Dear Parents and Carers,

Unbelievably, this is the last newsletter of the year! It has been a challenging few weeks for many and back in September, I do not think anyone thought that we would be in this position again, with so many children missing school and infection rates sky rocketing.

I would like to thank all the staff, here at school, for all that they have done this term, and the way in which they have all been so supportive of each other and the children. Many have faced some difficult decisions around their own families and ensuring that everyone is kept as safe as possible.

On a happier note, the children have finished the term in their PJs, eating goodies, watching the odd Christmas film, making Christmas crafts and singing Christmas songs. Every one of them has worked hard, through the last two terms, and they all should be proud of what they have achieved. It was great to finish the day visiting classes and congratulating the children who have shown courage this term and those children who are always behaving and following our Palace Wood Golden Rules.

Finally, I would like to thank you as parents for your continued support of the school and the staff, particularly during these more tricky times.

I wish you and your families a very merry, healthy and safe Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

With warmest wishes,

Mrs Cairns





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Children who have shown courage this week.

Penguins - Zachary
Elephants - Olivia
Bears - Scott
Giraffes - Henry
Pandas - Anvika and Alan
Zebras - Sarah
Monkeys - Lucas
Crocodiles - Joey
Leopards - Oscar
Panthers - Isabella
Tigers - Richie D
Lions - Estelle
Rhinos - Will
Hippos - Olivia



Greatness Gallery

Cecelia—Penguins

Alfred—Elephants

Olivia—Crocodiles

Noah—Panthers

Anastasia—Tigers

Olivia—Hippos



SUPERSTAR CORNER



At the weekend Aaliyah (lions) and Nylah (monkeys) achieved their blue belt in Karate.



Danny in giraffes and Sid in elephants received their orange belt in Taekwondo.



7 boys from Panthers (Henry, Sullivan, Ethan, Isaac, Bilal, Noah and Rory) and 2 from Leopards (Caden and Alex) recently won the Maidstone Invicta Primary League Section D Autumn Festival, winning 7 out of 8 matches and drawing the last.

They play for Castle Athletic U9's.

They were brilliant over the four week league, only conceding 3 goals and scoring 16, finishing top by 4 clear points. Boys will receive trophies from the league for their efforts



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Thomas from Monkeys and Bethany from Rhinos both attend TheatreTrain Maidstone. They performed with TheatreTrain in a Christmas carnival in Ashford, called the Carnival of Baubles. They performed dance routines and sang to a large crowd in the town centre. Both of them did so well, showed so much confidence and really enjoyed it.



Congratulations to Rhea Butler-Jones on winning a Bronze medal at the G.F.A (gymnastics) South East Regional Championships, where she competed against all the other gymnastics clubs in the South East.





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Reminders and Updates

- The staff would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas.
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Dates for the diary

DATE	EVENT
17TH DECEMBER 2021	LAST DAY OF TERM 2
4TH JANUARY 2022	INSET DAY
5TH JANUARY 2022	FIRST DAY OF TERM 3



EYFS



In EYFS we have been overwhelmed by the generosity of our families! We began December learning about advent and the countdown to Christmas. Elephants and Penguins decided to do a "reverse advent calendar" where we collected donations throughout the month, to show the importance of helping others. Thanks to the kindness of the EYFS families, we have an abundance of wonderful offerings to donate to a local Children's Centre.



YEAR 1



Year One – Bears and Giraffes

This week the children enjoyed using their knowledge of Animals in Science when using the Now Press Play headphones. They were really engrossed in the animal rescue story and showed excellent listening skills throughout!



YEAR 2



This week Year 2 have been busy having fun doing Christmas crafts .



YEAR 3



This week, Year 3 have been getting into the Christmas spirit for the last week of term. We started off with our Christmas lunch on Wednesday full of crackers, funny glasses and music, followed by Christmas activities on Thursday which included creating our own cuboid snowmen! Year 3 wish you all a lovely Christmas half term!



YEAR 4

In Year 4 this week we have enjoyed leading our own learning linked to something else we have been learning about. We were inspired by our text in English 'Float' to build and test our own boats, like the little boy does in the story. We explored the different materials we had available to us and carefully considered the features our boat would need. We planned and built our boats. Throughout the process we were able to keep testing our boats and make changes and improvements where necessary



YEAR 5



This week Year 5 have been completing our DT project. We have designed and made Christmas tree baubles. We had to practise the sewing skills we already had and we learnt the blanket stitch. We then added any details we wanted to our design, such as buttons, or we used the cross stitch to add eyes and a mouth. Year 5 can't wait to hang these on their Christmas trees or give them out as gifts! The children have also been practising some Christmas songs and we performed them in the hall. We have recordings of this on Teams. You can go on there to watch the performance. We are really proud of how well the children sang. On behalf of the whole of Year 5, we would like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.



YEAR 6



Year 6 have been practicing hard for their carol concert this week, learning how to not only sing together, but in parts as well. Unfortunately, the live event had to be cancelled, but recordings of 'Winter Wonderland' and 'The Holly and the Ivy' are on Teams for both classes and they sound great. We have been learning about using coordinates in both 1 and 4 quadrants and challenging ourselves with some rather tricky shape problems, and have been enjoying discussing the story of 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens.



NUMBOTS

Cecelia (Zebras)

Hugo (Bears)

Albie (Pandas)



This week's always children:

Penguins	Matilda	Crocodiles	Sophia
Elephants	Kiera	Panthers	Ella
Giraffes	Ruby	Leopards	Joe
Bears	Jack P.C	Tigers	Max B
Zebras	Rose H	Lions	Libby
Pandas	Harry H	Hippos	Shiv
Monkeys	Musawer	Rhinos	Rylee

Most House points this week:

Yarnold

Times table rock stars

- Isabelle (Panthers)
- Isaac (Leopards)
- Lucia (Monkeys)

At Palace Wood we:

Give it our best
Respect one another
Overcome obstacles
Work together

This weeks attendance is

95.21%

