



# PALACE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Excellence, Friendship, Respect

### Headteachers Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

The first week of the new school year has whizzed by and I am sure that you will have some rather tired children coming home to you this afternoon!

The children have settled back into school routines amazingly well and there have been very few tears this week. Thank you for all you are doing in supporting your children with their return to school. Happy children is always our top priority and spending time in classrooms and in the play grounds, this week, has been delightful as the children have really seemed to have enjoyed being back at school with their friends and teachers.

A very warm welcome to all our new EYFS children and families. It is lovely to see the children coming into school looking smart in their uniforms, and already they are starting to get used to their new teachers and Palace Wood. I have visited both Penguin and Elephant class and it was wonderful to see the children interacting with the each other and their new environment. The space was calm and each child seemed very engaged in their play.

On Thursday this week, several year 6 children took part in the Kent test. Thank you to all of year 6 for your mature and sensible attitude to the day. Those taking the test did very well as it was a long day, and they stayed focussed and attentive for each test. The year 6 children, who did not take part, were also incredibly sensible and supportive of their peers – well done everyone.

Could I remind you that Acorn Office remains closed and any messages or queries should be directed to Oaks office.

We would also like to apologise for the situation with our phonedlines. BT are working on restoring the line and hopefully, we will have phone access by Monday.

Thank you to all of you for your continued support with dropping and collecting children from school. Acorn playground, particularly at the year 1 gates, can become a little crowded and we are reviewing the process on a weekly basis to make sure the children feel comfortable and that everyone is safe.

We had a lovely but rather excitable puppy make an appearance, this morning, in Acorn playground. She had managed to get loose from one of the houses in a local street and made her way to school. Thank you to all the parents who helped with the situation – not having dogs myself I was very grateful to the parent who picked her up and helped move her to the front office. Her owner collected her shortly afterwards and took her home for a rest!

No two days are ever the same in school and that's one of the reasons we all love what we do!

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Cairns





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## Reminders and Updates

- Please remember to label and name your child's clothing correctly
- We apologise for the phone lines being unavailable, BT are dealing with this.
- A reminder that the vegetarian option has changed on the menu for next Monday and Thursday
- There is a Florence Nightingale workshop for year 1 on 27/09/21
- Please remember to send in the consent slips for year 3&4 Hockey and year 5&6 tag rugby if your child would like to participate.

## Dates for the diary

DATE	EVENT
1st November 2021	INSET DAY
4th January 2022	INSET DAY
6th June 2022	INSET DAY



## EYFS



This week we welcomed our new children into EYFS! Elephants and Penguins arrived at school on their first day wearing smart new uniforms, shiny shoes and big smiles on their faces! We have had lots of fun exploring all the different areas of the classrooms, sharing stories together and making new friends. We have been busy playing outside in the sunshine-cooking up a storm in the mud kitchen, practising our skills on the balance bikes, enjoying water play and lots more! Well done EYFS, what a fantastic first week you've had!



## YEAR 1

This week the children enjoyed taking their Science lesson outside. We are learning all about ourselves and this week focused on the human body. The children used chalk to draw around their bodies on the playground and then used picture cards with the key words to label their body parts.







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## YEAR 2

This week in Year Two the children were lucky enough to have the PE coaches for a tennis lesson. The children all worked really hard with a range of skills working up to using the racket to play tennis hockey!





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## YEAR 3



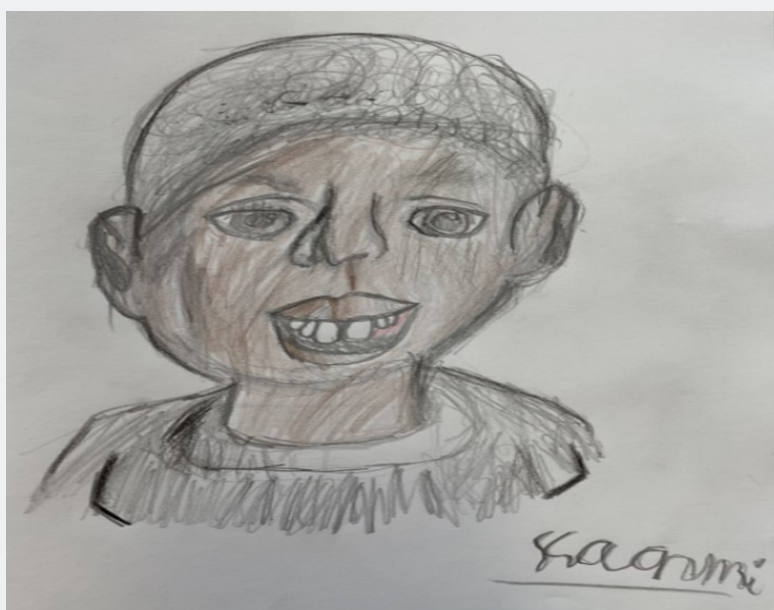
This week in year 3 we have started reading 'The Stone Age Boy' and experimenting with a variety of language including prepositional phrases and expanded noun phrases. In Maths we have been reviewing our learning on Place Value and have begun talking about 'hundredths'. In Science we will be learning about Rocks this term and did an experiment to find out which rocks were permeable, durable and dense. In History we began our journey learning about the stone age and discussed the origins of life on Earth. In Music we are going to be working on our singing this term and learning a variety of songs. Finally in RE we have been discussing what different people believe about God. We have had a fantastic first week back!



## YEAR 4



This week in Year 4 we have been to Mote Park to take part in our first swimming lesson of this term using front crawl to travel from one side of the pool to the other. In Art we have been using mirrors, colouring pencils and chalk to draw and colour our own self-portraits. In Science we have been exploring the school to investigate all of the different sounds we can hear in different locations. We were able to hear lots of different things such as cars, children playing and birds.



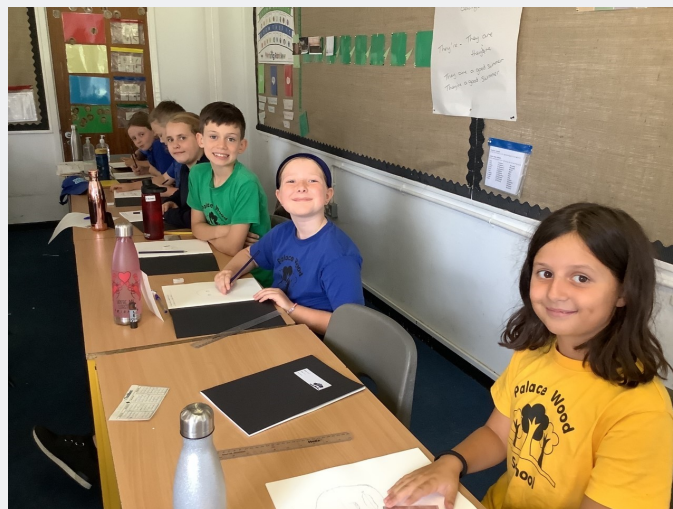


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## YEAR 5



Year 5 had a wonderful couple of afternoons with the new EYFS children. They officially met their buddies on Friday and Monday and chatted and played showing how grown up and wonderfully responsible they could be. The Year 5's collected their buddies from the gate and made sure that they were happy and safe for the time they were in their brand new school. The Year 5's really remember being in EYFS themselves so were able to make sure they felt ok at Palace Wood. They have been fabulous ambassadors for the school and will be amazing buddies throughout this year.

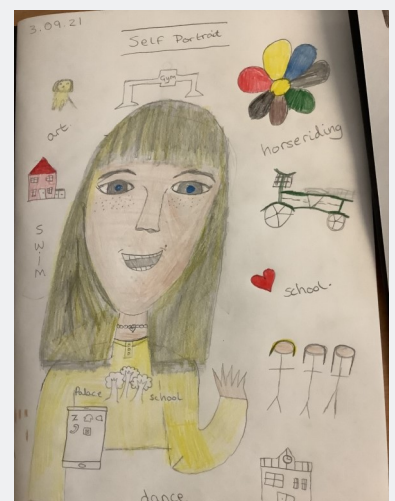




## YEAR 6

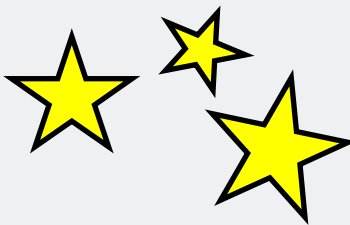


This week, Year 6 enjoyed investigating how card games work and how different strategies and variables can affect the outcome. For example, when playing Cheat, it is far easier to win if there are only two players than if there are three. We have also worked hard at creating self-portraits, comparing our current art skills with those in previous years and ready to compare with the end of the year.





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SUPERSTARS



Sammy from monkeys just completed stage 2 in swimming and is now in stage 3.

Times Tables Rock Stars	
Erin (Leopards)	
Harris (Hippos)	
Alex (Leopards)	





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## This week's Always children:

- Bears - Joseph
- Pandas - Anvika
- Crocodiles -Ambia
- Leopards -Lucas
- Lions -Olivia
- Hippos -Dottie
- Giraffes - Charlie
- Zebras -Remy
- Monkeys -Josh
- Panthers -Iris
- Tigers -Anastasia
- Rhino's - Evie

## Most House points this week:

# Rowling

## Mrs Cairns' Special Mention Children:

- all of year 5 for their kindness in being buddies to the new EYFS children

At Palace Wood we:

**G**ive it our best  
**R**espect one another  
**O**vercome obstacles  
**W**ork together

This weeks attendance is

**97.46%**

