



PALACE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Courage Curiosity Challenge Compassion

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will be aware, I'm currently at home isolating and for someone who is a bit of a workaholic this is new territory! I'm very grateful to Mrs Vincett, Mrs Emmerson and Mrs Childs, as well as all the other staff in school, who are doing a fantastic job in such difficult circumstances. We still have high numbers of pupil absence as a result of covid and every day this week another member of staff has tested positive.

As you may have seen in the news, the national picture is no different and there does seem to be a significant uptick in cases amongst school children, particularly in primary schools.

We are fortunate to have several student teachers, training with us across the school, and with the support of teachers and teaching assistants all of them have stepped up and taught classes over the last couple of weeks. They have been amazing – thank you.

On a different note, The Queen's Green Canopy is a unique tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022. This nationwide programme encourages people from across the UK to Plant a Tree for the Jubilee. The national tree initiative will see trees being planted by individuals, community groups, schools, businesses and councils to create a network of trees that will help support the environment and fight the climate crisis. There will be specimen trees, avenues, copses and woodlands being planted to commemorate The Queen's 70 years of service to the nation. Existing woodland will also be dedicated to Her Majesty, so that, forests will be preserved for the future. Kent County Council is working with a range of partners to deliver the initiative for the county and is keen to include schools in the work. We have expressed an interest in being involved in planting trees to mark the jubilee and are looking for a keen and willing parents to also be involved in the initiative. This may include galvanising a few troops to plant the saplings if we are chosen. Please contact me, if you would like to be involved in this historic project. We are told that further details and practicalities etc are to follow.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,
Mrs Cairns





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Reminders and Updates

- We are collecting the additional recycling on Wednesdays. Please send your child in with the additional waste items for Waste Wednesdays. This week we had very little. Come on we can do more please. (Well done to Panthers for continuing)
- Please sign up to Studybugs if you haven't already

x Not right now

 Report Absence on Studybugs

Dates for the diary

Date	Event
Tuesday 8th February	Internet Safety Day
Wednesday 9th February	PJ Day—Take 2!
Friday 11th February	Red Day/ Fire Safety Talks
Monday 21st February	Drama for all EYFS/1/2

Other information you may be interested in:

Congratulations to Amy Root who has been appointed as a new parent governor – please see the additional letter with this Newsletter.

For all dates for the coming year please check the school calendar on our website

[Palace Wood Primary School - Home \(palacewoodschoools.org.uk\)](http://palacewoodschoools.org.uk)

Children who have been curious learners this week



Elephants

Penguins

Giraffes

Bears

Pandas

Zebras

Crocodiles

Monkeys

Leopards

Panthers

Tigers

Lions

Rhinos

Hippos

Roman

Cecelia

Liam

Olivia

Alan

Sonny

Ella

Louie

Reuben

Max

Theo

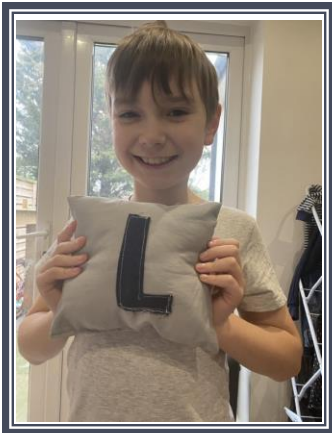
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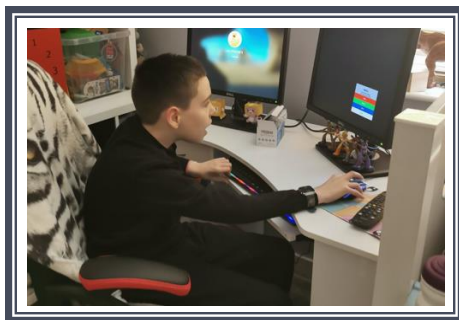
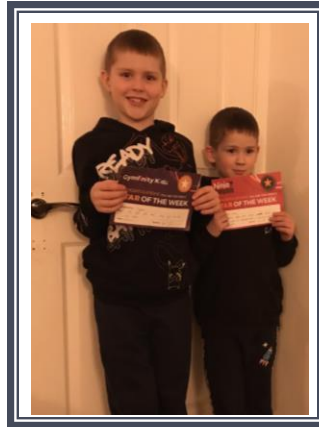


SUPERSTAR CORNER



Ben and Matty joined Ninjas and were awarded Star of Week in each of their groups.

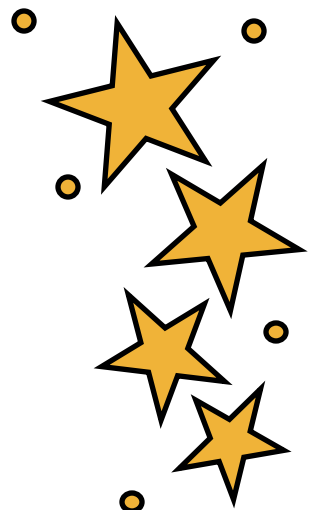
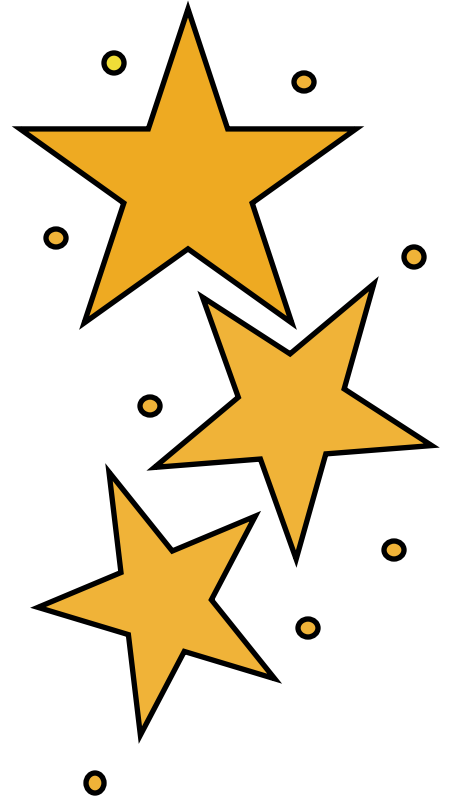
Luke has starting sewing and has taught himself how to use a sewing machine.



Alfie has taught himself how to edit and create games in YouTube and now has 1000 followers



Bilal has really worked hard on his reading. He has recently move up a level, even though, it's not his most favourite thing to do; he keeps on working hard.



This week's always children:

Elephants	Harrison	Crocodiles	Amelia
Penguins	Jayden	Leopards	Daisy
Bears	Flynn	Panthers	Freddie
Giraffes	Danny	Lions	Amelia
Pandas	Florence	Tigers	Phoebe
Zebras	Rose	Hippos	Bea
Monkeys	Ted	Rhinos	Eleni

Times table Rock Stars

Edward L (Lions)
Louie S (Monkeys)
Ella G (Panthers)

For improvement in accuracy

Numbots of the week

Ellen H (Giraffes)
Laila B (Pandas)
Helena B (Zebras)

For biggest increase in levels passed

Greatness Gallery

Elephants - Lenny
Bears – Lola W
Zebras – Joshua L
Crocodiles - Duru
Leopards- Daisy
Tigers - Ava
Rhinos - Teddy

Team Point Winners

Hawking

This weeks attendance is 82.2%



EYFS

This week in EYFS, the children have been sharing everything they know about the people that help us. From Fire Fighters to Dentists, we have explored their roles and how important they are to all of us.



YEAR 1

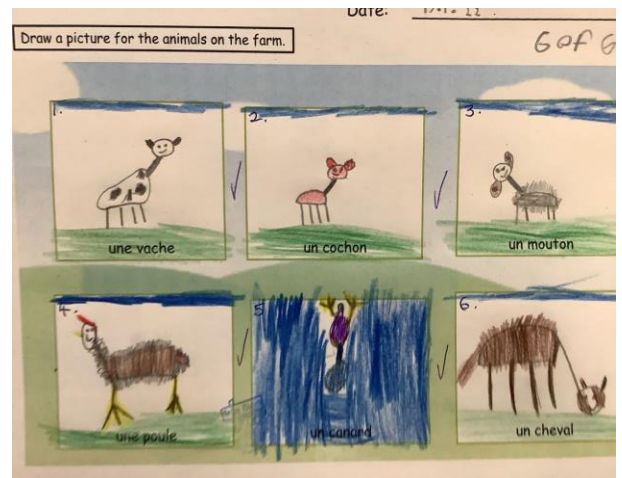


This week Year 1 enjoyed a team building PE lesson. The children worked together in their house teams to complete relay races using bean bags, quoits and hoops. The teams worked well together, cheering on their friends and praising the winners of each race.



YEAR 2

Year 2 have enjoyed learning about farm animals in French with Mrs Ridout this term. We have learnt the French names for the different animals and had lots of fun learning a song to help us remember them!



YEAR 3



This week we have been learning some interesting facts about life underground in English. In maths we have been deepening our understanding of how to divide. We always discussed how mirrors work in Science and what oracle bones are in History!



YEAR 4

This week Year 4 have been learning lots about the water cycle to prepare us for our English unit based on 'Once Upon a Raindrop'. We have thought about different tours we may have been on to help us understand the tour we will be writing. We then planned a tour of our classroom and delivered them to the class.



YEAR 5



This week in Science, Year 5 have been looking at the position of the planets and trying to understand just how far away they are. We had an investigation into numbers and found out that if we counted to one billion it would take us 30 years. We understand how big the numbers really are now! We then made a solar system out of ourselves and toilet paper to mark 16 million kilometers.





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YEAR 6

Rhinos have finished part of their Mission Impossible Dance. You can view it on the Rhinos Teams page. They have worked very hard to memorise the moves and keep in time. Both classes are coming to the end of Thornhill and will be writing their own horror story. We have thoroughly enjoyed this text.



At Palace Wood we:

Give it our best

Respect one another

Overcome obstacles

Work together

