



PALACE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Courage Curiosity Challenge Compassion

Dear Parents and Carers,

Although, like many of our staff, you may well be ready for a break from school, next week, after an incredibly tricky term, I cannot quite believe we are already in the middle of February and that winter is nearly over.

As you will be aware from previous emails we have been focussing, this term and last, on two of our new values, courage and curiosity. Next term, we will be introducing the third C – Compassion. This can be a difficult concept for children to understand as it encompasses a number of different behaviours. Kindness and being kind to others is a good starting point when we begin to understand what having compassion for others means. This week has provided some great opportunities for the children to be kind and think of others. We had our PJ day on Wednesday which involved raising money for a very worthwhile charity – The Ronald McDonald House Charity and today is Red 'Share the Love' Day. The children will be bringing home a hand knitted heart which they can hide somewhere in the community. This random act of kindness will hopefully brighten someone's day. A big thank to the grand parent of one of our year 3 children who has shown great kindness by knitting a heart for every child in school.



Our community church, St Nicholas' have been incredibly busy organising food deliveries to people in our community who are in need. The food that we have donated to them from Harvest and Christmas is starting to diminish and they need to increase their stock.

As we will be learning about compassion and kindness next term, we thought it would be a lovely idea to hold a 'Kindness Ripple Day' on Friday 11th March. This will involve, if families can spare something, bringing in a donation for the church food bank. We will share more information with you nearer the day. In the meantime, if you have anything you can spare, the church are very happy for you to drop it to them during the day.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mrs Newell back from maternity leave. She has also got married while away from school and you may know her as Miss Ridout. She will be in the playground at the beginning and end of days if you wish to say hello.

I hope you and your families have a lovely week away from school and enjoy some rest and relaxation. We look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday 21st February.

Best wishes,
Mrs Cairns

'Sometimes it takes one act of kindness and caring to change a person's life.'





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Reminders and Updates

We have had reports from parents regarding dogs being near the gates. Can we politely ask that you stand away from these areas to avoid being close to others trying to drop off and collect their children. We have some children and adults uncomfortable with dogs, so ask that this is taken into consideration, and you stand somewhere to allow others to move around you with space. Please also try to refrain your dog from jumping up to others. We know it's a great opportunity to walk with your pet and wouldn't want to discourage it, but just to be mindful of others within the community.

Dates for the diary

Date	Event
Monday 21st February	Drama for all R/1/2
Monday 28th February	Viking Experience for Year 4
Mon 21st-4th March	Book Weeks
Thursday 3rd March	World Book Day

Other information you may be interested in:

**Total PJ Day money raised for RMHC is
£690 - WOW! THAT'S AMAZING**

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

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

Children who have been curious learners this week



Elephants

Oliver G

Penguins

Zachary

Giraffes

Ethan

Bears

Sebastian

Pandas

Harry H

Zebras

Cecilia

Crocodiles

Beau

Monkeys

Faith

Leopards

Tommy

Panthers

Ali

Tigers

Molly

Lions

Libby

Rhinos

Nancy

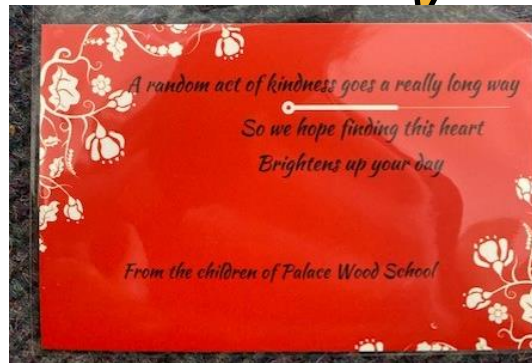
Hippos

Max



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SUPERSTAR CORNER



A HUGE thank you to the FRIENDS, as well as the grandparent, Janet and her friend Sue, for making these hearts for today's Share the Love Day. Enjoy sharing the love in our community. They are truly wonderful, and I am sure our children will look forward to sharing them with our community.

This week's always children:

Elephants	Abigail	Crocodiles	Mia
Penguins	Thomas	Leopards	Murtaza
Bears	Arise	Panthers	Isaac
Giraffes	Mason	Lions	Eva
Pandas	Harry L	Tigers	Ava
Zebras	Camilla	Hippos	Freya
Monkeys	Ben	Rhinos	Madoc

Times table Rock Stars

Max (Crocodiles)
Hristian (Tigers)
Remy (Zebras)

For improvement in accuracy

Numbots of the week

Hannah (Giraffes)
Ellen (Giraffes)
William (Monkeys)

For biggest increase in levels passed

Greatness Gallery

EYFS - Dumebi
Bears - Jackson
Zebras – Nikolas
Monkeys - Keelan
Leopards- Sophie
Tigers - Lewis
Rhinos -Milo

Team Point Winners

YARNOLD

This weeks attendance is 92.8 %



EYFS

The children have had such a fun filled week, continuing our themes of 'Chinese New Year' and 'People that Help Us'. Everyone practised their kitchen skills, chopping, slicing and cooking our own stir fry, which we then all tasted. The perfect end to a busy week.



YEAR 1



Year 1 have thoroughly enjoyed gymnastics this term. The children have made huge progress in their balancing, travelling and rolling skills these past few weeks!

To combine our learning about precious things in RE and Samuel Pepys' precious things in History, the children enjoyed bringing in and talking about their own precious things in front of the class.





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YEAR 2



In Year 2 we were lucky enough to have a PE session taught by a coach. It was a brilliant way to finish off our unit on superhero dance moves.

YEAR 3

For the last week of term, Year 3 have put together all their knowledge on Pablo Picasso to create their final pieces in art. We started by testing different water colours to see which would suit our Blue Period or Rose Period paintings. We then sketched out our final piece and headed in with our correct colours and paint brushes!



YEAR 4

Year 4 were lucky enough this week to visit St Nicholas' Church to support our learning in RE. We have been learning about what can be found in a church and how a church supports Christians to live their lives. We have enjoyed sharing our history knowledge, creating double page spreads.



YEAR 5



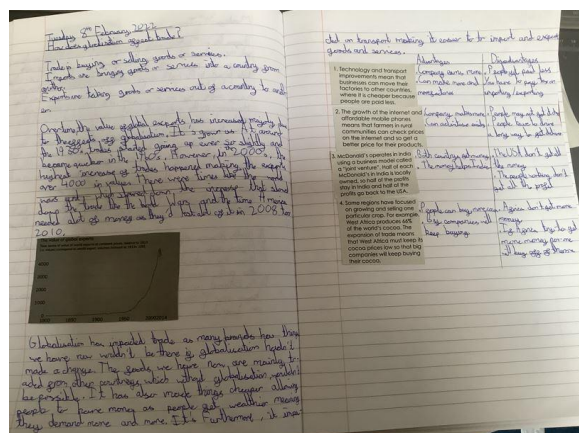
To expand our knowledge on the Pop Art movement we created our own Andy Warhol style work. Using blocks of colour and taking risks with our choices we made some fantastically bold statements and learned how to manipulate colour for effect.



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YEAR 6

This week Year 6 have been rounding of their geography topic on Globalisation. They have realised the impact on different communities from global trade and the part they play in this.



At Palace Wood we:

Give it our best
Respect one another
Overcome obstacles
Work together



Waste Wednesday Update

A message from Mrs Dawson

Well done, Monkeys, who have done amazingly this week. They have brought in a lot of waste, especially 11 cans of pringles and a lot of Kinder wrappings and yellow eggs.

Leopards brought in their first waste collection that included bread bags and dishwasher tablet packaging.

The community of Allington continues to support the school's Waste Wednesday. This week we received 360grammes of bread bag and a Ferrero Rocher box.



Don't forget to keep your Terracycle waste during half term and bring it in school on Wednesday 23rd of February.

