



# PALACE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Courage Curiosity Challenge Compassion

Dear Parents and Carers,

I just wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you for all your support this term. It has not been an easy few weeks for children or staff as there has been a lot of illness and this has meant numerous changes to classes and timetables. The children have, as usual, coped incredibly well but your understanding and patience has also helped enormously with managing the situation.

We are all hoping that next term will be healthier for all and that our timetables can return to normal. We are hoping to start introducing more clubs and outdoor activities as the weather improves. We are also planning trips and outings for all year groups.

**Next term our caretaking team's hours of work are changing slightly, and this means that the gates, in the morning, will not be opened until just before 8:40.** Children who start at 8:40 will come in and go straight into class. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and we are looking at the times of the school day for September.

As you may be aware the Government are keen for all schools to be open for 32.5hrs every week. We already meet this criteria, but we are looking at how we can make the start and ends of the day smoother and alleviate parents needing to wait for 10 minutes if they have children in different year groups. I will be asking the Parent Forum their thoughts on this next term.

I wish you and your families a very happy Easter and look forward to seeing you on 19th April.

With best wishes,

Mrs Cairns





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## Reminders and Updates

Remember please do not scoot or ride bikes in the playground. Please walk alongside them to keep such a busy environment safe.

If you are interested in helping at school on our Career's Day (Friday 13th May) please contact Mrs Vincett on [Claire.Vincett@palacewood.kent.sch.uk](mailto:Claire.Vincett@palacewood.kent.sch.uk) A questionnaire will come out shortly, so keep a look out and complete if you can. We are looking for a range of professionals, where adults can explain:

- What they do and why they chose to do it?
- How they do it?
- What they use and why?

We hope to also contact local businesses too, so if you know anyone who may

## Dates for the diary

Date	Event
Tuesday 19th April	First Day of Term 5
Throughout May	Year 2 SATS
Week beg 9th May	Year 6 SATS
Friday 13th May	Career's Day

Other information you may be interested in:

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)

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Children who have shown one of our values this week



Elephants

Penguins

Giraffes

Bears

Pandas

Zebras

Crocodiles

Monkeys

Leopards

Panthers

Tigers

Lions

Rhinos

Hippos

Meyrem and Oliver B

Riley and Cece

Bethany and Charlie

Joseph and Scott

Hridhaan and Clayton

Joshua B and Jenson

Sandra and Joey

Maxi and Amelia

Daisy and Kanmi

Ali and Reuben

William and Henry

Libby and Lacey

Noah and Evie

Olivia and Daniel





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## This week’s always children:

Elephants	Olivia	Crocodiles	Elena
Penguins	Khloe	Leopards	Daniel
Bears	Jack Pr.	Panthers	Ronnie
Giraffes	Jessica	Lions	Amelia
Pandas	Mahbeer	Tigers	Madison
Zebras	Rose	Hippos	Harry
Monkeys	Alessia	Rhinos	Jacob

### Times table Rock Stars

Lily N (Crocodiles)

Mohammed (Pandas)

Bella-Rae (Panthers)

For biggest improvement in accuracy

### Numbots of the week

Alan W (Pandas)

Larna S (Pandas)

Queie C (Zebras)

For biggest increase in levels passed

### Greatness Gallery

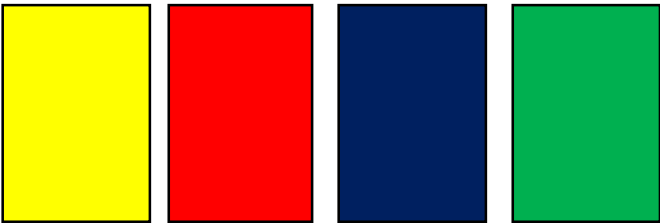
Penguins-Finley G.

Bears - Tabatha

Pandas - Scarlett

Tigers – Freddie C

Rhinos - Madoc



Everyone!

This weeks  
attendance is %



## EYFS

We have been so very lucky in EYFS this week. One of our lovely parents, very kindly gave us two baby chicks, newly hatched, to foster this last week. The children have enjoyed watching them grow and caring for them. We will miss them in term 5.



## YEAR 1



Year 1 have been working hard on their DT skill this term to fasten two things together by sewing. Each child designed and made their own bunting flag, then used a running stitch to attach their piece of bunting to the ribbon. You might be lucky enough to see our bunting flying under the Year 1 canopy after Easter as it becomes part of our garden centre decoration!



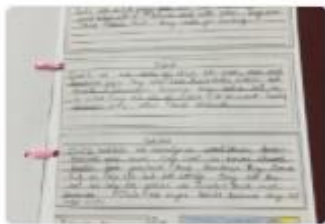




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## YEAR 2

This week during English year 2 have been learning about non-chronological reports. We looked at the features such as subheadings. Then we planned and we wrote our own reports on owls. We included information on their appearance, diet and habitat. We did such an amazing job including noun phrases and commas in our sentences with capital letters and full stops that we published them and turned them into a class book which is now in our book corner for everyone to read.



## YEAR 3



This week, Year 3 have been looking at their sunflower experiment in Science. They planted their seeds in cups at the beginning of term, some had no water, no light and some were too hot. They discussed how important it is for plants to have all these things. They then planted their sunflowers which had everything outside their classroom. Fingers crossed they keep growing!





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## YEAR 4

In Year 4 this week we have been producing a letter to our favourite authors to encourage them to visit our school. . We also had a really successful final swimming lesson with all the children achieving badges. Lots of children showed great courage and perseverance and have made huge progress in their swimming, well done!



## YEAR 5



In Year 5 this week, we have finished our unit in geography on Biomes and have written some excellent essays on this subject. In Science, we have built on our geography work looking at lines of latitude to looking at lines of longitude and how this affects time zones. We used maps to locate countries and identify their time zones.







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## YEAR 6

Year 6 have continued learning about the impact of key events during WW1 and WW2. This week we looked at whether the Treaty of Versailles was fair and its consequences for the next two decades. We are continuing with our electricity topic and investigated circuits further by creating burglar alarms.



At Palace Wood we:

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





## Waste Wednesday Update

What a great month! Well done everyone: more than 7kgs of waste has been collected throughout March for Waste Wednesday.

This is more than double the month of February. To give you an idea of some of the collections, this is over 100 bread bags and 80 cans of Pringles cans in March alone.

This also means that £20 has now been raised for the school via the Terracycle programme, which is a great added benefit to helping to divert waste from incineration and landfill.

A quick reminder of all the eligible items:  
Thanks everyone

Trash Changers Team

Bread bags

Cheese packaging (any brand)

Ferrero rocher boxes and wrappings

Pringles cans

wipe /cleaning/dishwasher packaging

kinder packaging, yellow eggs and toys

Carex refill pouches

Baylis and harding packaging

Marigold® gloves and the plastic packaging



Any brand of flexible plastic cheese pouches and packaging

Any brand of sliced cheese protective plastic film

