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Courage Curiosity Challenge Compassion

It is with great sadness that we announce the loss of a much-loved member of staff, Mrs Sharon Brecht, who sadly passed away this week. Sharon recently left the school due to deteriorating health.

Sharon had been a wonderful member of the Palace Wood community for a long time. Not only as a member of staff but as a parent with both of her sons attending here as children. More recently Sharon had become a grandmother which was a role she absolutely loved and talked so fondly about.

Sharon was an incredibly kind, selfless and thoughtful lady who gave so much to Palace Wood, working so hard during her cancer battle - always with a smile and an incredibly positive attitude. Not only did Sharon love teaching our pupils here at Palace Wood, she also taught members of staff ballroom dancing in the evenings with her husband. Lessons that I know staff members who attended will cherish.

From next week, a condolence book will be available in the office. If any families would like to write something in memory of Mrs Brecht, please pop in at any time. This will then be given to her family. There will also be a collection box out for Macmillan Cancer Support in Mrs Brecht's memory. We will be organising a rose to be planted in our new garden area in loving memory of Mrs Brecht.

Our thoughts are with Sharon's family and friends at this difficult time. We will miss her dearly.

Mrs Emma Newell, Deputy Headteacher





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Reminders and Updates

Please help if you can at our Career's Day on 13th May

See the Parentmail for the form to record your interest or email

Claire.Vincett@palacewood.kent.sch.uk Please let us know by 5th May. It is looking likely at present this event will be cancelled.

- **INSET DAYS (school closed for pupils) for 2022-2023**
 - Thursday 1st September 2022
 - Friday 2nd September 2022
 - Friday 21st October 2022
 - Monday 20th February 2023
 - Monday 5th June 2023

IMPORTANT NEWS:

We are excited to share with you our two new book swap boxes! The infant book box is located along the path as you enter the school from Talbot Road and the junior book box is housed at the top of the year 3 and 4 playground. Very soon, we shall begin to fill both boxes with books relevant to the age groups they serve, as a way for you to select a book with your child for them to read and enjoy. We kindly ask that the boxes operate on a system of *'take a book, leave a book'* so books are essentially swapped. It is absolutely fine to borrow a book and then return it to the box one it has been read. We shall let you know when books have been added to the boxes so we can begin sharing our love of reading beyond the school gates. We would like to thank Mr Thomson for making the boxes for our school. We are certain they will be loved by you all.

Dates for the diary

Date	Event
Throughout May	Year 2 SATS
Week beg 9th May	Year 6 SATS
Friday 13th May	Career's Day ??
Tuesday 24th May	Year 5 PESE test meeting 6pm

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



Isaac T. and Holly
William and Harry T.
Chloe and Scarlett
Flynn and Sophie
Joshua and Mollie
Alex and Joshua L
Anson & Crocodiles Class
Frank and India
Joseph and James
Evelyn and Rune
Danny and Ava
Aaliyah and Nyree
Olivia and Katie
Vanessa and Kai



SUPERSTAR CORNER



Sammy has completed stage 4 of swimming. What an amazing achievement.

Congratulations to Seb, who got through the Crystal Palace Football club trials recently. What a fantastic achievement.



This week's always children:

Elephants	Oliver B.	Crocodiles	Duru
Penguins	Charlie	Leopards	Murtaza
Bears	Rosie	Panthers	Rory
Giraffes	George D	Lions	Aiden
Pandas	Elijah	Tigers	Aisha
Zebras	Kairi	Hippos	Isra
Monkeys	Josh	Rhinos	Kateko

Times table Rock Stars

Bilal (Panthers)

Wisdom (Crocodiles)

Samuel D (Lions)

For biggest improvement in accuracy

Numbots of the week

Glorious (Zebras)

Benjamin B (Monkeys)

Poppy M (Monkeys)

For biggest increase in levels passed

Greatness Gallery

Penguins-Riley

Pandas – Hridhaan

Bears – Hugo

Crocodiles -

Leopards - Daisy

Tigers – Miley

Rhinos – Shiv/Sophia

Team Point Winners
Sheeran

This weeks
attendance is 96.2%



EYFS

In EYFS this week we have been reading the story "Jack and the Jelly Bean Stalk". We enjoyed tasting jelly beans and wrote sentences to describe the flavours. In the art area we have been busy creating our own jars of sweets like the ones in the story. On Thursday we had a special delivery of some magic jelly beans! We have planted them in soil, watered them and put them in the sunlight. We are excited to see what they will grow into!



YEAR 1



Look at our fantastic new role play areas! The children are enjoying using the new garden centres to learn about plants through play! If you look carefully, you will see that the children have written their own name labels for each of the garden centre items on display





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YEAR 2

In Year 2, we had our first session with our coach. We are learning ball kills, including passing and dribbling. We had lots of fun developing our skills and we're looking forward to our sessions.



YEAR 3



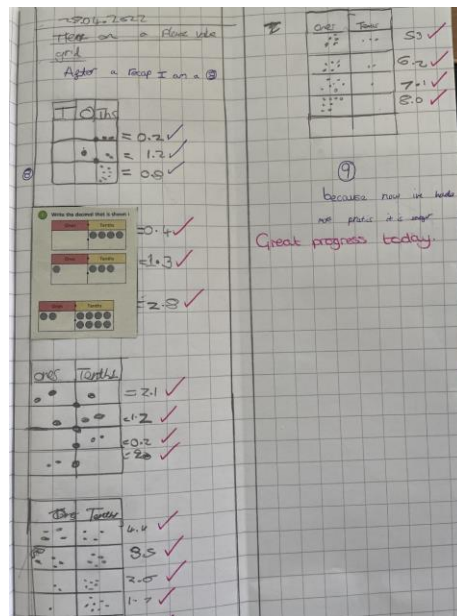
Year 3 have started to explore a new artist in art – Henry Matisse. They have used their knowledge on shape to create an abstract picture and then recreated it using the 'cut out' method which involves no drawing on the paper before cutting it out (scary!), but they have all done an amazing job.



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YEAR 4

This week in Year 4 we have been investigating the relationship between tenths as a fraction and as a decimal. In English we have been working on our expanded noun phrases to describe the forest and the castle. In science we have been investigating habitats and what living things live in these habitats and have been enjoying athletics and basketball in our P.E sessions.



YEAR 5



- The chocolate challenge. The biggest challenge we faced when doing this maths investigation was not eating the chocolate until the end! One by one we chose where to sit to get the most chocolate table 1 had one bar, table 2 had two bars and table 3 had three bars. The more people sitting at a table the less you got... or did you?





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YEAR 6

Year 6 have mastered reading simple music notation and rhythm to play a short piece on their recorders. They are very proud of themselves. The children have worked very hard to produce their own recounts inspired by the plight of the German Jews in 1938. They have shown empathy and enjoyed the challenge.



At Palace Wood we:

Give it our best

Respect one another

Overcome obstacles

Work together



Waste Wednesday Update

The school has collected almost 18kgs of waste since January, well done everyone.

Next week, we will be sending over 2.5kgs of bread bags and our first flexible coffee packaging parcel.

We have requested to Terracycle the payment of £25 that will go to the school.

Please continue to bring your waste on Wednesdays and let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you
Trash Changers team

Urgent! Please do not bring in any crisp packets or biscuit wrappers for the school recycling bins.

Terracycle has stopped their scheme. You can take your crisp packets to Tesco Tovil, Sainsbury's Aylesford, Sainsbury's town centre and The Food Warehouse.

We will be collaborating with Trash Changers and will open the bins up again with new items to recycle.

Many thanks for your support.

Mrs K.



Any brand of packaging is acc

✓ All brands of flexible coffee packaging

Any brand of flexible plastic cheese pouches and packaging

Any brand of sliced cheese protective plastic film

Fragrance twin pack plastic sleeves

Flexible stain remover powder packaging

Flexible dishwashing tablet packaging

Outer plastic sleeve

Foil inside dishwasher protector

Flexible cleaning product refill packaging

Flexible home cleaning wipe packaging

Dishwasher cleaner and freshener outer packaging

Flexible plastic dishwashing salt bags

Kinder aluminium foil packaging

Kinder chocolate wrappers

