

PALACE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Courage Curiosity Challenge Compassion

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was great to welcome the children back to school after the Easter break. I hope that you and your families had a wonderful couple of weeks and managed to make the most of the lovely sunny weather.

This week children may have come home and told you about some changes we have made to lunchtimes. Since the beginning of the pandemic children have been kept in bubbles and have had very little opportunity to play with children from other year groups. This has also meant that they have not had access to large parts of the school grounds as they have been contained in particular areas.

Play is more than just fun and games, it's vital to a child's learning and growth.

Just as much as structured learning, play contributes to cognitive, social, physical, and emotional well-being and growth of children. It's so important, play has even been recognised by the United Nations High Commission for Human Rights as a right of every child.

With this in mind, we want the children to have more options to play in different ways at lunchtime and we have begun working with an organisation called Opal. Their vision is that regardless of gender, race, ability or location – every child should have access to outstanding play opportunities every school day of their lives.

With the support of Opal, over the next 3 years, our aim is to make play have the importance it deserves within the school day. An interesting fact is that by the time year 6 children finish primary school they will have spent almost a year of their lives playing!

Our play journey has begun by zoning different areas of the school grounds and allowing children the freedom to roam and enjoy the different areas, at lunchtime, as they wish. They can also meet up with siblings and friends from different classes. There are adults in each zone to support and guide play. Although, this is the start of the journey and there will inevitably be teething problems and the need for tweaks, so far, the vast majority of children have been very positive about the changes.

We will keep you updated on the developments as our Opal journey progresses.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Cairns





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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 label uniform, especially now we are mixing more and more.

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 \(palacewoodschoools.org.uk\)](http://palacewoodschoools.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



Oliver G and Lyla
Fiona and Finley G
Liam and Riley
Leiland and James
Jesse and Praise
Menaal and Emilia
Theo and Maris
Sammy and Ethan
Etta and Elsa
Ethan and Daniel
Max and Miley
Mabel and Efe
Lewis and Hazel
Leon and Harris

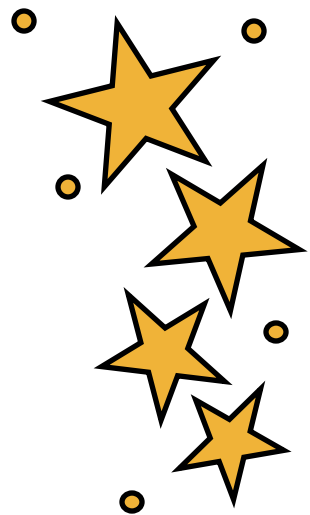
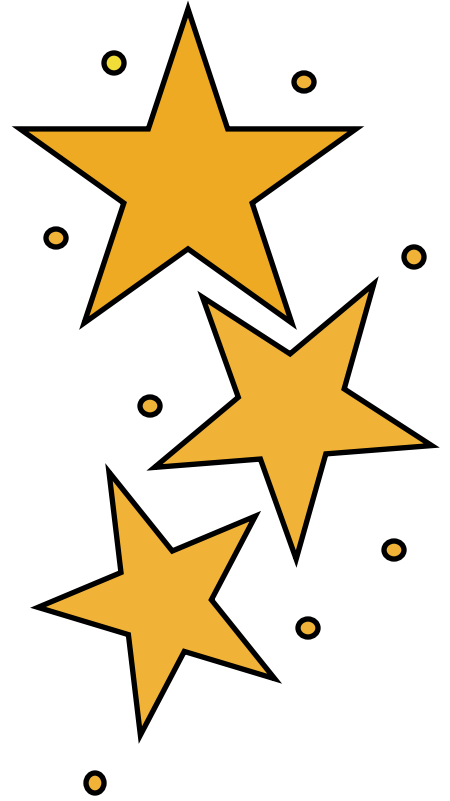


SUPERSTAR CORNER



Congratulations to Rosie for achieving this certificate and badge for ballet, tap and modern dancing.

Well done to Skylar this week who was nominated as star of the week at her gymnastics class. A wonderful achievement as she has only been attending a couple of weeks.



This week's always children:

Elephants	Kiara	Crocodiles	Ambia
Penguins	Isabelle	Leopards	Kanmi
Bears	Nelly	Panthers	Reuben
Giraffes	Maya	Lions	Ayisha
Pandas	Grace	Tigers	Georgie
Zebras	Sonny	Hippos	Nikola
Monkeys	Lucia	Rhinos	Milo

Times table Rock Stars

Lily N (Crocodiles)
Mohammed M (Pandas)
Rory R (Panthers)

For biggest improvement in accuracy

Numbots of the week

Ethan M (Monkeys)
Queie (Zebras)
Sebastian (Zebras)

For biggest increase in levels passed

Greatness Gallery

Penguins-Khlie
Giraffes - William
Panthers- Ali
Hippos- Kacper

Team Point Winners
Rowling

This weeks
attendance is 95.2%



EYFS

What a wonderful start to the term we have had in EYFS. We have begun our new topic of 'Growing' and have been so impressed with all the wonderful things the children already knew; we certainly have some budding gardeners in our midst. The children have been exploring a variety of seeds and beans and planting them in a variety of ways. We can't wait to see them grow.



YEAR 1



This week in Literacy we have been looking at features of non – fiction texts . We have looked at Toys from the Past and we made a timeline to write about.

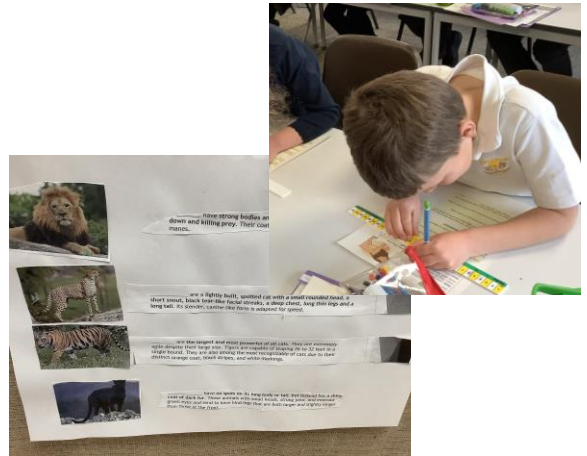


YEAR 2

This week in year 2 we have been learning all about big cats. We have looked at leopards, tigers, lions and cheetahs in preparation for our own non-chronological report. Some of our favourite facts are:

Tigers like water and are great swimmers

Cheetahs can run up to 58km and hour.



YEAR 3

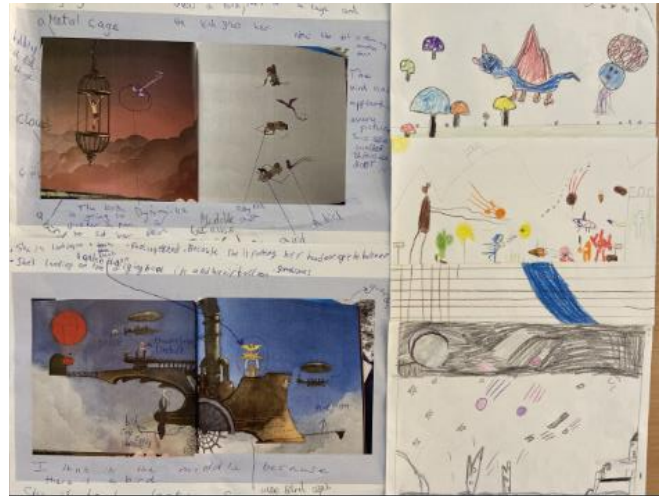


This week we have started two new books in our ERIC and English. Both of our books relate to our new History topic of Ancient Greece. We have also enjoyed the new ways our lunchtimes are set up as we can use the entire school to play in.



YEAR 4

This week we have enjoyed exploring our new text for English called 'Journey' by Aaron Becker. We talked about journeys we have been on and thought about where an imaginary journey could take us. We looked at the images throughout the book and spotted patterns. We talked about the authors use of colour and how this links to the emotions. We can't wait to start our writing!



YEAR 5



This week Year 5 have started learning about the Samba. We listened to different samba songs and then identified what instruments they use. We then had to listen to the different instruments and see if we could identify them. We learnt that the samba originated from Rio De Janeiro in Brazil. This links with our previous topic- slums.





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YEAR 6

Year 6 have enjoyed continuing to discuss WW2 this week, including looking at and discussing different types of sources. We were particularly horrified by this picture of children playing with bricks of money. We have also enjoying starting our new PE blocks: swimming and rounders.



At Palace Wood we:

Give it our best

Respect one another

Overcome obstacles

Work together



Waste Wednesday Update

We are amazed at how the school is doing in collecting waste that is being recycled rather than sent to landfill or incinerated. since early Janaury, we have collected over 16kgs and have improved each month.

We are continuing to expand our collections and are now accepting flexible coffee packaging (any brand but no pods please, only outer plastic packaging).

We are looking for a family who may like to talk to us about why they make the effort to bring in their waste on Waste Wednesday and how they have organised themselves.

If you wouldn't mind talking to us, please contact us on the following email address: trashchangers@gmail.com

Thank you

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



✓ All brands of flexible coffee packaging



Any brand of flexible plastic cheese pouches and packaging

Any brand of sliced cheese protective plastic film



ACCEPTED WASTE

Any brand of packaging is accepted

