

PALACE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Courage Curiosity Challenge Compassion

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week the content of the newsletter is a little different as I wanted to share an update on the changes we have made to lunchtime. I know that some parents were, and may still be, concerned with how we are running lunchtimes and at the beginning a few children found the new system tricky.

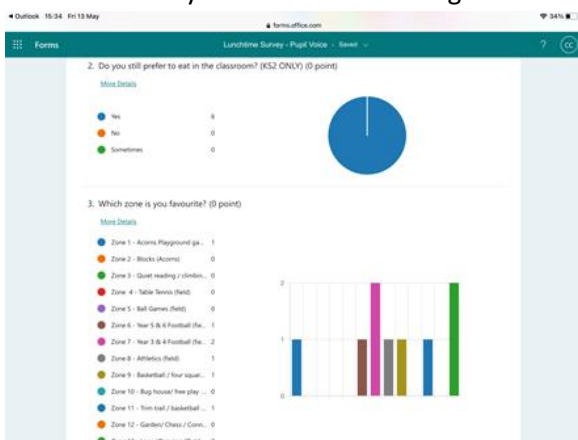
I wanted to reassure you that no decision or change ever occurs without significant thought and usually because of comprehensive research into the area. This was the case with the lunchtime changes. As you are aware, from previous correspondence, we are looking to develop playtime and lunch-time and this was the first step. There has been a huge amount of research into the benefits of mixed age group play and how historically children would, almost always, play in mixed aged groups. It is only the more recent education system that has grouped children by age, both in lessons and at play. Research shows that it builds confidence in younger children as well as enhances their language and behavioural skills. Older children develop their ability to empathise, nurture and develop leadership skills.

We regularly survey the children to see how they feel about certain things, and take into account pupil voice when we make decisions.

As you know, the children, in Oaks, are eating their lunch in their classroom. This is because the vast majority of children asked for this. After the February half term, everyone was back in the hall for lunch – children did not enjoy this. The acoustics in the hall make it noisy at lunchtime and children had to eat their lunch more quickly to ensure each year group got time in the hall. Pupil voice is very important, and we listened and returned to eating in classrooms.

For this week, I have included some pictures of lunchtime play in this letter rather than the year group photos so that you are able to see the range of activities now on offer.

A recent survey showed the following:





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LUNCHTIMES







What children have told us:

'We can make new friends.'

'There's more things to do.'

'We are free!'

'We get to see our brothers or sisters.'

'There's more space.'

'Playing with my year 5 buddy is good.'

'The big children aren't scary!'

'We can make mud potions.'

'We love seeing the little ones.'



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Reminders and Updates

NAME IT NAME IT NAME IT!

We urge you to make sure you name your child's uniform. We have a lot of jumpers in lost property that need a home. It's filled to the brim. Please go along and check if your child is missing one, or two!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Did you see the flyer via Parentmail about the Allington Castle event for local residents?

Dates for the diary

Date	Event
Throughout May	Year 2 SATS
Tuesday 24th May	Year 5 PESE test meeting 6pm
Week beg 23rd May	Jubilee Week

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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This week’s always children:

Elephants	Dumebi	Crocodiles	Anson
Penguins	Frankie	Panthers	Ella
Bears	Olivia	Leopards	Evelyn
Giraffes	Riley	Tigers	Danny
Pandas	Aarya	Lions	Ava
Zebras	Camilla	Hippos	Kacper
Monkeys	Lucy	Rhinos	Evie

Times table Rock Stars

Rune (Panthers)

Izi (Panthers)

Alice B (Panthers)

For biggest improvement in accuracy

Numbots of the week

Yehya M (Zebras)

Daniella W (Pandas)

Poppy M (Monkeys)

For biggest increase in levels passed

Greatness Gallery

Penguins-Fiona

Bears – Lola W

Pandas –Anvika

Leopards - Reuben

Tigers – Esmee

All Year 6

Team Point Winners
Rowling





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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



Freddie and Harrison

Isaac and Henry

Henry and Alex

George and Arise

Larna and Elly

Yehya and Lewis

Duru and Leah

Lucas, Ted and Benjamin

Sophie and Tommy

Izzy and Ronny

Theo and Henry

Alfie and Aaliyah

Mustafa and Shiv

Dottie and Josh



SUPERSTAR CORNER



It was Bearsted F.C Youth presentation Day on Saturday 7th May, Leon was presented with U11's 2021/22 Coaches player of the year. Fantastic work Leon.

Zach received a Blue Peter Badge for his poem about dyslexia!

Well done Zach. How wonderful



Waste Wednesday Update



✓ All brands of tinted fabric conditioner bottles and caps



✓ Lenor tumble dryer sheets



✓ All brands of flexible laundry washing capsules and pods packaging

Remember all these products
Trash Changers
Recycle for our benefit!



✓ All brands of flexible wipe packaging and tinted rigid plastic tubs used for...



✓ All brands of flexible coffee packaging



Any brand of flexible plastic cheese pouches and packaging

Any brand of flexible plastic cheese protective film



ACCEPTED WASTE

Any brand of packaging is accepted



Flexible cleaning product refill packaging

Flexible home cleaning wipe packaging

Dishwasher cleaner and freshener outer packaging

Flexible plastic dishwashing salt bags

Fragrance twin pack plastic sleeves

Flexible stain remover powder packaging

Flexible dishwashing tablet packaging

Outer plastic sleeve

Foil inside dishwasher protector

