



PALACE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers

Even with the rain we've had this week it definitely feels like summer is on the way. It's great to see the children outside and enjoying the wonderful Palace Wood grounds. I had a fabulous day teaching Penguins earlier this week. It was fantastic spending time in class and working with such an enthusiastic group of children. They also now know that I'm not just the hot chocolate lady or person they see on screen!

I have also spent time in most of the other year group classrooms experiencing the Write Stuff in action. I was hugely impressed by the standard of writing and the use of such high level vocabulary. This was particularly apparent in Year 6 where the peer to peer conversations and discussions were phenomenal.

We were very much hoping that the school COVID guidance would ease significantly with the national changes to the road map but currently, this is not the case and in fact there are very few changes from the March guidance. We had hoped that school trips and visits might be able to take place later in term 6 but now think this is very unlikely. We do not want the children to miss out on the experience that trips bring so we are investigating other options such as inviting 'trips' to come to us. If you feel this might be something you could help with please do contact Mrs Vincett or me for a chat.

I hope you enjoy this week's peek into our learning. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss any school matters.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Clare Cairns

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 18 th May	Consultations – <i>Bookings are still open!</i>
Wednesday 19 th May	Consultations
Thursday 20 th May	Consultations
Monday 31 st May – Friday 4 th June	School Holidays
Monday 7 th June 2021	INSET day – school closed to children
Tuesday 15 th June 2021	Class Photos
Wednesday 21 st July	Break Up

INSET DAYS FOR NEXT YEAR

Wednesday 1st September 2021, Thursday 2nd September 2021, Monday 1st November 2021
Tuesday 4th January 2022, Monday 6th June 2022

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In **EYFS** we have been using the “Feelings Lens” for much of the week in our literacy learning. Today we pretended to climb up the Jelly Bean Stalk and thought about how climbing up so high would make us feel. “Scared, excited, worried, happy, proud, nervous and even terrified” were some of the words we collected, wrote and added to our sentences.



This week, **Year 1** have been developing their football and ball skills in PE. They were able to work in pairs to dribble footballs through cones and practise their throwing and catching using hoops and cones. In art this week, they have continued to develop their independence and recreate some Jackson Pollock work. They used coloured water and pipets and were also able to mix primary colours to make their artwork even more colourful.

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This term in music, **Year 2** have been learning the song “My Bonnie Lies over the Ocean”, to link with our seaside topic. This week we started to learn how to play the song on a xylophone.



Year 3 started the week by going on a habitat adventure with NPP, leading into their non-fiction writing. They ended it by trying to resist temptation! A chocolate biscuit was put in front of them at the beginning of the lesson and they were told that, if they resisted, they could have two later.



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As part of Mental Health Awareness Week, **Year 4** have been learning to connect with nature and the health benefits that this can have. Year 4 spent some time in the sunshine using their senses to draw all of the different details of nature they could see. This included the colours of the trees and other interesting objects within their field of view. In English, we have started work on writing our own holiday brochure for the island of Formentera with a focus on persuasive language.



This week in **Year 5** we have been thinking about mental health. We talked what mental health is and what can happen in life that may cause us to have mental health worries. We discussed things that we could do when we have negative emotions. We enjoyed using Now Press Play to learn the importance of talking and sharing with others to help regulate our emotions.

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Despite the rain threatening to stop play, **Year 6** have thoroughly enjoyed their cricket sessions this week. They have had a week of thinking, discussing and writing answers to questions such as 'The world is a better place because of globalisation' in Geography, and 'If God is everywhere, why go to a place of worship' in RE.



As part of mental health week, the children at **afterschool club** made their own A-Z of kindness. For each letter they were asked to write a comment or a way of being kind. For example N - no bullying, V – value your family, X – excel in being kind, O – open to their problems, H – help with family problems, C – care for animals. I think you will agree there are some lovely ideas. They also have been creative and made cards to exchange with friends.

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Eivie played her first proper rugby match for Aylesford Bulls on Sunday (9/5/21). Eivie has only been playing for a very short while & yet helped her team to defeat Maidstone Rugby club.

A couple of weeks ago Eivie, plus others from another litter picking group, helped to clear up the mass of rubbish dumped in Senacre woods. This was just half of the rubbish that we collected on that day!



Times Table Rock Stars:

Mabel – Panthers
Rebeca – Leopards
Katie – Lions

Star spellers of the week

Olivia – Rhinos
Kateko - Lions
Milaya – Monkeys

At Palace Wood we
Give it our best
Respect one another
Overcome obstacles
Work together



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This week's
Always Children:

Hippos – George
Lions – Evie
Panthers – Amelia
Monkeys – Natalia
Zebras – Jarvis
Bears – Defne
Penguins – Matty R

Rhinos - Dylan
Tigers - Kacper
Leopards - Miley
Crocodiles - Daisy
Pandas - Charley
Giraffes - Elly
Elephants - Alex

Hawking, Sheeran and
Rowling all achieved the
same team points this
week!

Mrs Cairns' Always Children:

Molly in Leopards