



PALACE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers

The last week of this term has been an enjoyable one finishing with a day of kindness. The children have taken part in a number of different activities reminding them of the importance of being kind and looking out for each other.

It was lovely to see the year 6 children interacting with the younger children even if it was in a socially distanced manner and outside. Hippos and Rhinos were split into groups of 5 and each group wrote, produced and then acted out an assembly for each of the other classes in school. Due to the pandemic and remote schooling, acting in front of others has not been possible for some time and a number of year 6 children felt, understandably, very nervous at the prospect of standing up in front of a different class and performing. We were proud that all managed to do this and some showed real leadership in organising their group and delivering a fun experience for our younger children. The younger children were really pleased to see the older children and have contact with them, again, even if that contact was socially distanced.

We plan to continue this class link and for our year 6 children to be able to work with the younger children next term. We hope that this might be in a less restrictive manner but we will follow the guidance from the DfE as it develops.

If the infection rate in this area continues to stay low we plan to remove the need for masks in the playground on our return to school. We ask that you remain socially distanced from other adults and if you need to speak to a teacher then please put a mask on. We therefore ask that you continue to carry one just in case. If the situation changes we may need to revert back to asking you to wear them again.

I wish you all a fantastic and relaxing break – it looks as though the sun is going to shine.

All the best
Mrs Cairns

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 31 st May –	School Holidays
Friday 4 th June	
Monday 7 th June 2021	INSET day – school closed to children
Tuesday 15 th June 2021	Class Photos
Wednesday 21 st July	Break Up

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UPDATES AND REMINDERS

- Pinworms in Year 4
- Head Lice in Year 5

PE Timetable for Term 6

EYFS	Tuesday	Thursday
Year 1	Monday	Thursday
Year 2	Wednesday	Friday
Year 3	Tuesday	Wednesday
Year 4	Monday	Friday
Year 5	Monday	Wednesday
Year 6	Wednesday	Thursday

INSET DAYS FOR NEXT YEAR

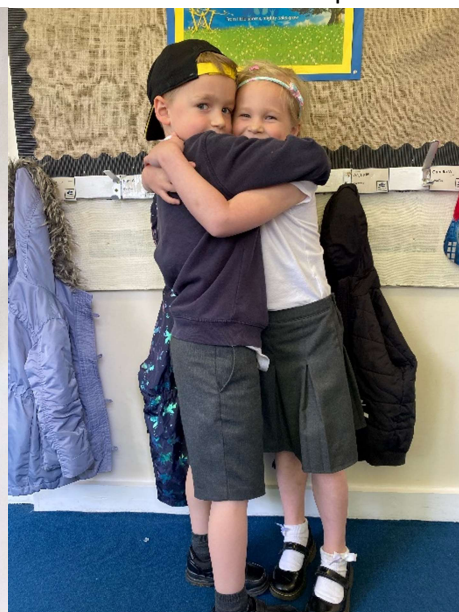
Wednesday 1st September 2021, Thursday 2nd September 2021, Monday 1st November 2021
Tuesday 4th January 2022, Monday 6th June 2022

This week in **EYFS** we have been reading the story 'Ruby's Worry'. We have been talking about how we can be kind to our friends and help them with their worries. We have also been continuing to explore spring and growing. This week we investigated how we can use broccoli to create and print beautiful blossom trees.



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This week **Year 1** have been continuing their work on Jackson Pollock in art and used food dye mixed with water in pipets to create this week's piece of work. They have also been having discussions all week about being kind leading up to Kindness Day today, and different methods to be kind to others and cheer them up.



In **Year 2** we have had an Arctic experience with Now Press Play. We learned about how people live in the Arctic, how they hunt and what they eat. We also experienced the effects of Global Warming on Inuit communities specifically and the polar ice caps more widely.

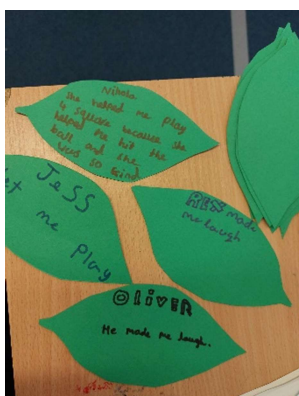
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Year 3 practised using kind words in their computing lesson by sending emails to others in the class,



letting them know they are appreciated.

As Part of Kindness Week, **Year 4** have been reflecting on kindness and what this entails. Children had the opportunity as a class to discuss different ways in which we can be kind to each other and show solidarity. This week we have been able to take part in a Now Press Play experience where we learnt about the Viking invasion of England and managed to invade an Anglo-Saxon fort as well as rescue our sister Freya! In RE we have been investigating religious Hindu festivals and managed to fashion our own colourful lanterns for the festival of Diwali. In English we have continued our sentence stacking for the book of "The Journey", and in Maths we have been focusing on Money and Time.



Year 5 are thinking of ways to celebrate kindness this week by starting a kindness tree in Tigers and a kindness calendar in Lions. Celebrating the wonderful ways in which people in our class are kind is a great way to recognise the way they were good to us and a way of saying thank you. We are hoping this will spread more kindness among our friends.

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Year 6 have been leading parts of Kindness day. They have been Kindness Ambassadors - welcoming everyone to school with music and love hearts. Each class was divided into groups and tasked with creating kindness assemblies for each class at Palace Wood. Rhinos were responsible for Oaks and Hippos for Acorns. The sun helped to make the day a shining success. Quote from one of the children: "Your emotions are the rainbows of the sky so let them shine through".



After School Club re-enacted scenes from 'Friends' in celebration of the reunion as we have a few fans!



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Alice White in Monkeys Class has made badges 'I've had the jab' and the profit was split between PW and the NHS. We sold some through ParentMail (there is still that option as I've just got some!) but they can also be bought through the link below. The story is there too.

This link takes you to the article where the PayPal button is <http://maidstone-magazine.co.uk/buy-7-year-old-alices-ive-had-the-jab-badge-for-charity/>



Eivie had another Rugby match. This time against the Orpington Raptors



Tilly in Rhinos competed in her first athletics meet of the season at Dartford for Paddock Wood AC. She competed in the under 13 events in 75m sprint, 70m hurdles and long jump. In the long jump she came 5th in a field of 28, which was amazing considering most of the girls were almost 2 years older than her.



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As part of kindness day, Hippos class have created Zen gardens as a relaxing activity.



Hawking achieved the
most team points again
this week!

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

Mrs Cairns' Always Child:
Rhea in Tigers