



PALACE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Headteachers Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another week has flown by, helped by the beautiful autumn weather. It's lovely to see children still eating outside at lunchtimes and enjoying the freedom of the field.

Our EYFS children have completed their first full week at school and, although a few seemed tired today, we are very proud of how well they have settled. Pupils from Maplesden Noakes school came in this morning and our year 6 children enjoyed being part of an assembly delivered by the year 7s. All the children have been learning harvest songs this week and it is lovely to hear singing in school again.

The staggered times at the beginning and end of the day seem to be working well but could I ask that, at the end of the day, you do your best to pick your child up as close to their finish time as you can. Teachers will wait for 5 minutes after the end of the day and after this, children will be taken to Oak's office for collection. Teachers often have meetings to attend straight after school and, at times, it can be challenging to get there promptly if they have needed to stay with children. If you are going to be late collecting we will of course keep your children safe and cared for but at the central point of the main office.

A reminder that Acorn's office (Talbot Road) is closed during the day so please visit Oak's office (Ash Grove) with any queries.

Next week, it looks as though the weather will be more autumnal than recently and we are expecting some rain. We want the children to get outside, as much as possible, so please send them in with appropriate clothing such as a rain jacket or coat. Please ensure that it is named.

A plea for help

We are struggling to find a builder to help with some works in our EYFS area – if you know of anyone that could help and is willing to come and quote for the work we would be very grateful. Please contact Mrs Emmerson in Oaks office.

We are also trying to develop the area near our outside classroom and we are looking for sensory plants such as lavender, sage, rosemary and mint. If you have any of these and are willing to donate a cutting or plant we would be really pleased to receive them. Please send them in with your child or drop them at Oak's office.

Thank you for your continued support and have a great weekend.

Mrs Cairns





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Pupil Leadership Team

What an amazing start to the year with so many budding pupil leaders! Mrs Bryer and Yr. 6 pupil leaders have spent many lunchtimes going through all your applications and deciding who would be selected for interview. It certainly was not an easy task and lots of debating between the Yr. 6's as to the vision they were looking for on the team. Those candidates were then invited to interview by the Yr. 6 team and they all did a fantastic job!

A big well done to all that applied! If you didn't get through this time, there are always more opportunities next time.

It is our Palace Wood privilege to introduce you to the Palace Wood Pupil Leadership Team of 2021:

They are:

Yr. 6:

Ethan M- Lead, Pollyanna C- Lead, Rhea B - deputy, Jacob R- deputy, Noah O- deputy, Olivia V-H- Lead

Yr. 5:

Mabel S-D- Lead, Holly R- Deputy, Aisha I - Lead, Henry S- Deputy

Yr. 4:

Paris D- lead, Henry W-Deputy, Fraser- Lead, Daisy W- Deputy

Yr. 3:

Florence B- Lead, Poppy M- Deputy, Joey B- Lead, Manha- Deputy

Yr. 2:

Lewis, Anvika

Yr1:

Liam, Flynn

They have already had their first meeting this week and begun to think about how they can promote becoming a healthier school and starting a pupil newsletter – written for the pupils and by the pupils. If you have any ideas for the Pupil Leadership team to consider, please speak to your class representative.





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Reminders and Updates

- Remember, if you wish your child to bring in their mobile phone please contact Mrs Cairns in writing
- Please remember to label and name your child's clothing correctly
- There is a Florence Nightingale workshop for year 1 on 27/09/21
- Allington Community Market is taking place Friday 1st October, 12 noon till 3 pm.

Dates for the diary

DATE	EVENT
1st November 2021	INSET DAY
4th January 2022	INSET DAY
6th June 2022	INSET DAY



EYFS



In EYFS this week we have been practising counting to 20.



We had lots of fun going on a nature scavenger hunt in the outside area looking for leaves, stones, pine cones and sticks!



We looked at our cards which showed us how many of each object we needed to find. With our partners, we counted carefully to make sure we had the right amount!



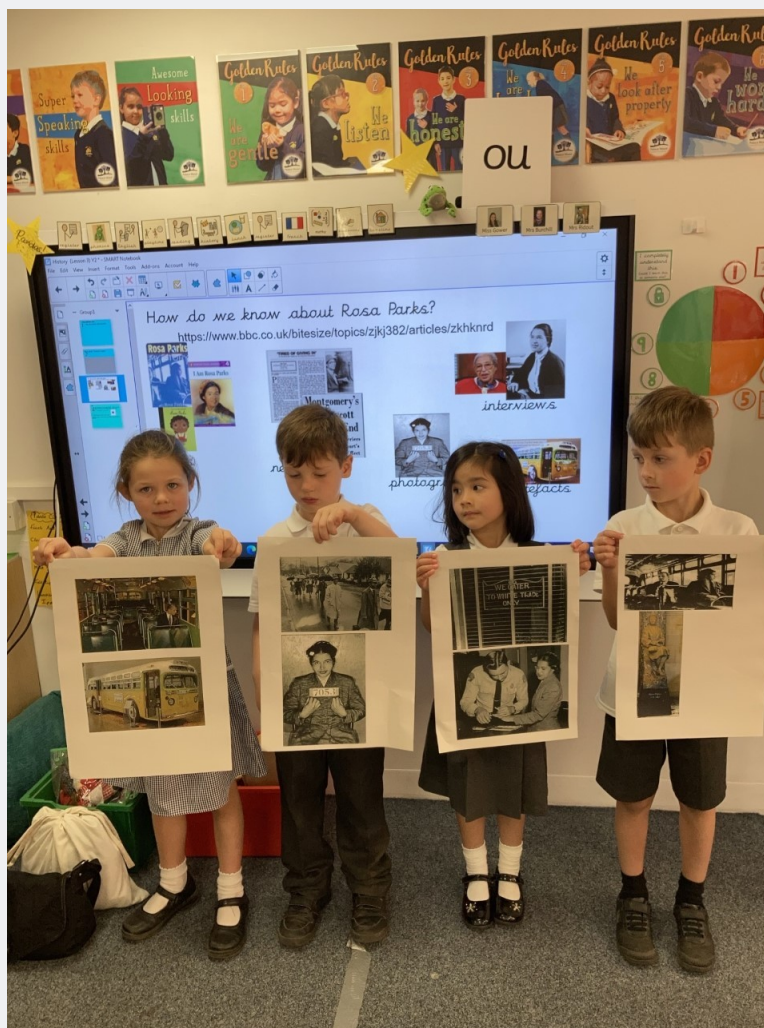
YEAR 1



This week Year 1 have had a great time learning the story of The Three Little Pigs in English. The children made their own pig and wolf masks, acted out the story, sequenced the story using pictures and finished the week by writing a letter to the wolf, from mummy pig, to tell him off for blowing down the houses. The children worked really hard on their writing and produced some wonderful letters to the wolf!



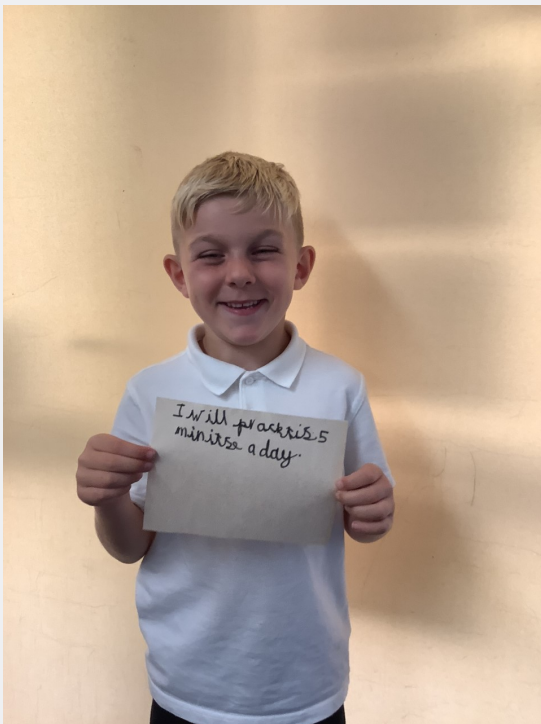
YEAR 2



This week in Year 2 we have been history detectives looking at historical primary sources and photographs of Rosa Parks to find out more evidence about her life story .



YEAR 3

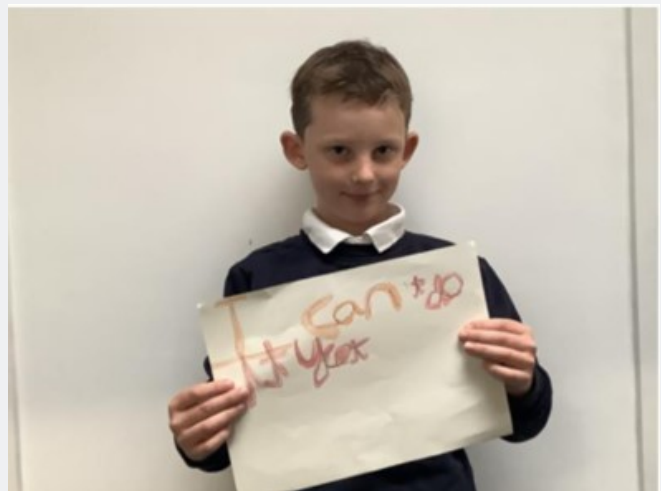


This week in year 3 we have been finishing our unit on place value with a focus on comparing objects and numbers, ordering numbers and counting in 50s. We struggled a little with counting in 50s but when we noticed the pattern it really helped us!

In English we wrote our own versions of 'Stone Age Boy' and made it our own, we used lots of similes and alliteration!

In Science we learnt about Sedimentary rock and talked about how it is formed.

In History we discussed the different eras within the Stone age including; Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic. In RE we learnt about Islam and its five pillars.



YEAR 4



This week in Year 4 we have been studying Street Art, we have had the opportunity to learn about the artist Banksy and produce our own marvellous Street Art! In Science we have investigated high and low pitch and used a range of diverse instruments and equipment to test our hypothesis to see whether smaller objects produced a higher pitch.



YEAR 5



Year 5 have started learning street dance with some amazing techniques from incredible dancers such as Diversity.

We can see that dance can be for anyone not just girls and this will be an amazing chance to try something challenging and new this term.

We have already found out that even a warm up can be tiring and hard work! Maybe by the end of the term it will be good enough to perform!





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YEAR 6



Year 6 are learning tactics during tag rugby and thoroughly enjoying it. We also enjoyed the Rock Steady workshop. Maplesden Noakes visited us today which was very informative.



This week's always children:

Penguins	Everyone	Crocodiles	Edi
Elephants	Everyone	Panthers	Ted
Giraffes	George	Leopards	Caden
Bears	Alex	Tigers	Aisha
Zebras	Jenson	Lions	Mabel
Pandas	Alan	Hippos	Joshua
Monkeys	Megan	Rhinos	Jess

Most House points this week:

Hawking

Mrs Cairns' Special Mention Children:

- Sophia (Rhinos)

At Palace Wood we:

Give it our best
Respect one another
Overcome obstacles
Work together

This weeks attendance is

93%

