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Issue 2– 2020-2021

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Headteachers Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe how quickly this week has gone by and the fact that we are already at Friday!

The children have been very busy starting new topics and getting used to new routines in their new year groups. EYFS have continued their transition into full time schooling and are now staying for lunch. Next week they are here all day – a big thank you to all of you for supporting them so well and an enormous well done to all the children. They have been fantastic and really risen to the challenge of learning the many new procedures and tasks.

It's been a noisy end to the week, as all the children in year 1 -6 have taken part in a Rock Assembly this afternoon. Our visitor came with a rock band and the children were able to take part in singing and clapping along to the music. Some even got the chance to play the instruments.

Team Theme, our PE specialists, have asked me to remind you, that if children need to wear a warmer top to school for PE lessons, could we politely ask you to make sure this is a sweatshirt and not a hoodie or one with a zip. Hoodies and zips can present a health and safety issue as children's hoods can become caught when playing sport, potentially causing injury.

Our uniform policy lists a black sweatshirt for PE days but please ensure these are named so that we can get them back to the right child, if they are taken off during the day.

Several parents have asked whether it is possible to have a teacher meet session because many of you do not know the teachers well and have not had much opportunity for face to face contact in the last 18 months. Although, we are not able to offer a face to face session, at the moment, all teachers will be recording a Teams video introducing themselves and giving you information about the class and the year ahead. These will be available between Tuesday and Thursday next week so please do look out for the Teams notification. Please also remember that you can contact class teachers via email or through the school office and they will always come back to you as soon as they can.

Parent Forum

Our next parent forum will be on Tuesday 12th October at 9am in Oaks hall. It would be great to see you there – please email me if you are interested in taking part. It is an opportunity to discuss upcoming events, learning opportunities and how our resources are used.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Cairns



Reminders and Updates

- Please remember to label and name your child's clothing correctly
- There is a Florence Nightingale workshop for year 1 on 27/09/21
- Please remember to complete and return your Authorised to Collect forms
- Information regarding Secondary School admissions has gone home this week for Year 6
- A guide to using Teams for home learning and meetings has been sent out via Parentmail
- Remember, if you wish your child to bring in their mobile phone please contact Mrs Cairns in writing

Dates for the diary

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





EYFS



The children have had a wonderful first week at school. They have enjoyed finally all being together and have done so well with their school lunches.

Have a big rest this weekend, you all deserve it.

We are all so very proud of you all.

The EYFS team.



YEAR 1

The Year One children enjoy their daily Dough Disco activity and challenge. This is a really beneficial activity to help with fine motor skills and the children have lots of fun. You can access this at home by searching for 'Dough Disco' on line.



YEAR 2

Music

We have had a very exciting day playing on the glockenspiels.

Last week we learned to play 'Baby Shark' and this week we have

learned "Row, Row, Row Your Boat.

The children were very excited and engaged in their learning.



YEAR 3



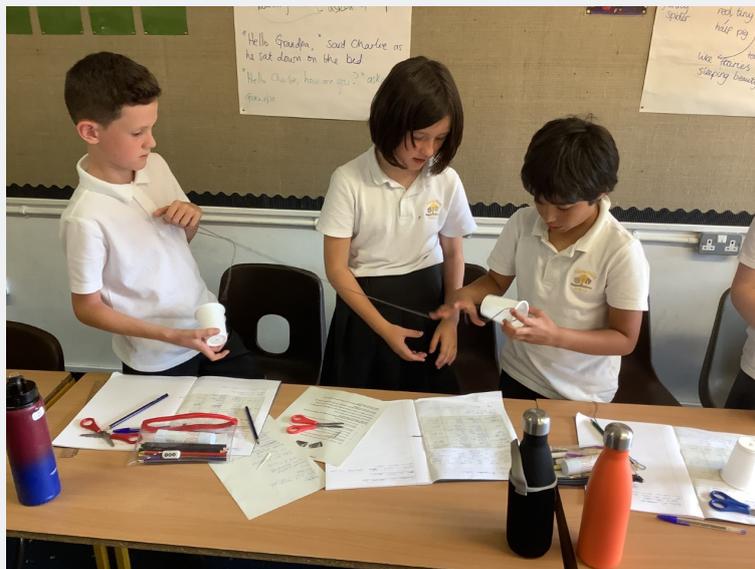
This week Year 3 have been learning a new song in music based on the Vikings. They have really enjoyed learning the actions to this song and creating a 'canon' effect by singing different verses at the same time.



YEAR 4

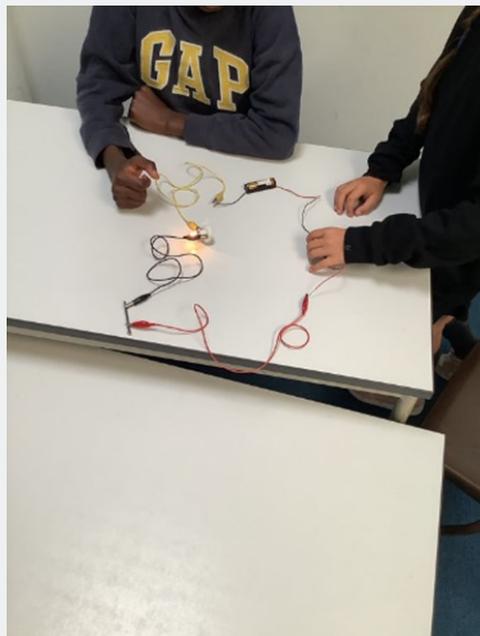


In Year 4 this week we have continued our learning about sound in science. We observed different tests to show how sound is created and that sound travels as waves and is created by vibrations. We enjoyed using drums, rice and elastic bands to show sound vibrating and travelling. We were then challenged to make a string telephone and investigate the most effective way the telephones would work. We showed great understanding of a concept that it difficult to grasp as we cannot see it! In maths we have been working on our rounding skills and in English we have continued to use Charlie and the Chocolate Factory to inspire our writing.



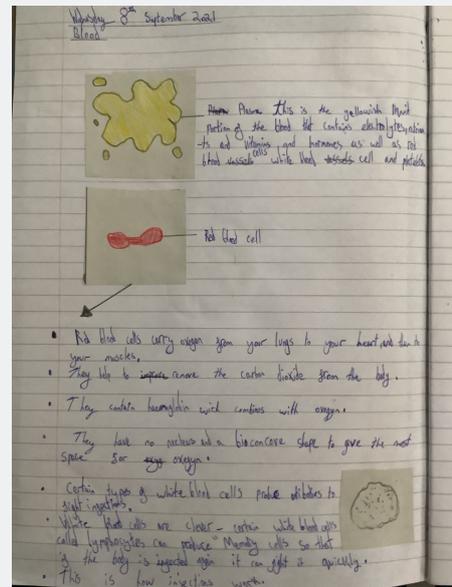
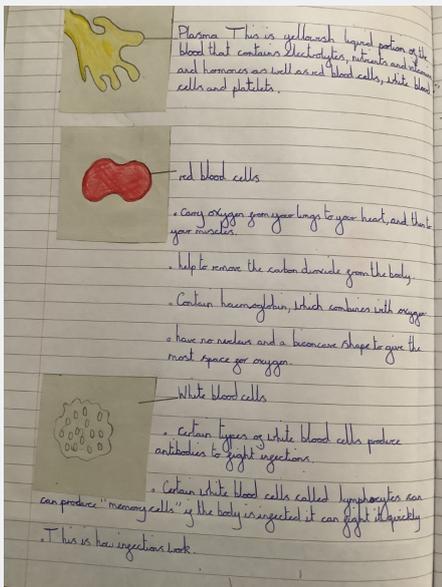
YEAR 5

This week Year 5 have been learning about conductors and insulators. The children were then asked how they might conduct an experiment to find out if a material conducts electricity. We then carried out their experiments in class. This involved making a simple circuit and then testing if the materials added still allowed the bulb to light. Year 5 made predictions and then recorded their results. We learnt about how different conductors and insulators can be used for different things to help us such as using plastic coating



YEAR 6

Year 6 have been exploring the different components of blood and realise the important functions they perform. We had an interesting discussion on gender stereotypes linking English to PSHE. One outcome seemed to be that women can do any job but men can't do some jobs e.g. midwifery and floristry. We discussed how this was not the case and were interested to note how the situation has reversed from when women were once pigeon-holed.



SUPERSTARS



Joshua in Hippos won the Best Fielder for under 11 to 17 years in the colts section at his cricket club.

Not bad for a 10 year old!

Times Tables Rock Stars

Erin (Leopards) Alex (Leopards)

Ellie (Leopards) Elliot (Lions)



This week's always children:

- Bears - Isabelle M
- Pandas - Mollie R
- Crocodiles –Israel
- Leopards –Evelyn
- Lions –Elliot
- Hippos –Harry
- Giraffes - Hannah B
- Zebras –Camilla
- Monkeys-Lucy
- Panthers –Alice W
- Tigers –Luke
- Rhino's - Mustafa

Most House points this week:

Yarnold

We would like to apologise for the amount of Parentmails that have been sent home today.

As it's the start of a new term we have a lot of information that needs to be shared.

At Palace Wood we:

Give it our best
Respect one another
Overcome obstacles
Work together

This weeks attendance is

97.2%

