



PALACE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Courage Curiosity Challenge Compassion

.Dear Parents and Carers,

In assembly today I have told the children how amazing they have been this week. They have shown real resilience in embracing some tricky challenges such as different teachers, changes to timetables and in some cases being taught in a different room.

We know that some have felt quite anxious about the situation but they have coped remarkably well and their teachers and I wanted to say a big thank you.

We are always looking at ways to improve playtime and make it a more enjoyable experience for children and Mrs Emmerson recently purchased some litter pickers, brooms and trowels for children to use if they wanted too . These have gone down a storm, with children keen to sweep and litter pick in their break times. Not only is this great for the school, it also encourages children to take pride in their environment and to look after their belongings. If you have any brooms , trowels or litter pickers you were able to donate to us, they would be gratefully received.

Our library make over is in progress and Mrs Lembo, when she gets a spare 5 minutes, is continuing to paint an amazing mural on the new walls. We will keep you updated on the progress.

Our sensory garden, near the outside classroom, continues to take shape and the spring bulbs are starting to grow and the new paths are now marked out with bark chippings and logs—thank you Mrs Rose for your hard work.

New fencing is going up in our EYFS outside area and there are plans in place to resurface the space in the very near future—again we will keep you updated on the progress.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Cairns

Palace Wood Primary School Newsletter





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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
- **Waste Wednesday**—Great collections by Panthers and Giraffes. We will be tracking who brings in the most so get collecting!
- Report absences through Studybugs. Easily done through the link on our website: [Palace Wood Primary School - Home \(palacewoodschoools.org.uk\)](https://www.palacewoodschoools.org.uk)

x Not right now

 Report Absence on Studybugs

Dates for the diary

Date	Event
Tuesday 8th February	Internet Safety Day
Wednesday 9th February	PJ Day—Take 2!
Friday 11th February	Red Day/ Fire Safety Talks
Monday 21st February	Drama for all EYFS/1/2

Other information you may be interested in:

We have currently raised £333 with our first PJ day. For those who didn't take part or those who would like to again, see you in your pjs on 9th February.

On Friday 11th February, we hope to be visited by Joanne Gillham, Education Officer of Kent Fire and Rescue to talk to the children about Fire Safety.

We also hope to be planning trips for the Summer Term and themed days throughout the year. Why not have a look at the calendar on our website?

For all dates for the coming year please check the school calendar on our website

[Palace Wood Primary School - Calendar \(palacewoodschoools.org.uk\)](https://www.palacewoodschoools.org.uk)

Children who have been curious learners this week



Elephants	Teddy
Penguins	Jayden
Bears	Jack PC
Giraffes	Hannah
Zebras	Jenson
Pandas	Grace
Monkeys	Maxi
Crocodiles	Roman
Leopards	Jacob
Panthers	Iris
Lions	Josh
Tigers	Danny
Hippos	Jack
Rhinos	Milo



This week's always children:

Penguins	Khloe	Crocodiles	Joey
Elephants	Oliver B	Panthers	Paris
Giraffes	William	Leopards	Bella-Rae
Bears	Matilda S	Tigers	Oakley
Zebras	Remy	Lions	Samuel
Pandas	Aarya	Hippos	Jessica
Monkeys	Lucia	Rhinos	Olivia

Times table Rock Stars

Seun (Hippos)

Jessica H (Rhinos)

Adam S (Rhinos)

Numbots of the week

Lola K (Bears)

Alan (Pandas)

Finn (Giraffes)

Greatness Gallery

Jacob (Monkeys)

Chloe (Lions)

Adele (Hippos)

Team Point Winners
Hawking

This week's
attendance is 87.6%



EYFS

In Maths this week they have been looking at the language of comparing weights. We have been using words such as heavy, light, heavier, lighter, heaviest and lightest. They were looking at different objects and learning that the biggest object is not always the heaviest. At home, we have been looking at describing the capacity of different containers also. Why not have a look at home or when out and about and see what you can describe?



YEAR 1



This week in Year 1 we have been learning all about asking questions, the words that most questions begin with and using a question mark. We have started our new Science topic for this term and have been learning about different materials and their uses. We are also learning about the artist Jackson Pollock and have produced some great pieces of art work this week in the style of his work.



YEAR 2

In science this week we explored a range of different balls to identify which was the bounciest and why. We discovered the basketball was the bounciest ball because it is elastic and when the ball hit the hard surface of the ground it's shape changed so it flattened slightly then it went back to its original shape quickly and bounced back up.



YEAR 3



In English we have begun looking at how to write for a non-fiction text reading 'The Street Beneath my feet'. In maths we have been multiplying a 2 digit number by a 1 digit number. In Science we did an experiment to see how effective different light sources were. In History we discussed the differences people would find if they were in the noble class or the working class. In Music we began creating a piece using the pentatonic scale.





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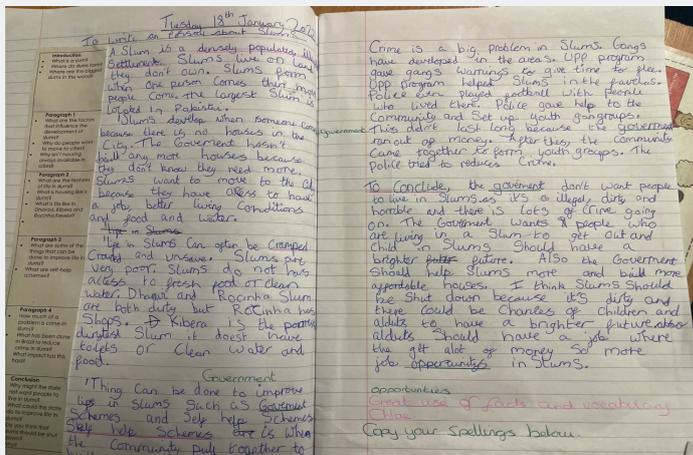
YEAR 4

This week in Year 4 we had the opportunity to learn about temperature and how different items and areas around the school were either hot or cold such as the taps. In art this week we have been experimenting with different materials and styles for our mixed-media topic. We enjoyed using glitter, paints, glue and tissue paper to try and create a watery effect. Finally, a huge thank you to the children who have had a lot of change this week, you have been amazing!



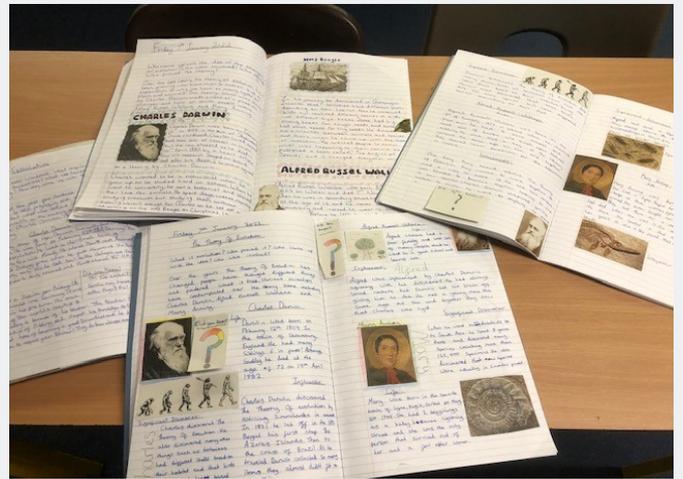
YEAR 5

In year 5 this week the children have been writing essays based on the geography unit we did last term, slums. It has been great to recap the children's knowledge and apply it into an essay format. Year 5 have really applied their learning and used some subject specific vocabulary. The children had a recap quiz, a structured plan and then prompts to help them write. We are really proud at how they have turned out and will be putting them on the big display board in the corridor soon.



YEAR 6

Year 6 have spent the last week or so writing the most amazingly detailed non-chronological reports, based on our Science topic, Evolution, and the write-ups are fantastic. We have also been working on finding percentages and fractions of amounts, so please ask us if you want to know sale prices!



At Palace Wood we:

- G**ive it our best
- R**espect one another
- O**vercome obstacles
- W**ork together

