



PALACE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Courage Curiosity Challenge Compassion

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today has been an exciting end to the week as all the children have taken part in the pancake-flipping competition. There was a real buzz around the school and Oak's hall was a frenzy of motion as pancakes were flipped, sometimes across the hall! Classes will find out who the winners were next week. There was also a fantastic book sale with many books donated from the community. We had enough books to last across the day and many children bought more than one. Again, the thrill of buying a new book was evident on the faces of almost all the children. A very big thank you to the Friends of Palace Wood and the volunteers who spent all day in school organising the event. I hope your ears have stopped ringing by now!

On a more serious note, I am sure that you are all aware of the devastating situation occurring in Ukraine. Some parents have asked if we are going to be collecting donations on behalf of the people displaced by the events. The Friends have also offered to organise a collection. As you know we are learning about compassion for others as this is one of our 4 core values. Our plan is to incorporate a collection for both the Church and refugees across the world, including those in Ukraine. In the week beginning 14th March, when we will be learning more about kindness, consideration for others and finishing the week with a kindness ripple. We will send out more information early next week as there are some very specific items that are being requested by both the Church and the charities supporting Ukraine. Next week there are two Parent's Evenings on Tuesday and Wednesday. Tuesday is the virtual evening and Wednesday is the face-to-face session. If you have not booked your slot, please try to over the weekend. If you have any issues, then please contact the class teacher or the school office for some help. Thank you for your continued support and have a relaxing weekend.

Mrs Cairns





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Reminders and Updates

If you have not booked your Parent's Evening slot, there is still time. Please login into Parentmail and find Parent's Evening on the left-hand options panel.

Tuesday is virtual and will be a video appointment via the app
Wednesday is face to face and will be held in the Oak's building in classrooms, offices or the hall.

We have a little basket in the office full of smaller items of lost property. This includes a car key and a necklace. If you think they might belong to you, please visit the office in the Oak's building.

Thank you to all the parents who have signed up interested to help in school. There is still time. We will have a look on Monday and confirm next steps and safeguarding training.

Dates for the diary

Date	Event
Tuesday 8th March	Virtual Parents' Evening
Wednesday 9th March	Face-to-Face Parents' Evening
9th-18th March	Travelling Book Fair
Friday 18th March	Comic Relief

Other information you may be interested in:

Maidstone Grammar School are collecting items tomorrow (Saturday 5th March) between 10-11am. These can include medical supplies, sanitary items, toiletries, baby wipes, blankets, adult and children clothing, shoes, trainers, duvets, pillows, nappies, pet carriers, dog leads and much more.

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

[Palace Wood Primary School - Home \(palacewoodschoools.org.uk\)](http://palacewoodschoools.org.uk)

Children who have been compassionate pupils this week



Elephants

Penguins

Giraffes

Bears

Pandas

Zebras

Crocodiles

Monkeys

Leopards

Panthers

Tigers

Lions

Rhinos

Hippos

Lyla

Arnie

George A

Lola K

Shabaani

Joshua L

Sophia

Emi

Elsa

Paris

Julia

Alfie

Eleni

Josh



SUPERSTAR CORNER



Rose entered her first street dance competition on Sunday 27th Feb. She got through to the semi-finals in solo dances. The crew Rose dances in came 1st in their group dance and Rose and her partner came 2nd in their duo. What an achievement and well done to Rose and her dance crew!

Laila has just achieved a certificate for level 5 for Gymnastics. Laila attends Pegasus Gymnastics Club.

Well done Laila what a wonderful achievement.



This week's always children:

Elephants	Archie	Crocodiles	Oliver H
Penguins	Gideon	Leopards	Etta
Bears	Alex L	Panthers	Alice B
Giraffes	Henry	Lions	Miles
Pandas	Daniella	Tigers	Richie
Zebras	Cecilia	Hippos	Vanessa
Monkeys	Faith	Rhinos	Katie

Times table Rock Stars

Hristian (Tigers)
Benjamin B (Monkeys)
Jacob G (Monkeys)

For improvement in accuracy

Numbots of the week

Ethan C (Giraffes)
Lucia (Monkeys)
Mofe (Monkeys)

For biggest increase in levels passed

Greatness Gallery

Scott W - Bears
Sebastian – Zebras
Olivia-Crocodiles
Lucy - Leopards
Charlotte – Tigers
Katie - Rhinos

Team Point Winners

Rowling

**This weeks
attendance is 96.1 %**



EYFS

This week in EYFS, we have continued to learn about Bog Baby for World Book Day. We have used the book to explore compassion and the importance of showing this to our friends at school. The children have been recognising this in their friends and letting an adult at school know when someone has been kind to them. We have also learnt about the meaning of Shrove Tuesday and eaten some yummy pancakes!



YEAR 1



This week Year 1 enjoyed learning a new song in Music. It is called Boom Chicca Boom! The song is very repetitive and requires audience participation. It starts with 'I said a Boom Chicca!' Ask your child if they can sing it and get the family to join in by repeating after them!



YEAR 2

This week in year 2 we have continued to focus on Africa which is where our Book Week book 'The Lion Inside' is set by learning about djembe sounds and discovering the voices of the djembe drum. We learnt how to play 3 notes. A hot open note, a cold closed note and a low base tone note.



YEAR 3



This week Year 3 have been busy creating templates out of card in DT to be able to use when cutting out their fabric for their bookmark. In the coming weeks, we will be sewing our bookmark together using both back stitch and cross stitch.





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YEAR 4

This week in Year 4 we have been continuing with our book week which has linked to our value of curiosity. The children have been studying abstract nouns and have been producing poems full of wonderful vocabulary. In History this week we enjoyed a visit from Eric the Green.



YEAR 5



In Year 5 we spent some time looking at why we love the books we do and thinking about why we choose them. We had some fantastic conversations about what made us collect certain books from the covers and blurb to the themes of the books. It was fun for us to share all of our books.



YEAR 6

Year 6 have continued to enjoy our book weeks. We have been looking at the second of our books and linking it to our value of 'Challenge'. The children have learnt about the slave trade and the underground railroad. They have had many discussions around this subject and have asked some very meaningful questions. This theme will flow into our history topic of Twentieth Century Conflict.



At Palace Wood we:

Give it our best

Respect one another

Overcome obstacles

Work together



Waste Wednesday Update

A big thank you to all of you who are bringing your waste in to be recycled. A reminder that the recycling should only be brought in on a Wednesday as we cannot store it.

This week was a huge pringles cans collection week with 40 cans sent in. This is the most amount of cans we have received in one month, let alone in one week. In February we collected over 3kg of waste again, but we are set to collect even more in March as in this first week alone, we have already reached 2.9kg.

We are just short of 10kg collected so far since the start of Waste Wednesday. It is great to see that we are diverting all this waste from incinerators and landfill but also raising funding for the school.

See the pictures below for acceptable waste. Please remind yourselves as we are getting items that cannot be sent away. Remember Pringles cans only no other brands. Don't forget the bread wrappers.

