

# PALACE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term 1  
20th October 2022

## Courage Curiosity Challenge Compassion

Dear Parent and Carers,

It only seems like yesterday when we welcomed all the children back from the summer break! We have achieved a lot this term, not least a successful Ofsted, and I would like to thank all the staff for their hard work and you, the parents, for your continued support.

We have many exciting plans for the terms ahead including working with a charity communitigrow who have recently visited the school to offer ideas and resources. We are looking to develop our gardens further by installing a polytunnel and the charity are willing to help with this along with helping us build pizza ovens and solar cooking stations.

We are also investigating the possibility of welcoming some chickens to Palace Wood and Mrs Emmerson has been in discussion with a company that helps care for the chickens in the holidays but it would mean we would need to care for them during weekends. If you and your family are interested in getting involved and would be able to be part of a rota caring for the chickens, please let me or Mrs Emmerson know.

Please check out the last page of the newsletter which has an update on the money raised by Trashchangers. So far £65 has been raised for the school. If we all get behind this great initiative and get use to sending in our rubbish, the school will benefit from the money raised. A big thank you to Trashchangers for all you are doing. Please remember to send in your waste on a Wednesday.

I wish you all a wonderful half-term week and look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday 31<sup>st</sup>.

Best wishes,  
Mrs Cairns





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## Reminders and Updates

- . Don't forget your welly boots for forest school and lunchtimes
- Parking is still cause issues. Please remember to be considerate to our neighbours and each other.

## Dates for the diary

Date	Event
Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th November	Parents' evening

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)

## This week's always children:

Elephants	Joseph	Crocodiles	Glorious
Penguins	Stan	Panthers	Amelia
Bears	Rosie	Leopards	Charley
Giraffes	Madeleine	Tigers	Fraser
Pandas	Charlie	Lions	Reuben
Zebras	Joseph	Hippos	Miles
Monkeys		Rhinos	Anastasia

### Times table Rock Stars

Murtaza (Tigers)  
Joseph (Tigers)  
Erin C (Tigers)  
For biggest increase in coins

### Numbots of the week

Gideon W (Bears)  
Aarya C (Monkeys)  
Matilda S (Zebras)  
For biggest increase in coins

### Greatness Gallery

Penguins-Florence  
Zebras – Yoana  
Crocodiles – Sebastian D  
Leopards – Roman  
Rhinos-Emily

**Housepoint  
Winners  
Yarnold**

**This week's  
attendance is%**





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Children who have shown one of our values this week



Elephants

Penguins

Giraffes

Bears

Pandas

Zebras

Crocodiles

Monkeys

Leopards

Panthers

Tigers

Lions

Rhinos

Hippos

Johan and Emily

Sami and Summah-Belle

Devon and Oliver G

William and Fiona

Bethany and George D

Rosie and Jack Pr

Rose and Joshua L

Finley and Mia

Ted and Frank

Finley and Alex

Freddie and Evelyn

William and Esmee

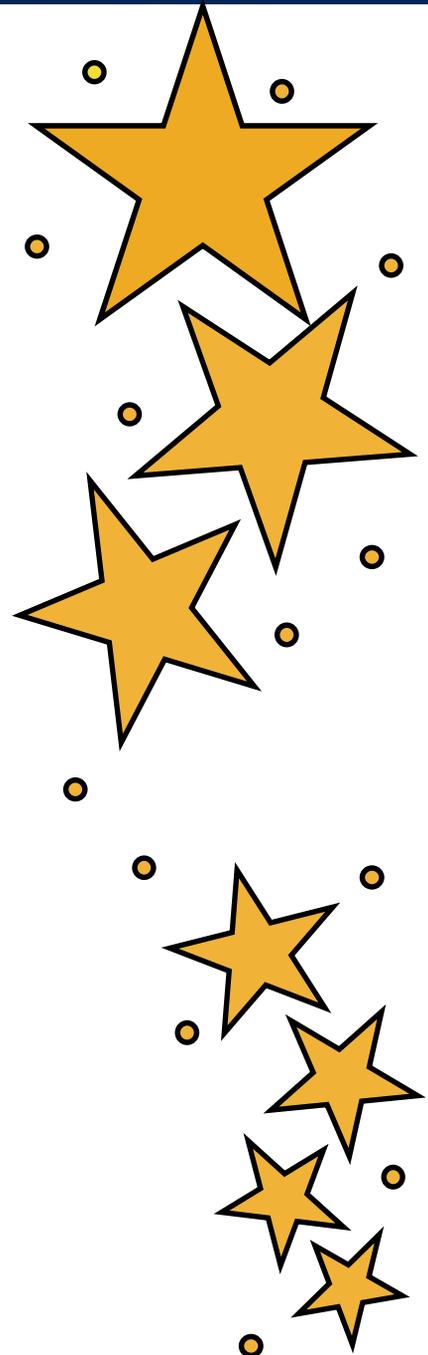
Louie and Joshua



## SUPERSTAR CORNER



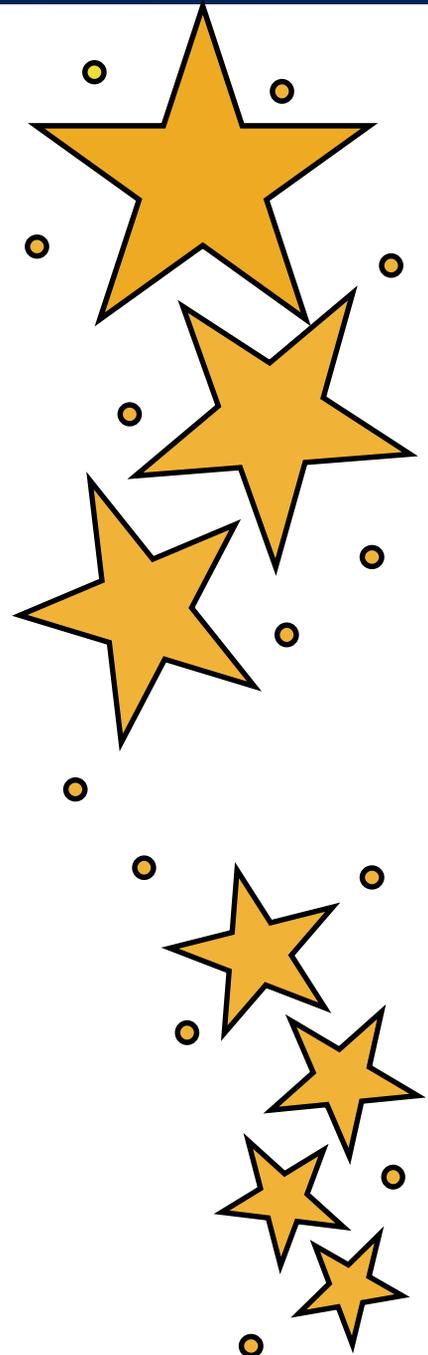
Chloe enrolled in 2nd Allington Brownies and is so happy she is a Brownie with her sister Amelia. Well done Chloe -your Brownie uniform looks very smart.



## SUPERSTAR CORNER



The Forest School Fairy Scarecrow will be displayed in Maidstone for a competition, there will be a QR code on it to enable people to vote for it. We think it's great and hope others agree.





# SPORTS NEWS



On Wednesday, nine Year 6 children competed in the Maidstone Schools Cross Country competition. The event took place at Mote Park and the children ran 2km around a marked course. In the Year 6 Girls race, Esmee finished in 2nd place, Estelle in 24th place and Amelia in 27 place. In the Year 6 Boys race, William finished in 6th place, Charlie 17th, Efe 27th, Aiden 40th, Theo 43rd and Oakley in 44th place. We are very proud of all the children that took part and represented Palace Wood.



## EYFS

This week in EYFS we have been exploring pattern. We have used our bodies, our words and loose parts to make repeating patterns. Today we made a pattern using fruit! We can hardly believe it has only been one term; the children have settled into school amazingly. We are so proud. We hope you all have a wonderful break.



## YEAR 1

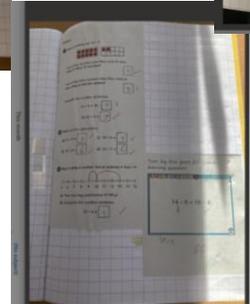
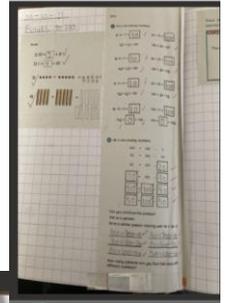
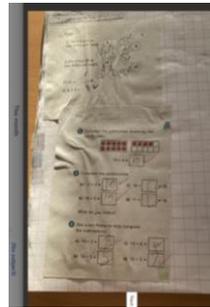


This week in Year 1 we have been thinking about Christian symbols. We then went on to make our own stained glass windows. We used tissue paper and card to create our own designs.



## YEAR 2

In Maths this week we have been very busy applying our place value knowledge to answering addition and subtraction fluency questions and to solve reasoning tasks and problems. We have also been working hard on learning our two times table. We have set ourselves the challenge of answering 60 questions correctly in 3 minutes.



## YEAR 3

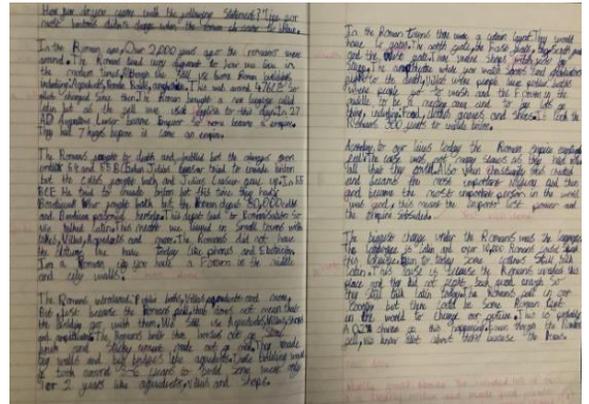
This week we finished our History topic on the Stone Age. We created a double page spread to display all our learning from this term. We also finished 'The Twits' this week in reading and have been laughing our way through all their sneaky tricks!



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## YEAR 4

History has been a real challenge this week but one that has not defeated our little Britons. The Romans may have conquered our shores, but Year 4 conquered their history essays and saw the Romans off the island. The empire may have crumbled yet the success that the children saw with their work was tremendous.



## YEAR 5



This week in Year 5 we have been producing our Picasso themed sculptures! We used various materials such as cardboard and string to produce them. We were very happy with the final product.



Well what a first term we have had! We have finished our art and architecture unit and attempted to make a 3d version of our floor plans (some more successful than others). I think we all deserved the challenge award and established our levels of perseverance – even the adults. Wonder has been finished and the children are looking forward to watching the film. Some of our topics will be continuing into the beginning of next term- please see the new overview for more information.



## Five Acre Wood



Whale Class have enjoyed learning about harvest and the traditional tale "The Little Red Hen". We talked about the "good choices" her friends the cat, goose and pig should have made and how they could have been "good friends" to the Little Red Hen.

We have also been learning about autumn. We had fun using our colour cards and finding leaves which were similar autumn colours. We mixed autumn colours to use for our leaf printing.





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## Forest School

We have had a great last week of Forest School. We have been busy making bracelets, building dens, making swings and autumn garlands. We have also been climbing, jumping, splashing, digging and enjoying the rain and mud. What a great term we have had with EYFS, Years 1, 3 and Tigers!



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Well done Cameron from Pandas who is our Trash Changer of the week. He did amazingly well in bringing a bag full of pringles cans, bread bags, cheese packets and dishwasher pod packaging.

Special mention to Miss Nolan-Neylan, who rose to the challenge and brought in 10 bread bags and cheese packaging.

Thank you to those collecting for Waste Wednesday. We are just about to request a payment of £40 from Terracycle which makes it £65 raised so far this year with the waste we collect.

Best regards  
Trash Changers team



✓ All brands of tinted fabric conditioner bottles and caps



✓ Lenor tumble dryer sheets



✓ All brands of flexible laundry washing capsules and pods packaging

✓ All brands of flexible wipe packaging and tinted rigid plastic tubs used for...



Bread wrappers incl. wax



All brands of flexible coffee packaging



cheese protective plastic film



ACCEPTED WASTE

Any brand of packaging is accepted

