



# PALACE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term 2  
25<sup>th</sup> November 2022

## Courage Curiosity Challenge Compassion

Dear Parent and Carer,

Friday afternoon's celebration assembly is always a lovely way to finish the week as we celebrate the achievements of many of the children throughout the school.

As well as recognising our Always children and 4 C children, this week we also said a big well done to the 30 year 6 children who undertook their cycling proficiency badge. They did not have the best of weather but still persisted with the course even when it was raining hard and they were getting very wet. The course instructor remarked on how well the group did and how polite and well mannered the children were.

We also celebrated the success of our choir who today sang as part of the carolathon in Maidstone. The children had a great time and it was lovely to see so many parents and family members there supporting the children. I'd like to say thank you to Miss Knowers and the other staff involved for their commitment and enthusiasm for the choir.

It is hard to believe that we are only 3 weeks away from the Christmas holidays. Next Friday we will be starting our Christmas celebrations with Decorating Day. The children can wear their own clothes and Christmas decorations if they wish. We will also be asking for a donation of chocolate for the Christmas fair.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Cairns

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**Reminders and Updates**

- . Don't forget your welly boots for forest school and lunchtimes
- We are a nut free school

**Dates for the diary**

Date	Event
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Decorating Day

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

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

## This week's always children:

Elephants	Rory	Crocodiles	Lexi
Penguins	Teddy	Panthers	Louie
Bears	Frankie	Leopards	Wisdom
Giraffes	Teddy	Tigers	Darcie
Pandas	Maya	Lions	Iris
Zebras	Matty	Hippos	Libby
Monkeys	Aarya	Rhinos	Aisha

### Times table Rock Stars

Joseph O (Tigers)

Murtaza (Tigers)

Kris (Rhinos)

For biggest increase in coins

### Numbots of the week

Kiera B (Giraffes)

Scarlett N (Giraffes)

Meyrem L (Giraffes)

For biggest increase in coins

### Greatness Gallery

Pandas –

Bears - Freddie

Leopards– Joey

Rhinos- Anastasia

**Rowling**

**Yarnold**

**Hawking**

**Sheeran**

**This week's  
attendance is 94%**





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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

Noah and Mia

Lillith and Madeleine

Kiara and Alfie

Finley W and William

Teddy and Finn

Jackson and Olivia

Cecilia and Menaal

Mollie and Moyin

Stan and Anson

Benjamin C and Lucia

Karry and Caden

Alice W and Izi

Ralph and Madison

Holly and Samuel



## SUPERSTAR CORNER



Last weekend, Teddy from Pandas and Kevin from Turtles competed in a Taekwondo competition. They took part in a variety of challenges and won medals for their participation. We are very proud of them.



# Year 6 Bikeability Course

This week, 30 Year 6 children completed their cycling proficiency award. On Monday, the children started by learning the rules of the road on the playground. Once confident, the children were taken out onto the roads the following day. They learned skills such as signaling, stopping at a junction and overtaking a parked car. Congratulations to all of the children that took part. We are very proud of the children's exceptional behaviour and how well they represented the school in front of the instructors and when out on the roads. Thank you to all parents that supported their child to prepare for this course.

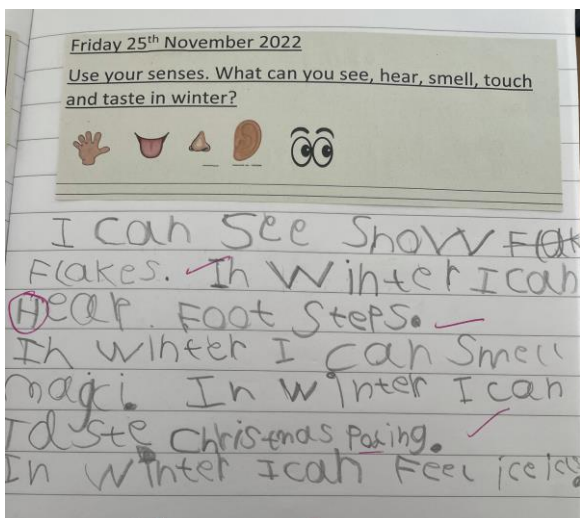


## EYFS

This week in EYFS we have continued learning about toys. We have compared old and new toys and set up our own toy shop in the classroom! We explored a range of toys and talked about the different forces used to make them move. After reading the story "Traction Man is Here!", we had lots of fun trying to rescue some of our own toys!



## YEAR 1



This week Year 1 have been writing sentences about Winter using their senses. The children planned their ideas and then used these to write their own sentences.



## YEAR 2

Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed Forest School this week: they practised knotting, dug in the mud and imaginations ran wild. Please look at the pictures over the page. They have also been working on Subtraction and have started a new English text, 'The Tear Thief'. In History, we have been learning about Iggy, the dinosaur found in a nearby quarry who is pictured on the Maidstone coat of arms and has a statue in town.



## YEAR 3



Our Star in the Jar displays are finally complete! We have all proved to ourselves we can do the most beautiful joined up handwriting in pen too! We have also been getting creative designing and beginning to make out photo frames in DT!





## YEAR 4

Following on from last week's science we have been looking at pitch and how it changes on instruments. Using strings and size can affect the sound. We made our own instruments and played them to hear the pitch.



## YEAR 5

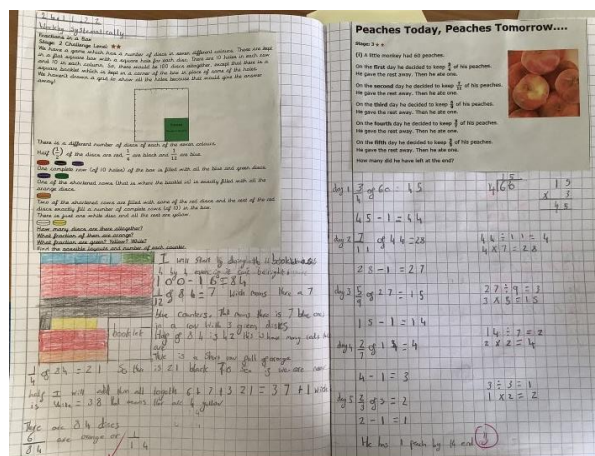
This week Year 5 studied Christmas adverts and the discussed the effect they can have on the viewer. We then planned our own Christmas advert storyboard and worked as a group to perform a Christmas advert to the rest of the class!



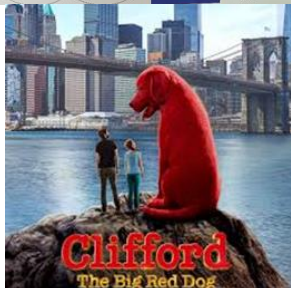
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## YEAR 6

Year 6 have had a busy week. Some completed their bikeability course- congratulations! All the children have been discussing how it feels to be homeless and writing about it in English. We have come to the end of our fractions unit in maths and used our new knowledge to investigate different problems. Our history unit on the Industrial Revolution is proving to be a hit with the children: who are asking many thoughtful questions.



## Five Acre Wood



This week in maths Whale Class have been learning about 3d shapes. We have been playing games to help us to learn their names and properties, making these shapes and creating information posters about 3d shapes using the laptops.

We also went to the cinema and watched Clifford the Big Red Dog. Back at school in PSHE we talked about the importance of being kind and caring towards each other and how we are all different.

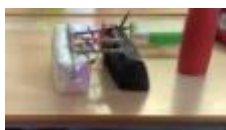




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## Forest School

We have been really lucky this week that despite the rain, most of our sessions have been dry. We have loved the effects of the rain, with our muddy area becoming more like a bog each day. The children have been really creative this week, using the muddy area to create trenches, bridges, dams and a waterfall. They have worked hard digging to join up three puddles. We have also been learning how to build dens and shelters and creating tree spirits to protect the trees from the effects of winter.



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Well done all, this month, we have already collected 3.8kg of waste, including bread bags, kinder, cheese dishwasher and laundry packaging. Our Trash Changers of the week are Henry from Lions, Sophie from Giraffes and Ellen from Pandas.



✓ All brands of tinted fabric conditioner bottles and caps



✓ Lenor tumble dryer sheets

Thank you  
Trash Changers team



✓ 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



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