



The Palmer Academy Newsletter



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Another week has gone by as we now enter the month of May! This week was a short week due to the polling day and bank holiday. Yet, we saw so much learning occurring across the school. One element of our school vision that continues to need embedding is our “healthy eating” pledge. It is very important to children’s health and wellbeing that they have a healthy snack for breacktime. This could include a piece of fruit, vegetables or healthy cereal bar. This allows the children to continue their morning without having too much sugar in their system. The risk of unhealthy snacks at breacktime is that children will not be able to focus as well in lessons for the rest of the morning. We ask that all parents support us in our mission to have a “healthy school” for the benefit of all. Finally, I would like to wish our Year 6 children the best of luck next week with their assessments. They have been working incredibly hard this year and I cannot wait to see them show off their progress.



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Missing Scooter

A scooter matching this photo has gone missing from the school playground this week, we would love to be able to return it to its rightful owner. Please can I ask you all to check that your child hasn’t taken this home by mistake, and if so, ask that it’s returned as soon as possible. Many thanks



Reading recommendation



This week I read ‘Lost and Found’ by Oliver Jeffers. You may have read other books by this author such as: How to Catch a Star, The Heart and the Bottle and The Day the Crayons Quit. This particular book is all about a boy, a penguin and their growing friendship. If you cannot find a copy of it, why not watch it on YouTube. There are many channels that do story times

Keeping with the theme of friendship, I went on to read ‘Skellig’ by David Almond in which the main character, Michael moves house and befriends a girl from down the road named Mina because he drifts apart from his school friends. He discovers something in the garage and begins to visit it regularly... and I’ll leave it there, I don’t want to spoil it. This book does have some challenging themes too, so make sure you discuss it with an adult first.



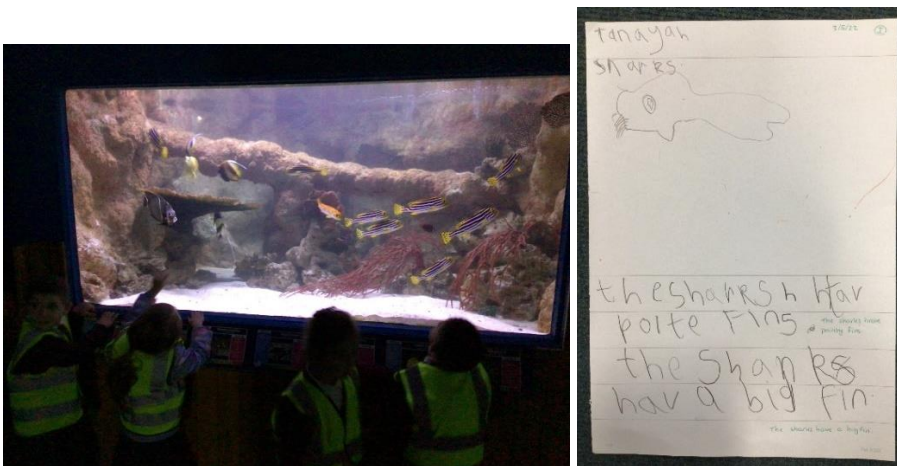
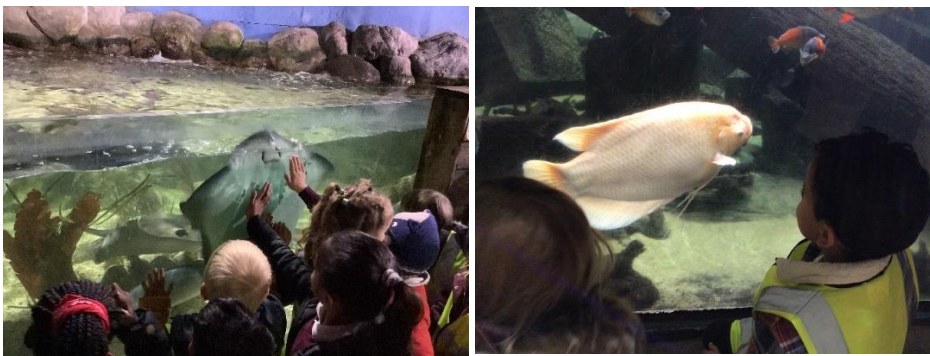
Please let me know if you read one of my recommendations – Miss Gundry 😊

Go Read

Just a reminder that we have switched to an online reading record called [Go Read](#) which can be accessed online or via a free downloadable app. Your children received their logins and passwords a number of weeks back along with instructions for parents to download the app. Please ensure that you comment on your child's progress in reading via the app and please do not hesitate to ask your child's class teacher if you are having trouble signing in or need another copy of your login details. On the app you can log the books your children have read, make comment on their reading and view comments adults in school have made. This will allow you to practice any words they found difficult or to see any tips given by adults in school to accelerate their progress. There will be spot prizes awarded to children making good use of the app. Happy reading!

What have Reception been learning about this week?

Reception have had a brilliant couple of weeks starting our new topic, Under the Sea. Last Friday we visited Southsea Aquarium, where we got to see lots of different sea creatures including sting rays, sharks, sea horses and lots of different types of fish. As part of the trip we had a talk from the aquarium staff about the sting rays and sharks, where we found out the answers to lots of questions that we had been thinking about in the week. Some of our favourite questions were; What do fish eat?, How do jellyfish breathe? and Why are puffer fish spiky? This week we have been learning about some of the animals in more depth, and creating fact files to show the new information we have learnt. We have really enjoyed learning all about creatures that live under the sea and are looking forward to continuing our topic.



What have Year 2 been learning about this week?

This week has been a short week for us, nonetheless we continue to maintain focus and work hard! In writing, we are learning how to write a biography, our biographies are based on Queen Elizabeth. We can tell you everything we know about the Queen – from her favourite football team to how many Corgis she's owned. In maths, we are learning to tell the time and are very enthusiastic in letting our teachers know when it's lunchtime or home time!

What have Year 4 been learning about this week?

Although it has been a short week, that hasn't stopped Year 4 from having lots of fun during their time at school. The children are loving our new class book- Charlotte's Web. So far this term, we have applied our Viper reading skills of Vocabulary and Retrieval in order to answer a range of questions.

In writing, we have been exploring balanced arguments! This week we were debating the issue of whether or not children should have homework. We weighed up the pros and cons and we had to present both views. We then used the 1st person to give our own opinions!

In maths, we have been using our skills, knowledge and understanding of addition and subtraction in order to answer questions in the context of money.

A special highlight of our week was when we went to our first swimming lesson! Even though some of us were a little apprehensive, we all gave it a good go and we can't wait for our next session.

What have Year 6 been learning about this week?







This week year 6 has been working extremely hard reviewing and practising for their up coming SATs next week. We have been working in various groups with different teachers, to review everything we have learnt throughout the whole year in Reading, Grammar and Maths. They've been so dedicated that they even came in on Thursday! All the teachers in the school are so impressed by the strong and valiant effort put forth by them, that this weekend their homework is to just **relax**. We have sent home a list of relaxing activities that they can do this weekend to de-stress before the tests.





Just a reminder that year 6 needs to be at school by 8:15am Monday morning, in order to have sufficient time to settle down for the exams.



TTROCKSTARS Battle of the bands!

Let's take a look at the first tournament of the term. Children from years 2-6 have access to TTRS and are asked to complete 10 minutes daily – just as they are asked to read daily. Please build it in to your home routine for your children to access it for practice.

Class 1	Class 2	Running Score
 MVP: Sharvaree, Taneisha & Jacqui	 MVP: Miray & Divina	Ahlberg 1 'v' 0 Butterworth
 MVP: Rupa, Freya & Daniella	 MVP: Andrew, Richardson & Reena	Benjamin 0 'v' 1 King- Smith
 MVP: Arjun, Ronnie & Amelia	 MVP: Riley, Luna-Blue & Sophia	Binch 1 'v' 0 Pullman

 MVP: Andriah, Hope & Salim	 MVP: Ameer, Riley & Opoku	Hughes 1 'v' 0 Morpurgo
 MVP: Emmanuel	 MVP: Kara	Horowitz 0 'v' 1 Lewis

Let's see how much we improve this coming week!- Miss Gundry 😊

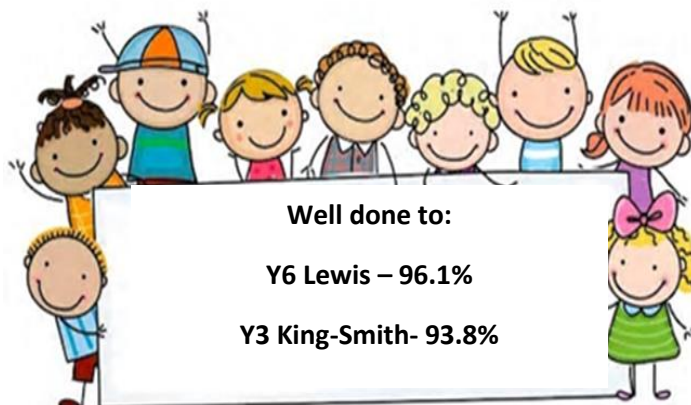
Attendance Information



Nursery AM	Nursery PM	YR Kerr	YR Rosen	Y1 Cole	Y1 Donaldson	Y2 Ahlberg	Y2 Butterworth
91.2%	90.6%	90.5%	88.9%	89.5%	91.4%	93.7%	92.8%



Y3 Benjamin	Y3 King-Smith	Y4 Binch	Y4 Pullman	Y5 Hughes	Y5 Morpurgo	Y6 Horowitz	Y6 Lewis
89.9%	93.8%	93.5%	94.1%	94.4%	93.8%	94.4%	96.1%



Attendance for the whole school year is currently 91.9%

You have to be in it to win it! If you attend school every day you will automatically be put into our attendance raffle which will be drawn on a Friday afternoon. A winner from KS2, KS1 and Early Years will be selected and win a special prize. We are always looking for exciting prizes so if you have any new items which would make good attendance prizes please feel free to donate to the office.

Well done to our winners this week Gadi, Saifan and Heavenly.