



The Palmer Academy Newsletter



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This week has been filled with some wonderful moments that have celebrated culture, British values and equality. Year 4 introduced Black History month to the whole school through an informative assembly which included a brilliantly performed song. This month, each class will be learning and about an inspirational person in Black History and devoting some learning time to exploring their impact on our lives. Thank you to the children who delivered the assembly so confidently! We also were lucky to have Nerys Pearce join us in school for our Team Super Schools day. The children all enjoyed joining in with the sporting event and we raised a brilliant amount of money through sponsorship that will support the school in ordering new PE equipment! Finally, today the children experienced one of our British Values of “Democracy” and cast a vote for their school council member. The votes will be counted over the next week before the final announcement of our new representatives. All in all, it has been an incredibly busy week and I hope everyone takes some time this weekend to relax, reset and enjoy reading a book. See you all back in school next week!



Miss. Thomassen
Head of School

Census Day

Thank you for your support in ordering a meal for your child on census day, this will help to increase the funding we receive in school. The prize of a £5 Smyths Toys voucher has been presented in class to the winner.

Team Super Schools!

We had the most incredible morning welcoming Nerys Pearce into our school! The children were all superstars and joined in to have so much fun! Everyone was so welcoming to Nerys and she commented several times how kind everyone is, not only to her but to each other! We have so far raised an incredible £600, thank you so much to all the sponsors! If you haven't had chance to sponsor yet, we still have another week sponsor the children online.

<https://sportal.sportsforschools.org/events/19214/promo>



Second Hand Uniform Sale

We will very soon be able to announce the date of the second-hand uniform sale. For now, we would appreciate donations of any second-hand uniform and also any spare hangers you may have at home to help us display the uniform

which will be on sale. All funds raised will go back into buying resources for the school. Please bring donations of uniform and hangers to the main office next week.

Parent Governor Drop-in Session

On the 17th of October our parent governors are hosting a drop-in session in the hall to discuss the following topic. "How have things been in school for the children upon returning this year?". Our parent governors will use this forum to collect feedback, suggestions and generally support in any way they can to ensure that your views are shared! There will be some goodies to enjoy while you join this forum in the hall (anytime between 8.40 and 9.20am). It would be wonderful to see lots of our parents popping in to share their feedback!

World Mental Health Day

On **Monday 10th October** we will be celebrating World Mental Health Day. We will be raising money for the Young Minds charity, so will ask for a donation of £1 towards this amazing cause. We will spend the week learning about mental health, strategies for a healthy mind and how to get support to help when experiencing mental health problems. We look forward to seeing the children in their bright yellow on **Monday 10th**.

What have Nursery been learning about this week?

Nursery have had a fantastic couple of weeks settling into school and getting to know their teachers and their peers. We have been learning and practising lots of routines, which the children are now experts at! This week in topic, we have started thinking about similar and different, including how we are similar or different to our friends. The children have been discussing different hair and eye colours and drawing portraits of their friends and themselves using mirrors. We have also been singing lots of number songs and rhymes in maths and have had fun using sticks to drum outside in phonics, where we were exploring the different sounds we could make by drumming on different objects. On Tuesday we had lots of fun when Nerys Pearce came to visit us as part of Team Super Schools. The children joined in with lots of different exercises and had fun moving their bodies in different ways, they were all very excited to have a special guest in to visit us!



What have Year 1 been learning about this week?

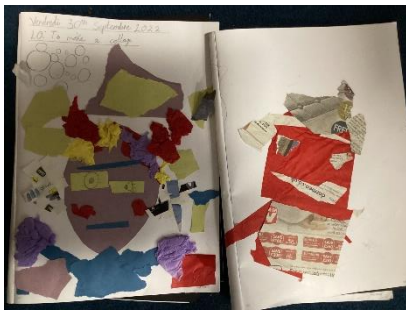
We have had another great week of learning! We started adding and subtracting in maths. Students are getting really into it using manipulatives to break down part-whole numbers. In writing we innovated our model text from How to wash a woolly mammoth to how to wash a woolly sheep. Both instructions require an entire bottle of bubble bath! In geography we looked at the UK, its capital cities, and flags. In science we became weather forecasters and predicted wind direction using our very own windsock! Students were blown away with how much activity our windsock has been getting over the last week. In PSHE, we talked about good and bad choices and how all choices have positive and negative consequences. R.E., we continue our look at the Christian creation story and what we can do to take care of His creation. In art, we continue to work on our self-portrait drawing and in music we explored the dynamics of a song by learning the difference between piano and forte!



What have Year 3 been learning about this week?

We have had another fun couple of weeks of learning! In maths we are moving on to adding and subtracting and we have been really impressed so far! In writing we are looking at a new text, which is a set of instructions on 'How to catch a troll'! We have come up with some very imaginative ideas about why we may want to catch a troll. In PSHE we have been learning about consequences, that every action we make has either a positive or a negative action. We played the hidden treasure game where we had to try and collect the treasure without being found out. In art we have created some amazing collages, and we are looking forward to using the techniques to plan and create a cubism masterpiece.

In R.E we have been looking at the Sikh ceremony Amrit Sanskar, we got to make Amrit! This has made us all excited to visit the Gurdwara so parents please can you make sure that you have completed the consent form!



What have Year 5 been learning about this week?

Year 5 have had an incredible week! We really enjoyed our Team Super Schools session and loved hearing the incredible Nerys Pearce talk about her life and achievements. She really reminded us how important resilience and determination are throughout life and how we can use these skills to achieve our ambitions and goals. In English this week, we have been learning all about explanation texts. As part of this, we went on a treasure hunt. It was so much fun! We had lots of clues that we had to follow to find it. From this, we were able to write explanations for the best place to hide treasure. Some of us think the desert, a cave or a rainforest would be the best hiding place. Where would you hide your treasure if you had any?



Times Table Rockstars is back and we are moving into week 4 of our competitions. We have some new Most Valuable Players this week which is always great to see.

Remember any game mode works towards the competition but you may want to use them for different practice too.

Use Sound Check for timed practice – you will be given 6 seconds to answer

each question, just like in the Year 4 MTC.

Use Studio to update your rock status. This takes an average time from your last 10 attempts to give you your overall speed.

Use Garage to update your heatmap to show you the times tables you know really well and which ones you still need to work on.

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There is an example heatmap to the right. This shows that this person should practice their 7's, 8's and 9's as a priority but they have generally good mental recall of all times tables.

The scores have increased a great deal this week and we have seen some movement in the winning classes. The game is on!

Year group	Winning Class	MVPs	MVPs
Year 2	<i>Ahlberg</i>	2A Maya – Brooke - Nico	2B Ruth - Theo
Year 3	<i>King-Smith</i>	3B Kais – Zion - Benjamin	3K-S Taneisha – Aurush - Harmony
Year 4	<i>Binch</i>	4B Richardson – Reena - Iman	4P Myra – Khirad - Arthur
Year 5	<i>Morpurgo</i>	5H Arjun – Jessica - Amelia	5M Inesa – Arjela – Luna-Blue
Year 6	<i>Horowitz</i>	6H Salim – Alliyah - Levi	6L Ahmed – Hope - Vritee

Attendance Information



Nursery AM	Nursery PM	YR Kerr	YR Rosen	Y1 Cole	Y1 Donaldson	Y2 Ahlberg	Y2 Butterworth
94.4%	95.8%	95.9%	94.8%	93.7%	81.0%	92.3%	94.3%



Y3 Benjamin	Y3 King-Smith	Y4 Binch	Y4 Pullman	Y5 Hughes	Y5 Morpurgo	Y6 Horowitz	Y6 Lewis
93.9%	94.2%	97.8%	96.9%	93.0%	95.2%	94.8%	92.0%

Attendance for the whole school year is currently 92.6 %

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 EZMAI, AZIA and MATILDA on winning the Attendance raffle

A special well done to JOHNSON HOUSE who won the most HERO (here, every day, ready on time) tokens!