



The Palmer Academy Newsletter



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What a busy week we have had at TPA. First of all, I would like to send a big well done to all of our Year 6 students that have been taking part in SATs this week. They have certainly done us all proud with their enthusiasm and maturity in completing the assessments. It has been so pleasing to see the wonderful collaboration (one of our Palmer Powers) that has been happening around the school this week in engaging lessons, not least in Year 5 forces lessons in Science and Nursery's research on their key group animals. It was great to see so many children dressed up today showing a career they aspire to be involved with in their future. Thank you to all the families who sent in a donation of £1 – we will report how much we raised when all contributions have been counted.

I am sending a reminder that we ask that when your child is dismissed at the end of the day, that you leave the site within 15 minutes and **do not use our school playground** or equipment. This is because if there were to be injuries sustained at this time, we would not be covered by our insurance and we cannot confirm that adults will be available to support with first aid. We also need to ensure that we are securing the school as soon as possible as we have children on site until 5.45 at Go Beanies.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend, and we will see you again on Monday. We have two year-groups completing one of their first 11 before 11 activities next week: horse riding and breaking a record (Danceathon). Keep a look out on our Twitter page to see how Year 3 and Year 5 get on!



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Parking

Please can we once again ask parents to park sensibly, considerately, and safely when dropping off and collecting children from school. The number of complaints we are receiving from residents is increasing. Please remember that Ella Garrett Close is a private road for residents parking only. Please do not block driveways, preventing residents from leaving and returning to their property. This is all in the interest of our children's safety.

What have Nursery been learning about this week?

During our 'Enrich and Learn' time last week, we researched where our key group animals live and how they make their houses. We found out foxes live in a den underground, squirrels make a drey using twigs, leaves and moss and like to live in the trees and hedgehogs make a nest under brushes using sticks and leaves. We then went out into the grounds and found a place where our key group animal might like and built their den/ nest/ drey.



What have Year 1 been learning about this week?

Year One have had a great week this week, as we got really stuck into our diary entry innovations. We became superheroes for the day and had some exciting adventures, which we recorded in our diaries. Miss Costello and Miss Jeffery were so impressed with the children's use of time connectives, conjunctions and first person. We have also been thrilled to see how well our runner bean plants are growing – we have been using our knowledge and skills that we have acquired over the past few weeks to describe what the plants look like and measure how tall they are growing. We can't wait to take them home soon and see if we can harvest some beans!

A big well done to everyone for the enthusiasm towards our career dress up day today. We are sure that with lots of hard work our Year Ones can achieve whatever they set their minds to!

What have Year 3 been learning about this week?

This week in our Geography lessons, we had lots of fun making deserts out of playdough to help us learn the features of deserts. There are some photos of our creations below. In Science, we have been continuing to have fun with magnets and forces. We talked about what objects had a push or a pull and which poles on magnets attract and which repel. We have also been writing our own book reviews in English and discussing what features we need to use. The children have written some excellent work, so well done Year 3.

We are very excited about starting our Horse Riding (as part of our 11 before 11) next week – please make sure you've filled in the permission forms and made payments on Parent Pay so the children can all come. We look forward to sharing some photos soon!













What have Year 5 been learning about this week?

In Science this half term, we have been learning all about forces. Each week, we have been investigating a different force and creating projects to demonstrate our understand of what we have learnt. Last week, we learnt all about air resistance and made parachutes! This week, we completed a jigsaw activity to help us learn all about gears, levers and pulleys. Our teachers challenged us to make our own pulley systems. It was such fun! When making them, we demonstrated great teamwork and resilience. Our Year 5 teachers were really impressed by our efforts.



TTROCKSTARS Battle of the bands!

Oh my, look how close the battle was in Year 4! We have had some improvement in participation this week but it still needs some work. Please practice at home. Can you compete against your siblings and friends? Why not arrange a time to be online and go against friends in your class in the arenas. Remember you can send Rock Slams to each other. Throw down the gauntlet and see who comes out on top. Can anyone beat their teacher????

| Class 1 | Class 2 | Running Score |
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|  <p>MVP: Sharvaree, Taneisha & Aurush</p> |  <p>MVP: Miray, Zion & Kais</p> | Ahlberg 2 'v' 0 Butterworth |
|  <p>MVP: Rupa, Raif & Freya</p> |  <p>MVP: Reena, Andrew & Gadi</p> | Benjamin 0 'v' 2 King-Smith |
|  <p>MVP: Arjun, Ruben & Rumaysah</p> |  <p>MVP: Arjela, Inesa & Keaton</p> | Binch 2 'v' 0 Pullman |
|  <p>MVP: Hope, Salim & Navya</p> |  <p>MVP: Emilia</p> | Hughes 2 'v' 0 Morpurgo |
|  <p>MVP: Lufurano, Aaliyah & Jacob</p> |  <p>MVP: Leo, Tyler & Aatika</p> | Horowitz 1 'v' 1 Lewis |

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

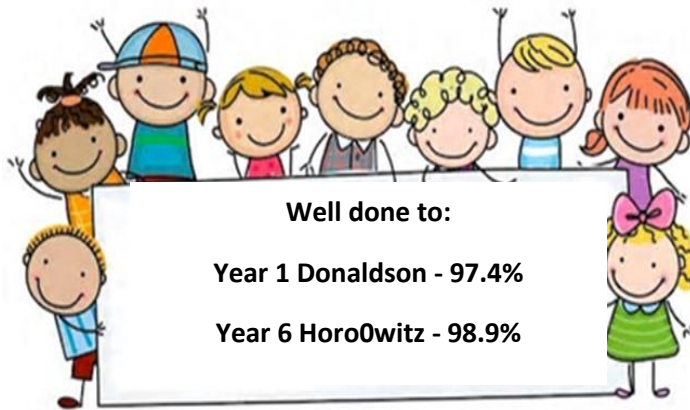
Attendance Information



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| Nursery AM | Nursery PM | YR Kerr | YR Rosen | Y1 Cole | Y1 Donaldson | Y2 Ahlberg | Y2 Butterworth |
| 94.3% | 93.2% | 93.4% | 92.9% | 90.4% | 97.4% | 86.6% | 94.4% |



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| Y3 Benjamin | Y3 King-Smith | Y4 Binch | Y4 Pullman | Y5 Hughes | Y5 Morpurgo | Y6 Horowitz | Y6 Lewis |
| 89.3% | 90.1% | 94.3% | 93.7% | 93.0% | 96.3% | 98.9% | 97.1% |



Attendance for the whole school year is currently 92%

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 Gem, Jamie and Brooke.