



# The Palmer Academy Newsletter



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I am very pleased to return to our usual newsletter format this week as we come out of the National Period of Mourning. We have had a very busy week despite only being in school for four days! It was fantastic to see so many children supporting Jeans for Genes Day today and we have so far raised £232 for the charity. If you have any further donations, please bring these in on Monday so that we can get our contributions sent off. This week saw the introduction of our HERO recognition scheme for being Here Everyday Ready and On time! Each child here by 8:50 gets a token for their house and this week **Anning** collected the most HERO awards this week and are 1 point ahead! Which house will win next week!? We are now one week away from our "Make or Break a record" Colour Run to celebrate the 10-year anniversary of Reach2. Please ensure you have completed the permission form so that your child can participate in this amazing event! I hope everyone has an enjoyable weekend and logs a reading session on GoRead!



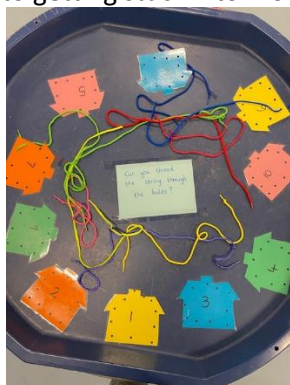
**Miss. Thomassen**  
**Head of School**

## **Second Hand Uniform Sale**

In a few weeks, we will be setting up a second-hand uniform sale on the playground afternoon. If you have any old uniform that you are happy to donate to this sale, please bring it into school through the office. I will announce the date of this uniform sale in next week's newsletter.

## **What have Nursery been learning about this week?**

Nursery have had a brilliant week settling into school and getting to know each other and their teachers. This week we have been exploring our environment and learning routines for carpet time, tidying up, handwashing and other times of the day. Some of the children's favourite activities have been using the playdough, playing in the role play area and threading the string to make their fingers strong! The Nursery teachers are amazed by how well the children have all settled in and are looking forward to getting stuck into more fabulous learning next week!



### **What have Year 1 been learning about this week?**

Year 1 have settled back into school fantastically! We are so proud of how they have picked up the routines of Year 1 so quickly and got straight into some great work!

Over the past couple of weeks in English we have been writing about Little Red Riding Hood. The children have done 2 amazing pieces of writing, including their own version of Little Red Riding Hood where they independently chose their own character to replace the wolf in the story. In Maths we have started with some basic counting and recording of numbers to 20. This includes some counting forwards and backwards. We are now going to continue onto comparing two amounts using less than, greater than and equal to. As well as this, in Science we have been observing our shadows. We made puppets to cast shadows of different characters. We also went outside and had a go at drawing round our partners shadows with chalk. Keep up the good work Year 1 😊

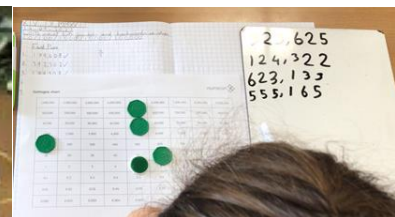


### **What have Year 3 been learning about this week?**

We have had a fantastic few weeks settling in to year 3. We could not be prouder of how well the children have come back to school! In Maths, we have been focusing on place value. We have really enjoyed partitioning big numbers up to 1000. In Writing we have begun innovating a narrative of a child who is given something forbidden. In science we have loved experimenting with rocks and looking at the similarities and differences. Thank you to all parents and carers who have helped make the transition from year 2 to 3 much easier.

### **What have Year 5 been learning about this week?**

Over the last few weeks, Year 5 have been working extremely hard. All the children have settled into the new year extremely well and are demonstrating great maturity. In Maths, we have been focusing on the place value of numbers up to 1,000,000. Here are some pictures of us using Gattegno and place value charts to support us in our work. In Science, we have been learning all about the properties of materials. This week, we completed an experiment to see which material was the best conductor. We all had great fun and used our prior knowledge from Year 4 to help us accurately create a working circuit. Lastly, the teachers would like to thank everyone that turned up the parent teacher meeting on Wednesday. It was lovely to see so many faces and to meet so many of you.





Times Table Rockstars is back and we are moving into week 2 of our competitions. I have decided just to list the winning classes and not publish scores but, as always, I will be celebrating those children that have performed the best within their class and are this weeks MVPs (Most Valuable Players).

Year group	Winning Class	MVPs	MVPs
Year 2	<i>No children accessed</i>	2A	2B
Year 3	<i>King-Smith</i>	3B Taneisha – Aurush - Valeska	3K-S Miray – Shanaya - Zion
Year 4	<i>Binch</i>	4B Reena – Iman - Edvard	4P Rupa – Raif - Eryk
Year 5	<i>Hughes</i>	5H Arjun – Amelia - Jessica	5M Inesa – Halima - Akhil
Year 6	<i>Horowitz</i>	6H TP – Minhtuan - Salim	6L Basit – Promise - Mariam

### Attendance Information



Nursery AM	Nursery PM	YR Kerr	YR Rosen	Y1 Cole	Y1 Donaldson	Y2 Ahlberg	Y2 Butterworth
84.4%	87.2%	97.5%	97.4%	92.0%	89.8%	93.1%	92.8%



Y3 Benjamin	Y3 King-Smith	Y4 Binch	Y4 Pullman	Y5 Hughes	Y5 Morpurgo	Y6 Horowitz	Y6 Lewis
91.6%	92.3%	96.6%	91.8%	92.1%	94.7%	96.5%	96.1%

**Attendance for the whole school year is currently 92.5%**

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 Tanayah , Mohammed and Rupa on winning the Attendance raffle**

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