



# The Palmer Academy Newsletter



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The weather has certainly felt a little more like autumn this week, with some chilly evenings and mornings – but it is still nice to see the sun shining during the day at least! We ended our week at Palmer today with our REACH2 Make or Break a Record of our Colour Run. I know the children have been talking about this nonstop over the last week or so and has been the talk of the school! It was great to see so many children taking part in this and getting to experience something that many of us only ever see happening elsewhere. Although the sun wasn't exactly shining for us and we had a little rain, I know the children still had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed it all. Thank you for your support this afternoon in collecting the children and making sure we made it work with arrangements at the end of the day. Happy 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday to REACH2, our Academy trust! Did you know that The Palmer Academy joined REACH2 in 2013, and so we have been part of the REACH2 family for nine years?

Have a great weekend, and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday. Stay safe, and take care,

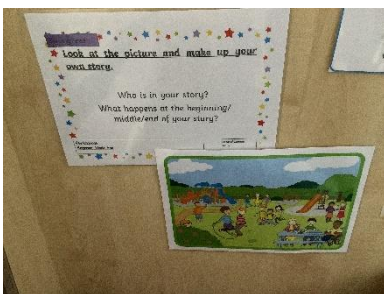
**Mr. Wanford**

**Executive Headteacher**



## What have Reception been learning about this week?

This week in Reception the children have been enjoying completing the challenges and getting their rainbow stickers. They have even been encouraging their friends to do their challenges too!



**What have Year 2 been learning about this week?**

It's been another busy week in year 2! Well done for your dedication and enthusiasm towards your learning. In Maths, we have continued our topic on place value and have enjoyed using our dienes and numicon to build and partition numbers in different ways. In English, we have been learning how to write our own narratives and have been very creative in using our imaginations to come up with our own innovations and ideas! We continue to read about Claude and all his adventures with Sir Bobblysock in our reading unit. We have been exploring lots of new vocabulary and are developing our retrieval skills to find information from the text. In Geography we've been learning about the UK and its different countries. We were very surprised to learn that Scotland's national animal is a unicorn! Who knew!?



**What have Year 4 been learning about this week?**

What a brilliant couple of weeks it has been in Year 4! We have been exploring an explanation text in English and as it was all about **how a spider catches its prey**, we decided to use our outdoor school environment as writing inspiration! Have a look at the images of us below!

In Geography, we have been learning all about mountains! So far we have learnt about where they are located, how they are formed and how they are represented on maps.

In science we are learning all about states of matter. We had some fun watching how water can change states of matter and how chocolate can turn into a liquid!



### What have Year 6 been learning about this week?

What a week we have had!

Year 6 have been working a lot on RESPECT this week. We have discussed what respect is and how we can show respect to ourselves and other. We have explored what it looks like in class and how it benefits our learning to show respect to one another in class. In Maths we have been revising properties of number, focusing particularly on factors, multiples, prime, squared and cubed numbers. Using the resources has really helped develop our understanding. In science, we carried out a fair test to answer the investigative question 'How does the distance of an object from the light source affect the size of a shadow?'. In Geography we have been learning about different biomes and plan to use this knowledge as a foundation for some non-chronological report writing in the next few weeks.

We also had such fun doing the colour run today!



### HERO Token System – HERE, EVERYDAY, READY, ON TIME

We have an exciting new initiative starting in our school, where we will be celebrating our children who arrive at school every-day on time. If your child arrives at school ready to be registered at **8.50 am**, they will receive a token to put in their house team's jar. They will be referred to as an attendance HERO (here, every day, ready, on time) The house team which collects the most tokens over a half term, will receive a reward afternoon. Whilst this project celebrates good attendance and punctuality, it will also promote teamwork and the value of their house teams. We would like to remind you that whilst registers are taken at **8.50 am**, all classroom entrances will be open from **8.40 am** and school gates open at **8.30 am**. Our attendance this academic year so far for the whole school is 92.9%, which we would like to raise to be in line with the national average for school's attendance of 96%.

Thank you for your support with this initiative and I look forward to seeing which house team wins this Autumn's term reward afternoon.



### World Mental Health Day

On **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup>**.

### Palmer Parliament Elections

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October will be an exciting day for all pupils at The Palmer Academy, as they take part in their own elections where they will vote for their Palmer Parliament candidates. We have been very lucky to have been provided with our very own ballot boxes and polling booths, to make the process as official as possible.



Times Table Rockstars is back and we are moving into week 3 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 week's MVPs (Most Valuable Players).

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>No children accessed</i>	2A	2B
Year 3	<i>Benjamin</i>	3B Kais – Miray - Zion	3K-S Taneisha – Aqsa - Benjamin
Year 4	<i>Binch</i>	4B Iman – Edvard - Richardson	4P Rupa – Moad - Yazan
Year 5	<i>Morpurgo</i>	5H Arjun – Jessica - Ayaan	5M Inesa – Arjela - Akhil
Year 6	<i>Lewis</i>	6H Salim – Levi - Shinuna	6L Hope – Jaya - Zephan

### Attendance Information



Nursery AM	Nursery PM	YR Kerr	YR Rosen	Y1 Cole	Y1 Donaldson	Y2 Ahlberg	Y2 Butterworth
89.1%	87.8%	93.8%	98.3%	90.8%	80.2%	82.0%	87.9%

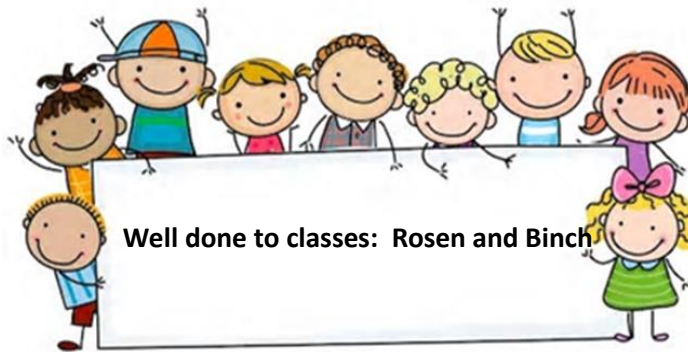


Y3 Benjamin	Y3 King-Smith	Y4 Binch	Y4 Pullman	Y5 Hughes	Y5 Morpurgo	Y6 Horowitz	Y6 Lewis
95.0%	96.4%	99.0%	97.1%	95.4%	94.2%	95.0%	93.1%

**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 ALAN, ANNABEL and MOAD on winning the Attendance raffle**

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