



The Palmer Academy Newsletter



Edition 4

Friday 1st October 2021

This weeks welcome message is from Miss Davies:

Black History Month at the Palmer Academy

Starting in 1987, Black History month has been celebrated annually in the UK every October. It is a month that allows us to shift our focus onto exploring and educating ourselves about the rich, diverse and often challenging history of Black people. It is important to celebrate Black History Month as in the past, history lessons have focussed on white and European units of history. It also builds respect between our pupils and allows us all to celebrate our differences and support each other.

At the Palmer Academy this year, our learning for Black History month will be centred around the **Reading Black History Mural** which can be seen just a short walk from the Oracle. If you have the chance, it would be fantastic if you could take your child to see the artwork up close. The learning around the mural will be taking place over the month so please ask your child all about it 😊

Other ways you can celebrate Black History Month.

- Read books by Black Authors/ exploring the stories of Black groups and individuals.
- Listen to music by Black artists
- Research and discuss powerful Black individuals

Miss S Davies – History lead



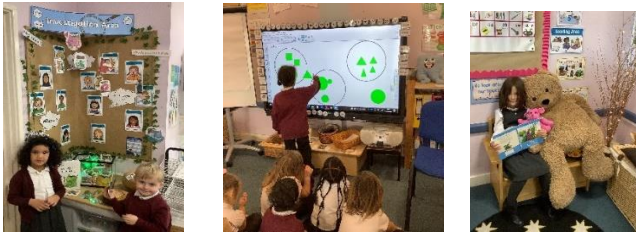
Illness in school

Please be aware we have had a few cases of Croup in school, whilst there is no exclusion period for this please be aware of the symptoms: cold like symptoms to begin with, a barking cough that sounds like a seal, a hoarse voice, difficulty breathing and a rasping sound when breathing, often worse at night. If you notice any of these symptoms, please keep your child at home until they are feeling better and call 111 for further advice.

Please also be mindful of the 3 symptoms of COVID19: a new continuous cough, a high temperature or any loss of taste or smell. If your child develops any of these symptoms, please keep them at home. It is recommended that you book a PCR test by calling 119.

What have Reception been learning about this week?

In Reception this week we have listened to the story of 'The Colour Monster' and talked about our feelings and how to manage them. We have used mirrors to look at our faces carefully and then tried to copy the various emotions – some were a lot easier than others! In maths we have been sorting lots of things, first of all according to colour and then shape and then moving onto more tricky reasons for sorting like the materials that things are made from. The children have all loved taking home their first reading book and are continuing to enjoy sharing books in the reading corner in school.



What have Year 2 been learning about this week?

Year 2 really kick started this week off with lots of enthusiasm and focus in their learning! In Maths, we've been applying our understanding of numbers to create fact families using part whole models, and, we've even been checking our calculations using concrete resources. We've started our new English unit and have had lots of fun planning and preparing to write all about the classic - Little Red Riding Hood. In Geography, we're enjoying learning about London's fantastic landmarks and which activities we can do in each of the different seasons, everyone wants to go ice-skating in Hyde park during winter! Our reading unit continues and we're loving reading about Claude and his adventures. We especially enjoy learning new words and having to apply our comprehension skills to figure out their meanings. Keep up the good work year 2's!

What have Year 4 been learning about this week?

It has been another exciting and busy week for Year 4. We have continued learning about sound in Science, where we have made panpipes to investigate pitch and string telephones to explore how sounds can travel over distance. In Geography, we are loving learning all about the rainforest! We have created collages to show our understanding of the different rainforest layers and we are now learning about people who live in The Amazon!

We are enjoying our fantastic French lessons, where we spend a large portion of the lesson practising our spoken French- this week we learned to say when our birthday was- C'est amusant! We then used this learning to create a beautiful class display.

Parents- a massive thank you for supporting your children for the first few weeks in year 4. Please continue to hear your children read, encourage them to take AR tests at home and complete their homework. Any questions regarding learning can be sent to year4@thepalmeracademy.com

Thank you, Miss S Davies and Mrs C Aucock.



What have Year 6 been learning about this week?

Year 6 have been learning all about North America in Geography. We have travelled from the most northern countries of Greenland and Canada all the way down to the Panama Canal. This week we learnt about the various geographical features of North America. The students made amazing travel posters, highlighting their favourite landmarks in North America. Ad agencies better watch out because Year 6's designs were amazing!

Next we look forward to visiting JMA to get secondary school ready.



Just a Reminder

Medical Appointments

All routine medical appointments should be made outside of the school day wherever possible. If an appointment is unavoidable, please let the class teacher know at least 48 hours beforehand. Thank you.

School Meals – Census Day

National census day is Thursday 7th October. If your children are in Reception, Year 1 or 2, please can you order a school meal for your children on this day. This directly affects the funding we receive in school. Many thanks in advance for your help.

#HelloYellow-Friday 8th October

On Friday 8th October we will be supporting YoungMinds charity lets show our support for young people's mental health by wearing yellow to school for a £1 donation. Let's bring a ray of sunshine to our day!



TTROCKSTARS Battle of the bands is back!

Here are the results for Week two. Some great battles have occurred this week with three classes clinching the win and taking back the trophy from the other class in their year group. There have been some new entries into the MVPs too which is awesome to see. Remember, TTRockstars can be used on desktop, laptop, tablets or phones and can be accessed through a

search engine or through the free app. 😊

Class one	Class Two	Running total
Ahlberg MVP – Taneisha, Chidinma & Ahmad	Butterworth MVP – Karmarli, Shanaya & Divina	Ahlberg 1 – 1 Butterworth
Benjamin MVP – Raif, Dominik & Rupa	King-Smith MVP – Gadi, Richardson & Junior	Benjamin 0 – 2 King-Smith
Binch MVP – Lola, Chinonye & Ronnie	Pullman MVP – Inesa, Bartosz & Noah	Binch 0 – 2 Pullman
Hughes MVP – Godwill, Salim & Anvi	Morpurgo MVP – Godwin, Jaya & Eli	Hughes 1 – 1 Morpurgo
Horowitz MVP – Bryant, Joel & Casper	Lewis MVP – Rizma, David & Tyeisha	Horowitz 1 – 1 Lewis

I wonder who will be our MVPs next week. Please let me know around the school if you become a Rock Hero 😊
I look forward to seeing some even closer battles next week.

Miss Gundry 😊

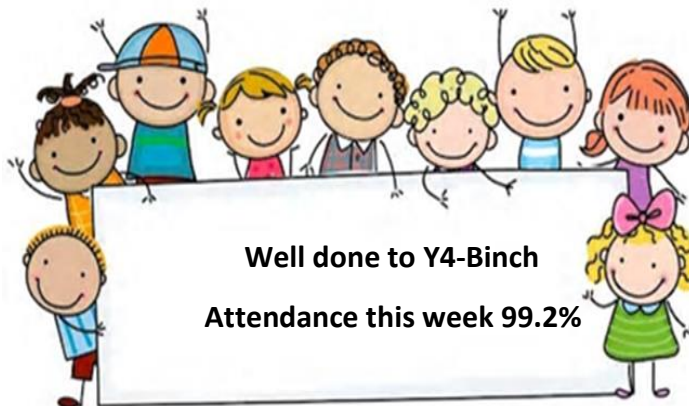
Attendance Information



Nursery AM	Nursery PM	YR Kerr	YR Rosen	Y1 Cole	Y1 Donaldson	Y2 Ahlberg	Y2 Butterworth
87.4%	87.6%	91.3%	86.4%	91.9%	88.7%	98.2%	96.3%



Y3 Benjamin	Y3 King-Smith	Y4 Binch	Y4 Pullman	Y5 Hughes	Y5 Morpurgo	Y6 Horowitz	Y6 Lewis
94%	99.1%	99.2%	92.7%	96.4%	98.8%	95.8%	98.1%



Attendance for the whole school year is currently 95%

An exciting attendance raffle has started at The Palmer Academy.

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.

This week's winners are Abdorahmen, Mohammed and Leo Well done 😊