



The Palmer Academy Newsletter



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Friday 1st April 2022

This week years 5 and 6 were visited by our local PSCO, Emma. She spent time with each class discussing conflict. She went on to discuss bullying and how this could lead to malicious communications. In these open discussions children were advised how to deal with issues inside and outside of school in order to keep themselves and others safe.



I witnessed an engaging lesson in Year 3 this week, the children were enjoying learning about Christianity and the importance of Easter.

Thank you to our Early Years parents for braving today's weather and joining your children for the family picnic, the children were delighted to have you with them.

Mr D. Prendergast

Reminders

Absences- Please remember to notify the school when your child is unwell. If your child is off school for more than one day, ensure you inform the school each day.

Easter Raffle- We will be holding an easter egg raffle on the last day of term. Any donations of easter treats would be gratefully received!

Palmer Readathon

Starting Friday April 1st, for the whole month of April, there will be a Palmer Readathon (Reception to Year 6). Students are to read as many books as they can and log them on GoRead. Please use your parent logins to write a comment so that the book can be counted towards the class total. If you are not sure of your parent login information or your child's login information, please ask your child's class teacher. The class with the most books read will receive a reward afternoon. So get reading!

End of Term- Reminder that the end of term is Friday 8th April 2022 we will be returning Monday 25th April 2022.

What have Reception been learning about this week?

We have had a very special week in Reception this week! On Monday we went on our first school trip to Rushell Farm, we all absolutely loved it and got to see lots of animals as well as having a go at planting seeds and tasting smoothies.

We particularly enjoyed seeing the sheep with their lambs, feeding the chickens and going on the tractor ride! Thank you to everybody who came to help us on the trip! During maths and topic this week we have been preparing for our family picnic on Friday afternoon. We made and decorated cupcakes, and also made lots of cheese sandwiches. We thought about which shapes we could cut our sandwiches into and discovered that we could make different shapes depending on how we cut them. We are really looking forward to seeing lots of parents at the picnic! Also, the butterflies that have been living and growing in our classrooms were ready to be set free, so on Wednesday afternoon we let them out of their nets watched them fly away. The children loved seeing them flutter away and they all had the chance to hold a butterfly as well!



What have Year 1 been learning about this week?

Year 1 have had another fantastic week of hard work! Firstly, a massive congratulations to all the children for doing fantastically well in their phonics assessment this week. Nearly everyone has managed to improve on their scores since last time which is amazing, and we are very proud of you all, keep it up Year 1! As well as this, we have also continued our learning on volume and capacity this week. Involving some very fun activities with pouring and measuring water. In English we have been continuing our work on the newspaper article, 'Break in at the three bears house', which we have innovated to the three wolf instead. We can not wait to see what characters the children come up with on their own next week. And look forward to seeing more fantastic writing from them all, as we have seen this week already. We also continued our learning on our powerful person for history, Neil Armstrong. This included writing a fact file about him after going on a fact hunt, and then making some models of Apollo 11!



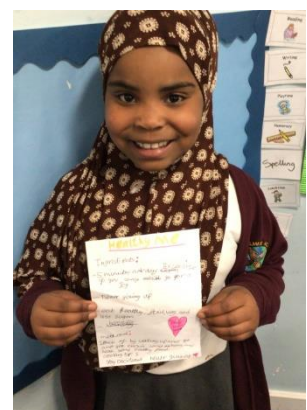
What have Year 3 been learning about this week?

We have had a brilliant week in Year 3. The children have been very focused in their learning and have been extremely enquiring about our different topics. In French we have been learning to describe different foods using adjectives, colours and shades. In History we have been learning about mummification and we had the best time recreating the system and trying out mummifying each other. In R.E we have been explaining why Good Friday is called Good Friday, when it was the day Jesus died. In Maths we have been getting to grips with fractions and have enjoyed working out how to make a whole and counting in tenths. We have also been thoroughly impressed with our writing as we created our own newspaper articles about Goldilocks and the three bears.



What have Year 5 been learning about this week?

We have been working extremely hard in Year 5 this week. One of our focuses has been ‘Healthy Body Image’. We have discussed the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle and how this can impact our image of ourselves. We made ‘recipes’ for a healthy lifestyle including physical activity; a balanced diet; an ability to find the good in yourself; respecting yourself and limiting time on social media. After lots of discussion, we realised that being healthy isn’t just about eating well and exercising. It’s also about keeping our minds healthy and happy. Finding a hobby that motivates us, having time away from screens and going for a walk to get fresh air. These all play a big part in keeping our minds healthy too which is just as important!













TTROCKSTARS Battle of the bands!

It’s the penultimate week of competitions this half term and we have seen a little dip in engagement. Year 6 saw this week just how important times tables are. We were completing multi-step word problems and we could comprehend the problem and knew the calculations we needed to use but some people were let down by their times table knowledge. Good times table knowledge

really is the best foundation on which to build great mathematical knowledge and understanding of other concepts. PLEASE keep practicing at home and on your journey to and from school. Miss Gundry 😊

Benjamin improved their last week's score by 106 so will receive a little treat from me in the coming week. Well done Benjamin – keep it up!

 Ahlberg 64 MVP: Sharvaree, Taneisha & Valeska	 Butterworth 29 MVP: Shanaya, Miray & Armel	Ahlberg 1 v 2 Butterworth
 Benjamin 204 MVP: Aarna, Rupa & Freya	 King-Smith 206 MVP: Andrew, Sujal & Junior	Benjamin 0 v 4 King-Smith
 Binch 186 MVP: Amelia, Arjun & Theo	 Pullman 141 MVP: Sophia, Riley & Inesa	Binch 2 v 2 Pullman
 Hughes 263 MVP: Hope, Ahmed & Andriah	 Morpurgo 81 MVP: Isabella, Mariam & Simrah	Hughes 4 v 0 Morpurgo
 Horowitz 50 MVP: Suyog, Jason & Alemnji	 Lewis 33 MVP: Ruben, David & Raizel	Horowitz 4 v 0 Lewis

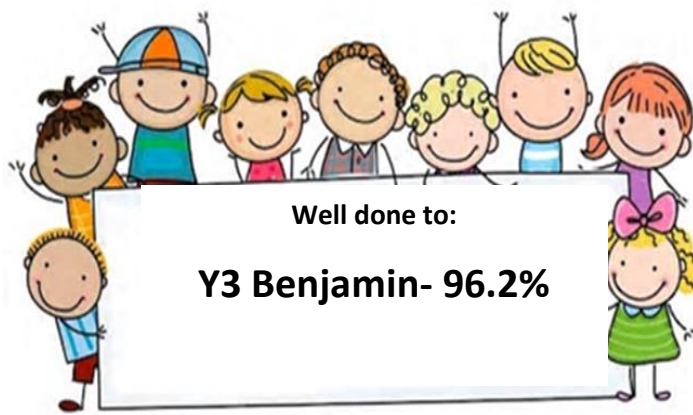
Attendance Information



Nursery AM	Nursery PM	YR Kerr	YR Rosen	Y1 Cole	Y1 Donaldson	Y2 Ahlberg	Y2 Butterworth
86.3%	82.3%	93.7%	90%	93.8%	96%	94.1%	92.3%



Y3 Benjamin	Y3 King-Smith	Y4 Binch	Y4 Pullman	Y5 Hughes	Y5 Morpurgo	Y6 Horowitz	Y6 Lewis
96.2%	90%	91.5%	93%	93.3%	91.4%	92%	94.4%



Attendance for the whole school year is currently 91.9%

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 Abaan, Tanayah and Eryk.