



# The Palmer Academy Newsletter



Edition 12

Friday 3rd December 2021

Coming up to the last few weeks of term we are getting ready for the festive season. The children are learning Christmas songs and our Christmas trees are now up in our Hall and reception area. I am looking forward to seeing everyone's amazing Christmas jumpers next Friday! Also, a big thank you to everyone who has donated to our local Foodbank so far, you have been very generous!



**Mr D. Prendergast**

## Just a Reminder

**Christmas Jumper Day 10<sup>th</sup> December-** Wear a Christmas jumper/ Christmas accessories to school, please wear school trousers or a skirt, for a donation of a £1 for Save the Children

## Illness

If your child has sickness or diarrhoea they must remain off school until 48 hours after the last episode.

## Nursery Dress UP Day

This term we have been learning all about the children and next week we are learning about their goals and aspirations. On **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December** the children need to come to school dressed as the job they want to do e.g. police officer, chef, teacher, mechanic, pilot etc.

## Covid-19

If your child is showing any symptoms of Covid 19, namely a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back, **OR** a new continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, **OR** 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual), **OR** a lost or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal. If you have **ANY** of these symptoms, get a PCR test (test that is sent to a lab) to check if you have coronavirus and stay at home until you get your results, even if the symptoms are mild. Lateral Flow Tests are to detect asymptomatic cases, not for use when displaying symptoms.

## What have Reception been learning about this week?

We have had another exciting and fun filled week in Reception this week, especially as we are starting to get ready for Christmas! For our writing assessment we watched the John Lewis Christmas advert 'The Bear and The Hare' and used the phonics and writing skills we have learnt this term to write a sentence about the advert, it has been lovely to see the progress the children have made so far!

In topic we have been learning about places of worship that are important to different religions. It has been great to share our experiences of lots of different religions and cultures and see what the children remember about the religious celebrations we have learnt about previously. In maths we have been learning to use the vocabulary 'one

more' and 'one less'. The children have been practising all week using different ways to represent one more and one less including five frames, activity mats and even lego bricks! We are very excited to start preparing for Christmas, which will involve lots of singing, art and crafts!



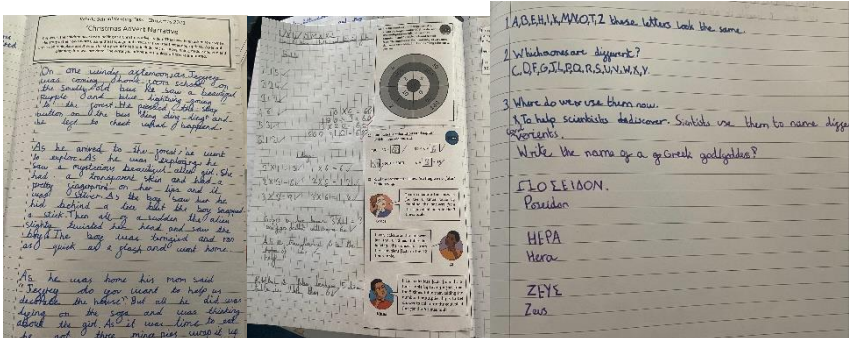
What have Year 2 been learning about this week?

What an exciting week filled with lots of different activities! This week has been great because we've thoroughly enjoyed writing about the Aldi Christmas advert for 2021, really focusing on using our imaginations and retelling the story in our own words. If there's one thing we've learnt from the advert – it's that the secret to happiness is kindness! In DT we finally got to use our recycled materials to create our own towers and have been trying our very best to make them as stable as possible. We know that a stable tower all depends on its shape and type of material used. In Maths, we're developing the concept of multiplication by creating equal groups and writing addition sentences using repeated addition. We're feeling festive in the classrooms with lots of Christmassy activities coming up but remain focused and ready for the last couple weeks of school.

What have Year 4 been learning about this week?

Yet again in Year 4, we have had a super week with so many different activities! In our writing lessons, we have loved retelling the 2021 John Lewis Christmas advert. We were touched by the sweet story of young boy who befriends a mysterious alien girl, introducing her to his Christmas traditions. We have all put our own spin on the story and we know our teachers are very excited to read them.

In maths, we have been exploring our 3, 6, and 9 times tables. Next year, we will have a Times Table check so it's very important that we are all practicing our tables up to 12x12 whenever we can. In science, we are learning all about the digestive system starting with the teeth. We conducted an interesting investigation, using egg shells to represent our teeth. We then filled cups with 3 different liquids- sugary Cola, vinegar and water. We were shocked to see what happened to the egg shells and it inspired us to consider more carefully what we are eating and drinking. In our History lessons, we explored the Greek writing system and compared their letters to the ones we use. We also learnt about different Greek myths – some sad and some scary. We can't wait to see what next week's learning brings.



What have Year 6 been learning about this week?

Wow! What a week. We have been getting back into the swing of things following our residential to Ufton Court...WHICH WAS AMAZING! We all had such a wonderful time sharing new experiences, helping prepare dinners,

being responsible for cleaning and developing our team work further with impressive communication. This has helped us when having class and group discussions back in school in all our different topic areas.



We really enjoyed building fires, making paracord bracelets, A-Frame walking and our night-time adventures in the forest 😊



**TTROCKSTARS Battle of the bands!**

The next results are in... Last week I was away on the Year 6 residential to Ufton Court so was unable to report on the results but a big well done to the following classes who clinched a win Butterworth – King-Smith – Binch – Hughes - Lewis

<p><b>Ahlberg 110</b></p> <p>MVP: Chidinma, Sharvaree &amp; Harmony</p>	<p><b>Butterworth 293</b></p> <p>MVP: Joshua, Shanaya &amp; Divina</p>	<b>Ahlberg 1 v 3 Butterworth</b>
<p><b>Benjamin 52</b></p> <p>MVP: Aarna, Dominik &amp; Mahnoor</p>	<p><b>King-Smith 32</b></p> <p>MVP: Richardson, Bavisha &amp; Muhammed</p>	<b>Benjamin 1 v 3 King-Smith</b>
<p><b>Binch 1103</b></p> <p>MVP: Arjun, Martyna &amp; Chinonye</p>	<p><b>Pullman 275</b></p> <p>MVP: Hope, Samaran &amp; Arjela</p>	<b>Binch 3 v 1 Pullman</b>
<p><b>Hughes 525</b></p> <p>MVP: Sayuri, Krisma &amp; Hope</p>	<p><b>Morpurgo 43</b></p> <p>MVP: Emilia, Riley &amp; Mariam</p>	<b>Hughes 4 v 0 Morpurgo</b>
<p><b>Horowitz 261</b></p> <p>MVP: Bryant, Wahaab &amp; Emmanuel</p>	<p><b>Lewis 304</b></p> <p>MVP: Chisom, Alien &amp; Rizma</p>	<b>Horowitz 2 v 2 Lewis</b>

Well done to our MVP's again! Please keep up the great work you are doing!

- Miss Gundry 😊

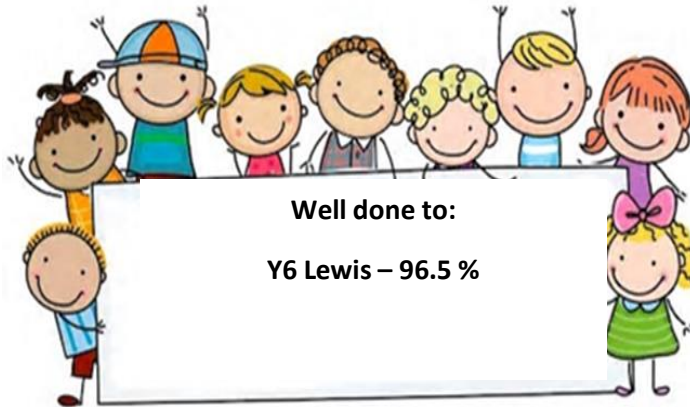
*Attendance Information*



Nursery AM	Nursery PM	YR Kerr	YR Rosen	Y1 Cole	Y1 Donaldson	Y2 Ahlberg	Y2 Butterworth
93.6%	91.8%	88.8%	85.2%	84%	86.9%	96.2%	92.5%



Y3 Benjamin	Y3 King-Smith	Y4 Binch	Y4 Pullman	Y5 Hughes	Y5 Morpurgo	Y6 Horowitz	Y6 Lewis
92.4%	90.1%	88.1%	95.2%	90.8%	89.9%	90.7%	96.5%



**Attendance for the whole school year is currently 93.4%**

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 Tamayah, Amelia and Junior. Well done 😊