



The Palmer Academy Newsletter



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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a great start to the term this week with World Book Day being one of the highlights. Seeing all the staff and students dressed up as their favourite book character was fantastic! Thank you to all the families who supported us in making this day so successful. We hope you can use your book vouchers to get some new reading books to share at home.

Next week we are celebrating "International Womens Day". We would like families to set aside some time to research influential women from around the world and through history to share with their classes.

Finally, we would like to send our thoughts to all families who have been affected by the events occurring in Ukraine. We have been playing CBBC Newsround videos to the children in school to ensure they can learn about the current affairs in an age-appropriate way. We recommend this website if you would like any resources to help facilitate conversations at home as well.

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Reminders

GoRead: Reception-Year6 Please watch this video tutorial about our new online reading record GoRead: <https://youtu.be/HeCUssLEwUw>

International Women's Day Friday 11th March- Children please come to school wearing purple clothing for a donation of a £1 in support of International Women's Day.

What have Reception been learning about this week?

We have had a very exciting week in Reception this week, particularly as we have started family time, with parents coming in for reading and challenge time with the children. It was lovely to see some of you this week, please join us next week on Wednesday afternoon and Friday morning if you are able! We also had caterpillars arrive on Thursday, which will live in our classrooms as we observe them grow and change into butterflies. To prepare for this, we have been learning the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar and using this as an opportunity to revise the order of the days of the week.

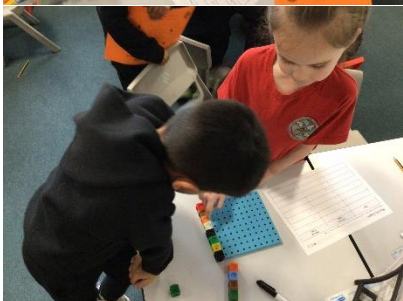
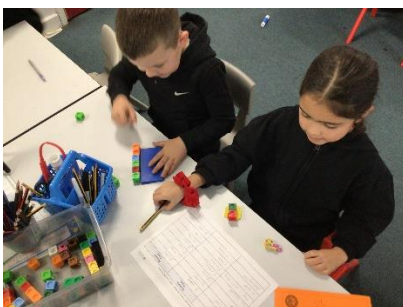


What have Year 1 been learning about this week?

Year 1 have come back to school with heaps of enthusiasm and have had a great first week back! We are so excited to start our new topics – particularly our new history topic about the explorers Ibn Battuta and Neil Armstrong! We have started to learn a new narrative ‘The Ugly Duckling’ in our English lessons, which is a little longer than our previous texts but we are having a good go at learning the story and accompanying actions. We have really loved maths this week; we have been measuring all sorts of different objects around our classroom using cubes. Next week we’re excited for the new challenge of using our rulers to measure.

Thank you to our parents for supporting world book day by sending your children in dressed up as their favourite book characters. They all had a wonderful, special day!

Please remember to keep reading with your child every day and recording this on their online reading record (Go Read), in addition to logging them on to do their My Maths and Spelling Shed homework each week. Thank you so much for your support.



What have Year 3 been learning about this week?

We have had a lovely first week back at school! We have started our new topics in Science and History which we are very excited about! We are looking at Rocks in Science, deciding on if they are naturally made or manmade! We have

also explored the life of our Powerful person, Mary Anning. In History we are going back in time to the visit the Ancient Egyptians and all the amazing things they created. We enjoyed learning about powerful person Howard Carter and his story of finding Tutankhamun's tomb. If you have any resources at home that you would love to share, for either topic, please bring them in!

To celebrate World book day, we 'cartooned' ourselves to make us look like book characters, which has a lot of fun, and they all look so good! We also enjoyed dressing up as our favourite book characters and guessing who everyone was, including the teachers! We want to say a big thank you, to all adults who helped to make the day magical by helping with the costumes.

What have Year 5 been learning about this week?

We have really enjoyed being back at school this week after the half term break: our teachers missed us! In English we have been learning about narratives which include flash backs within them. This meant we got a chance to watch parts of the film Toy Story 2 in our lessons. We created some wonderful story maps based on the text and will be creating our own versions over the next two weeks.



As a school, we celebrated world book day. As part of our celebrations, we had an assembly called, 'The masked reader' where our teachers disguised themselves and then read a story to us. We had great fun guessing who they were. We also swapped teachers for part of the day so they could share their favourite books with us. Thank you to all the adults that helped with costumes. Everybody that dressed up looked great!



TTRockstars Battle of the bands!

Times table competitions resume this week. (It started yesterday morning)

I will be looking out to see which classes have the best engagement. Remember, by the end of Year 4 all children should know all of their times tables and be able to answer recall questions within 6 seconds. Please practise using TTRockstars but also on your journeys to school. Miss Gundry 😊

Our current Rock Heroes, who will have a rock Hero Tea Party at the end of the year are as follows:



**Alien 6L, Edi 5H, Wahaab 6H, Bryant 6H, Joel 6H, Emmanuel, 6H
Muzammil 6H and Hope 4P.**

If you see your name here and you haven't yet been given a 'Times Table Champion' badge, please see Miss Gundry.

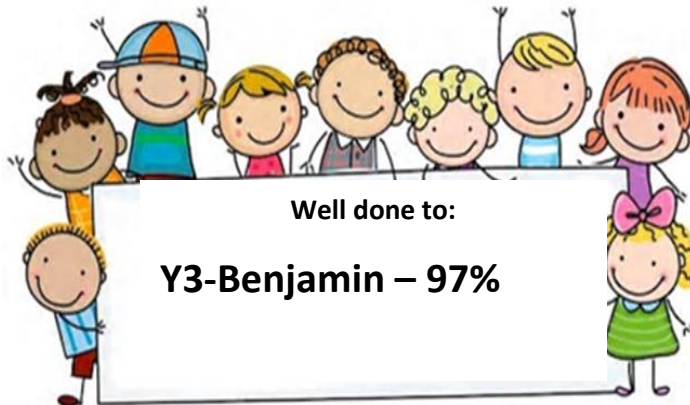
Attendance Information



Nursery AM	Nursery PM	YR Kerr	YR Rosen	Y1 Cole	Y1 Donaldson	Y2 Ahlberg	Y2 Butterworth
95.3%	92.7%	90.1%	90.8%	89.6%	96.3%	93.9%	95.7%



Y3 Benjamin	Y3 King-Smith	Y4 Binch	Y4 Pullman	Y5 Hughes	Y5 Morpurgo	Y6 Horowitz	Y6 Lewis
97%	93.6%	91.5%	98.5%	94.8%	95.2%	95.8%	93.3%



Attendance for the whole school year is currently 91.7%

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.

The winners this week are Musab, Alfie and Alliyah. Well done 😊