



The Palmer Academy Newsletter



Edition

Friday 5th November 2021

I hope everyone managed to have a restful half term break. Sport has been the focus of this week with Mr Charman organising teams for both netball and football. I'm pleased to say all our teams have been very successful. I'm sure you will join me in thanking Mr Charman for his efforts to ensure the children have the opportunity to take part in these tournaments.



Mr D. Prendergast

Just a Reminder

School morning/afternoon clubs

Please note there will be no morning or afternoon clubs running next week due to parent's evening consultations. Children will need to be dropped off between 8:40-8:50am only and collected at 3:15pm. Thank you for your understanding.

School meals

Please ensure your children's meals are ordered before 9pm the night before. You can order in advance for the week or term. Thank you very much for your support in this.

What have Reception been learning about this week?

The children in Reception have been excited to start thinking about our new topic of 'Celebrations'. We have listened to the story of Rama and Sita and some children then decided to act out the story using stick puppets! We have been looking at some of the ways in which Diwali is celebrated and have enjoyed making our own Mehndi and Rangoli patterns. We had great fun 'watching' a firework display and describing the sounds we heard.

Could we please remind you that our PE day is **Monday** and all children should come to school wearing the correct kit, including a black PE jumper. Thank you.

What have Year 2 been learning about this week?

This has been an exciting week for year 2 as we have returned to school ready to learn. We have started lots of new topics including diary entries in English and Money in Maths. We will soon be coming to ask you about any change that you may have in your wallet so that we can practise adding them together. We will also be learning how to combine different amounts of money as well as how to make the same amount lots of different ways so make sure you collect those coins for us! In History we will be learning about the Great Fire of London and how this affected us in the past. We will be exploring terrific towers in Design and Technology so please can you collect some cardboard boxes and cardboard tubes as well as some paper cups to help with our projects. Bring them in whenever you can! Thank you for all your support with our learning and we hope that you have a great weekend 😊

What have Year 4 been learning about this week?

Year 4 have had a fantastic start to the term. We were so happy to see all children ready to learn on Tuesday and we were excited to get into our learning right away. In our reading sessions, we are still enjoying Why The Whales Came- an emotional book set at the time World War One was beginning. This week we are focussing on the vocabulary viper skill- this means we are looking closely at the meaning of words.

In English, we are learning to write a diary entry. We are exploring pronouns and fronted adverbials for our writing features and we can't wait to see how well the children apply their skills, knowledge and understanding of these over the unit. In music, we are learning to play the glockenspiel and find the sound of this instrument very fun! We know it will be a challenge to learn how to play the notes properly and in time but we are willing to give it a good try! In science, our topic is Animals including humans. We have had a very exciting lesson researching the different herbivores, omnivores and carnivores that live in a range of habitats. Please keep ensuring your children are reading every day, using TTrock stars frequently and completing their MyMaths and Edshed homework. Thank you as always for your support.

The Year 4 Team 😊

What have Year 6 been learning about this week?

We have had a great first week back but we would like to take the opportunity to celebrate the learning from last half term. The children worked in pairs or small groups to create presentations on a country in North America. Some children went above and beyond and transferred their information onto PowerPoint to deliver their oral presentations in class. We had many enthusiastic presentations that demonstrated much of the learning that took place. This term we have begun work on fractions. If this is an area of mathematics that your child finds particularly hard, please make use of www.mymaths.co.uk to practice at home. You can access fraction statements from across all year groups with the initial log in of: Username: thepalmer Password: multiply43

There is no need for the individual secondary log in for them to access this, this is only needed for their homework. With our History topic being about WW2, it would be great for your children to do some research on the topic. I would ask that you help them access child-friendly sites so they do not go on to read about events that took place that might unsettle them.



TTROCKSTARS Battle of the bands!

The first battle of the bands tournament of Autumn 2 began yesterday and will run until the evening of Wednesday 10th November. I have been so pleased to see many children engaging in TTRockstars, however we need to have a big push to ensure all children in years 2 to 6 are having a go. When our children have a better understanding of times tables and recall them with ease, this frees up the mind to explore and think about the more abstract concepts within mathematics lessons.

- Miss Gundry 😊

Attendance Information



Nursery AM	Nursery PM	YR Kerr	YR Rosen	Y1 Cole	Y1 Donaldson	Y2 Ahlberg	Y2 Butterworth
94.4%	93.7%	90.8%	93.1%	82.7%	98.1%	88.7%	90.3%



Y3 Benjamin	Y3 King-Smith	Y4 Binch	Y4 Pullman	Y5 Hughes	Y5 Morpurgo	Y6 Horowitz	Y6 Lewis
94.9%	99.4%	95.6%	92.0%	96.6%	98.5%	95.5%	100%



Attendance for the whole school year is currently %

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 Grace, Ahmad and Salim. Well done 😊