



The Palmer Academy Newsletter



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Friday 10th December 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

A few weeks ago we sought your views and feedback about the school. Thank you for everyone who responded – we had 114 responses.



Here is a summary of the responses:

Statement	Agree	Strongly Agree	Both
The Palmer Academy staff are welcoming, helpful, informative, and supportive.	24%	74%	97%
My child talks about learning, is supported and challenged and enjoys learning at The Palmer Academy.	34%	63%	97%
The Palmer Academy communicate information and success stories effectively, in a way I can access and understand.	38%	60%	97%
My child feels safe at school and knows they can share concerns with school staff.	37%	60%	96%
My child makes good progress in their learning and personal development.	36%	64%	100%

You said some lovely things about the school, here are a few of the comments:

"All staff are excellent for my son and he likes going to school."

"The support from the teacher and Dr Fisher are excellent."

"I feel the teachers and other staff are so nice and welcoming. If you have concerns about your child, they are always willing to listen and help in any way they can."

"Caring teachers and nurturing confidence – thank you! Responsive staff (teachers and admin) – thank you!"

"The way my child has bonds with staff and is happy in her class."

"It is a fun educational learning environment – her teacher is friendly and approachable."

"My son enjoys learning, and he is happy to be part of the school. This school gives opportunity for him to be independent and confident."

You also provided some great feedback and suggestions:

Our parents and carers suggested...	We plan to...	By...
Reintroduce opportunities for parents and carers to volunteer in school.	Set up a parent volunteer community gardening club.	The end of the Spring Term.
Reintroduce parent and carer attendance at celebration assemblies.	Invite parents/carers to celebration assemblies.	The Summer Term
Reintroduce more school trips and visits.	Do exactly that!	This has already begun.
Develop homework and home learning opportunities.	Share the homework policy with parents and share the logins for the home learning resources we have purchased.	End of January
Fundraise for parents who may struggle.	Consider how this can be accommodated. We have started by collecting food for the foodbank this Christmas.	
Time to allow pupils to share their works, progress and success with their parents and carers	Allocate times in the year for parents to drop in.	The end of the Summer Term
Changing of reading books more frequently.	Ensure pupils are changing reading books frequently and share guidance on the use of reading records.	The end of January

Mr D. Prendergast

What have Nursery been learning about this week?

In Nursery this week we have been learning about aspirations and goals. The children told us what job they wanted to do when they are older and why they want to do that job. On Thursday, we dressed up in the uniform of the job we wanted to do.



Friday 17th December – PM Nursery CANCELLED

On Friday 17th December there will be NO afternoon nursery to allow visits for children starting after Christmas.

What have Year 1 been learning about this week?

Year 1 have had another fantastic week. We have been designing our own umbrellas in teams over the past couple of weeks and finally got to make the final product this week. As well as this we have been continuing some good work on place value in maths, focusing on using our ones and tens. In English we are starting some learning around persuasive writing called 'come to my candy house'. However, we have had some added excitement as the elf on the shelf has been hiding around our classroom's each day! 😊



What have Year 3 been learning about this week?

This week in Science, Year 3 have been learning all about our muscles, how they work and what they do. We have been carrying out experiments to test our muscles and see when they hurt – why not challenge your children to a squat challenge this weekend? We have also been learning a bit about the Iron Age this week and are now expert pre-historians! Ask us what BC means or how to make Bronze – most of the children have been brilliant at remembering these facts.

Our cheeky elves have also been causing mischief in the classrooms as we're sure you've heard, creating Bottle Henge and climbing the walls. We're looking forward to seeing what else they come up with and our last week of wonderful learning next week before the Christmas holidays. We've loved seeing all the festive jumpers for Christmas jumper day today too guys, great charity work!

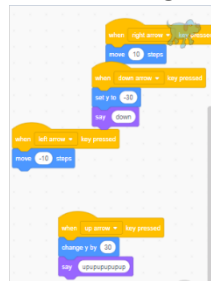


What have Year 5 been learning about this week?

Year 5 Morpurgo class got creative on Monday when they created their own version of the game “Marble Run”. Thank you to the families who kindly brought in recycled cardboard and paper which allowed up to use our design skills to model a new game. We worked in teams of three and a special shout out goes to Jaya, Mariam and Riley who, not only worked brilliantly as a team, but also created a marble run game that effectively and creatively got the marble through a number of obstacles before reaching the ground. Great work Year 5 Morpurgo!



Hughes have been working really hard during their Computing lessons this term. They have been creating their own games using a program called Scratch. They have spent the last few weeks creating sprites and developing backgrounds. This week, they learnt how to use algorithms to make the sprite move! We have even had children completing their own projects at home which means they have had the opportunity to become ‘the teacher’ and share their own algorithms. Well done Hughes. Keep it up!



TTROCKSTARS Battle of the bands!

The next results are in... Well done to Butterworth, King-Smith and Pullman for taking back the win. And a huge well done to Hughes who have not yet lost their crown to Morpurgo – but can they hold onto it for the last week?

<p>Ahlberg 108</p> <p>MVP: Chidinma, Sharvaree & Riya</p>	<p>Butterworth 211</p> <p>MVP: Shanaya, Divina & Miray</p>	<p>Ahlberg 1 v 4 Butterworth</p>
<p>Benjamin 70</p> <p>MVP: Daniella, Aarna & Dominik</p>	<p>King-Smith 91</p> <p>MVP: Hasnat, Richardson & Gadi</p>	<p>Benjamin 1 v 4 King-Smith</p>
<p>Binch 132</p> <p>MVP: Arjun, Chinonye & Amelia</p>	<p>Pullman 251</p> <p>MVP: Arjela, Hope & Akhil</p>	<p>Binch 3 v 2 Pullman</p>
<p>Hughes 343</p> <p>MVP: Ahmed, Hope & Robin</p>	<p>Morpurgo 96</p> <p>MVP: Levi, Megan & Mariam</p>	<p>Hughes 5 v 0 Morpurgo</p>
<p>Horowitz 277</p> <p>MVP: Suyog, Joel & Emmanuel</p>	<p>Lewis 350</p> <p>MVP: Chisom, Vidya & Rizma</p>	<p>Horowitz 2 v 3 Lewis</p>

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
86.3%	88.6%	84.8%	85.9%	87.7%	92.9%	93.1%	95.6%



Y3 Benjamin	Y3 King-Smith	Y4 Binch	Y4 Pullman	Y5 Hughes	Y5 Morpurgo	Y6 Horowitz	Y6 Lewis
90.6%	98.7%	91.6%	91.8%	98.9%	94.0%	93.5%	96.6%



Attendance for the whole school year is currently 93.2%

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 Denise, Kashif and Medhini Well done 😊