



The Palmer Academy

Weekly Round-up



Edition 31

Friday 11th June 2021

Note from the Headteacher

It's lovely to be back full-time at TPA! Thank you for the warm welcome – it's been great catching up with some of you! I would like to thank Mr Wanford for leading and guiding the school in my absence. There have been many positive changes to the quality of education and the systems and processes which sit behind all we do.



I reflect on things I appreciate quite often, here are a few from this first full week back:

- *The enthusiastic pupils of Palmer – there's a real desire to learn and thirst for knowledge!*
- *Our new SENCO, Dr Fisher, who has already guided staff and supported the learning of many pupils at the school!*
- *The wider leadership team of the school, who continue to work tirelessly and with absolute dedication for your children.*

Please do not hesitate to pop by the front of the school to see any one of us. We are committed to working with you to deliver the best, broadest and most holistic education for your child.

Take care.

Mr D. Prendergast

Year 4 Staffing – update from Mr Prendergast

For the remainder of the year Miss Hand will teach Y4 Pullman and Miss Jackson will continue to teach Y4 Binch. Mrs Staple will spread her French expertise in the development of the subject and will continue to teach Y4 in this capacity.

NEW Relationships Education Policy – Parent Consultation – update from Miss Costello, PSHE Lead

In September 2021 the school will implement a new Relationships Education policy, putting into place new Department of Education statutory guidance. I have been working with REACH2 Academy Trust and other local schools to develop our new policy. We would greatly value your feedback on the new policy. [Please follow this link to view the policy](#), statutory guidance, watch a short presentation and complete the feedback form. If you would like to meet to discuss your feedback, please arrange to meet myself and Miss Druce via the school office. Thank you.



Just a Reminder

Please continue to wear a face covering when on the school site, to continue to stick to the one-way system and also to continue to socially distance whilst dropping off and picking up your children. The main school gates are left open at the moment in order for pedestrians to follow the one-way system please DO NOT drive in and park up to collect your child.

Palmer Half-term Readathon!

Firstly, I would like to extend a great big thank you to all the families who participated in the Half-Term Readathon! It was so lovely to see how many children and families got involved and everyone did a fantastic job. Our winners this year are:

EYFS and Key Stage 1– Reception Kerr Class

Key Stage 2 – Year 4 Binch

And our overall school winners...with the most student participation and books read is Year 3 King-Smith!

Congratulations to all the winners, we hope you enjoyed your ice cream party today, and a great big well-done to all the children who participated! 😊

Morrison's Little Libraries

The wonderful community champion at our local Morrison's has informed me that the store has recently set up a sharing library.

How it works – Simply bring in a good quality second-hand children's book and place it in the donation slot. You will then be able to take a book of your choice from the shelf. Once you've finished enjoying this book, return it and take another book of your choice.

This will really help with the Half-Term Readathon! Please double check it isn't a school book before you donate it 😊

We were also lucky enough to receive some copies of a special book from Morrison's - ***Cedric the Seed***. **I will be sharing these around the school after half term.**

Thanks again to the lovely staff at Morrison's- especially Debbie the community Champion.

Miss Davies 😊

What have Nursery been learning about this week?

This week the children have enjoyed being out in the sunshine and have been using water to draw lots of different shapes and patterns on the boards and floor.

*We have also started our topic 'If You Go Down to The Woods Today...' The children have loved reading *The Gruffalo* and have been thinking about what is in the forest, who the characters are and how the Gruffalo looks.*

What have Year One been learning about this week?

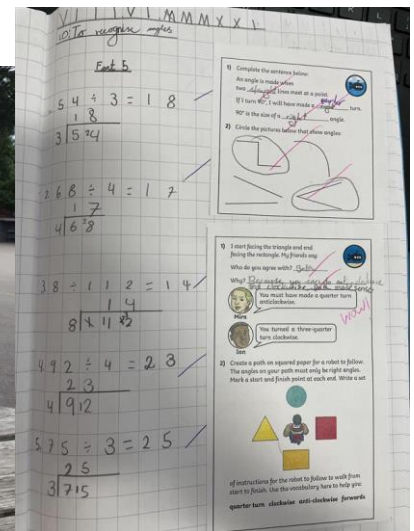
Year One has started off their final term with a great big bang! This term we began a new story ***Malala's Magic Pencil*** in our Reading lessons. Malala is such a wonderful public figure and role model for our children so why not spend some time discussing all the fantastic work she does for children's education around the world? In maths, we are in our final unit of place value, exploring numbers from 50-100. Please ensure that if your child is struggling with recognising and representing numbers to 100, you spend a little bit of time at home exploring them. The children have started retelling a familiar fable ***The Boy Who Cried Wolf***. Why not find the audiobook on YouTube and explore it together as a family? In Science, we are beginning our unit on Everyday Materials. Why not try a materials scavenger hunt around the house and find as many different everyday materials as you can? Finally, in our music lessons we will be exploring Latin Music this term! We are so excited for our new term and can't wait to see what we will learn!

What have Year Three been learning about this week?

The first week back after a week away from school can sometimes be a bit tricky, however the staff in Year 3 have been SO impressed by the pupils in our classes. The children have returned for their final term in Year 3 with a fantastic attitude, showing us just how far they have come this year. We have noticed a real improvement to presentation which has helped many children to earn their pen licences. Having great presentation shows us that the children have real respect for their learning and a commitment to excellence.

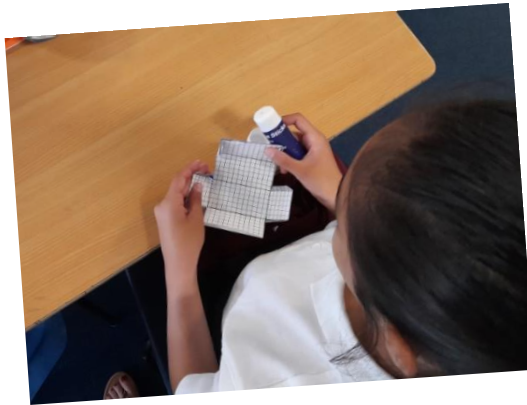
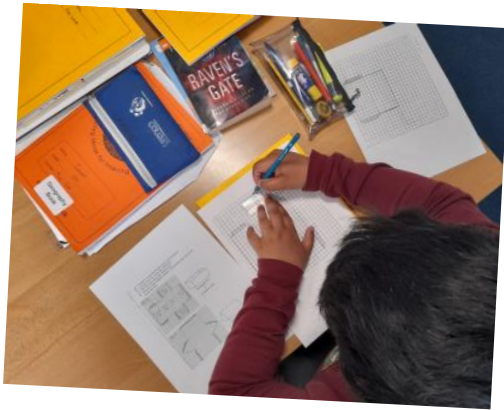
In English this week, we have been learning all about Playscripts. We have been using a script inspired by The Twits in which Mrs Twit tries to get her revenge on her rotten husband by tricking him into eating wormy spaghetti! So far we have drawn a text map of the script, boxed it up and even had a go at acting it out! We were so impressed with the children's confidence and acting ability and it was so funny to watch. Please see the photos below for some brilliant examples of this.

In maths, we have started our geometry unit where we have been learning all about angles and turns. The children wowed us with their skills, knowledge and understanding and we can't wait to see their learning as we start to explore shapes next week. We would like to say a huge thank you to all of our wonderful parents and carers in Year 3- we value your support so much. Take care and enjoy the weekend 😊.













What have Year Five been learning about this week?

Year 5 has started off their final term with great success. Returning to school with a determined and driven drive. A focus this term will be our weekly TT Rockstar tournaments between classes. Children have been eager to top the leader board and we are excited to see which class will be the overall champion by the end of the term. In Maths our focus this term will be geometry and measurement. A highlight this week, in particular, has been building 3D nets and creating 3D shapes. This required a great deal of concentration and effort to copy the 3D net exactly onto grid paper and then cut out and build it. In English, we are exploring adverts and language that is used to persuade people to buy a product. So why not show them a variety of adverts at home and discuss if they think it's a good advert or not? Our topic combines our lockdown recovery curriculum of Geography and Science and we will start by exploring Japan, exploring where this country is and its human and physical geographical features. You may want to cook a Japanese dish one night and see how much they can remember about Japan based on their lockdown revision. A very relevant topic this term is History and children will be looking at medicine and diseases and the importance of good health care. A great topic to discuss during these challenging times and just how important healthcare is. We continue to be introduced to the language French and will be learning how to tell the time and count in French. Let's hope this term will be a memorable and exciting time for our Year 5's and that they cherish each moment as the near Year 6!



TTRockstars

We are into our fourth week of battles. I hope you enjoyed challenging each other over half term and saw the results on Twitter! We have had some great engagement around the school with lots of friendly competition, especially for who gets the 'most valuable player' certificates in each class. So who won round three?

| Results and most valuable players: | | Result tally |
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|  Shout out to: Rupa, Amelia & Abdur Rahman |  Shout out to: Adam, Aarya & Dilasha | Ahlberg 1 - 2 Butterworth |
|  Shout out to: Arjun, Halima & Chinonye |  Shout out to: Inesa, Arjela & Jessica | Benjamin 2 – 1 King-Smith |
|  Shout out to: Reetika, Salim & Eduard |  Shout out to: Jaya, Minhtuan & Eli | Binch 0 - 3 Pullman |
|  Shout out to: Alien, Bishakha & Chisom |  Shout out to: David, Aaron & Daniella | Hughes 3 – 0 Morpurgo |
|  Shout out to: Jaspreet, Andrew & Roydon |  Shout out to: Hibah, Anfal & Natalia | Horowitz 3 – 0 Lewis |

Well done to all of our winners and to the most valuable players in each class. I wonder who will be pipped to the post next week. Will we have different most valuable players? You have to be in it to win it! Keep up the great work TPA! I will be challenging you on your tables in the corridor. Miss Gundry 😊

What's happening next week at Palmer?

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| Monday 14 th June | |
| Tuesday 15 th June | |
| Wednesday 16 th June | New Reception Stay and Play |
| Thursday 17 th June | New Reception Stay and Play |
| Friday 18 th June | |

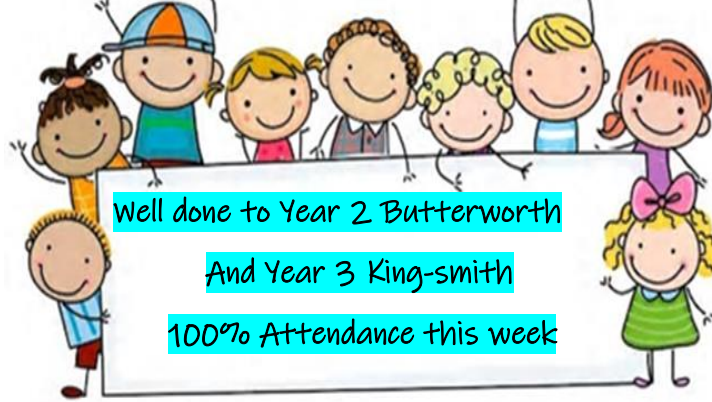
Attendance Information



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| Nursery AM | Nursery PM | YR Kerr | YR Rosen | Y1 Cole | Y1 Donaldson | Y2 Ahlberg | Y2 Butterworth |
| 85.1% | 95.1% | 91.0% | 98.7% | 97.4% | 91.9% | 98.5% | 100% |



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| Y3 Benjamin | Y3 King-Smith | Y4 Binch | Y4 Pullman | Y5 Hughes | Y5 Morpurgo | Y6 Horowitz | Y6 Lewis |
| 97.4% | 100% | 96.2% | 98.5% | 96.0% | 96.8% | 97.7% | 89.7% |



93.8% attendance this week

Attendance for the whole school year is currently 95.3%

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.

Congratulations to Henry, Kashif and Tyler Paul who were our weekly 100% attendance winners. Well done 😊