



# The Palmer Academy Newsletter



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Next week we are looking forward to our Random Act of Kindness week to end our term on a high. From the help of our Palmer Parliament we have a few different activities that the children can get involved in from something as simple as smiling and saying good morning, telling jokes, to writing positive letters to peers, parents or staff. Feel free to get this started over the weekend and tweet any pictures of Random Acts of Kindness you see, you can @R2PalmerAcademy #Randomactsofkindness #RAK.



Mr D. Prendergast

### Just a Reminder

Please DO NOT use inappropriate language whilst collecting/dropping your children off to school.

### BAGS2SCHOOL

We will be doing a collection for Bags2school next Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February, please donate any unwanted soft toys, paired shoes or clothes in black sacks.

### What have Reception been learning about this week?



It has been another exciting week in Reception this week, we had great fun during yoga and learnt lots of new poses and breathing techniques to help us feel calm. Also, to celebrate Mental Health week, we have been making emotions stick puppets using different colours to represent different feelings. During our topic this week we have started looking at the story We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen. We have been thinking about the characters and the setting to prepare ourselves for the story maps we will be creating next week. This is one of our

favourite stories in Reception and the children are already experts at retelling it! In maths we have been continuing to practice using part-part whole diagrams and number sentences when combining two groups of objects, something which we have become much more confident with! Just a quick reminder to parents that all children in Reception should bring their reading book into school with them every day. Homework should be brought into school in homework folders on a Wednesday, thank you.

### **What have Year 1 been learning about this week?**

Year 1 have had another fabulous week in school. We have been celebrating Children's Mental Health week with some mindfulness yoga, and some handmade emotion stick puppets. In writing we have been completing our non chronological report. This week it has been all about the Woolly Mammoth! It has been really fun finding out lots of exciting facts about them. In maths we have been working on using our numbers up to 50. Thinking about ordering them, one more and one less and comparing them using our symbols. We have done a fantastic job and completed some exciting practical lessons along the way. In science we have been continuing to learn about materials, and what would be a good material to make an object out of. Finally, in geography we have been learning all about where we live, and what the difference between a town, city and village is. Before designing our own leaflets all about what there is to do in the town of Reading. Just a reminder that we are now switching to the online reading records for Go Read, which logins have been sent home with your child for. Reminder to be logging the pages you are reading with them at home and making a comment on how they are getting on. Please also mark the book as complete when they are done, so we know to replace it with something new for them to read at home and can keep track of what they have already read. Thank you 😊

### **What have Year 3 been learning about this week?**

We have had some very exciting lessons these past two weeks which hopefully you have heard all about. We had Cross Country last week, which was great fun, and we were all very impressed with the attitude and positivity of the children. They all supported each other and everyone took part, even if they weren't big fans of running. This week, we had our yoga day to celebrate Mental Health week, which the children really enjoyed and it was wonderful to see such focus from everyone. We also had a return to our ukelele lessons, learning a 5 note song to play. This week has been Internet Safety week, and we have been talking about ways to keep safe on the Internet, including using safe passwords and our rings of responsibility. If you are able to have a conversation at home with your children about how they use the internet, that would really help support this message, thank you. We had lots of fun trying new foods from different countries on Thursday and are very grateful for all the donations we received – we couldn't have done it without you, so thank you. Thank you for all the parental support with the new GoRead online Reading Records – we appreciate it can take a while to get used to new systems (ourselves included) but it has been great to see such positivity from the children and parents already recording on there. Any questions, please do get in touch.



**What have Year 5 been learning about this week?**

This week Year 5 have been focussing on our independence, focus and perseverance. These are our “Palmer Powers” and lots of us have received coloured stickers on our collar or in our books to show that we have achieved these skills. Along with our independence, we have been logging into GoRead at home so that we can independently log our reading sessions at home. Well done to all of the children who have already written a reflective comment. Also, special mention in Year 5 Morpurgo to Osburn, Jaya and Isabella who have a parent comment added to their record also! This reading at home, independently and with parents, will support the reading progress needed in Upper Key Stage 2. This week has also been “Children’s Mental Heath Week” and Year 5 have experienced a brilliant yoga session, made stress balls and also focussed on giving complements to others. Keep up the hard work Year 5 in this final week of school before half term! 😊



**TTROCKSTARS Battle of the bands!**

Let’s see how everyone has performed this week. Keep up the good work guys. When there is an improvement in the computation of times tables then there will be accelerated progress in your maths work too 😊

Wow, King-Smith! You are rocking your times tables!

Pullman definitely wanted to reclaim the trophy... but will they hold onto it Binch Class?

What a close call between the Year 6 classes this week. Impressive teamwork happening there.

<p><b>Ahlberg 178</b></p> <p>MVP: Chidinma, Taneisha &amp; Sharvaree</p>	<p><b>Butterworth 562</b></p> <p>MVP: Shanaya, Miray &amp; Mohammed</p>	<b>Ahlberg 0 v 4 Butterworth</b>
<p><b>Benjamin 143</b></p> <p>MVP: Daniella, Aarna &amp; Rupa</p>	<p><b>King-Smith 1111</b></p> <p>MVP: Edvard, Richardson &amp; Andrew</p>	<b>Benjamin 0 v 4 King-Smith</b>
<p><b>Binch 441</b></p> <p>MVP: Arjun, Chinonye &amp; Halima</p>	<p><b>Pullman 610</b></p> <p>MVP: Arjela, Inesa &amp; Bartosz</p>	<b>Binch 1 v 3 Pullman</b>
<p><b>Hughes 592</b></p> <p>MVP: Hope, Andriah &amp; Salim</p>	<p><b>Morpurgo 524</b></p> <p>MVP: Osburn, Mariam &amp; Jaya</p>	<b>Hughes 4 v 0 Morpurgo</b>
<p><b>Horowitz 1386</b></p> <p>MVP: Lufurano, Samarvitha &amp; Emmanuel</p>	<p><b>Lewis 1399</b></p> <p>MVP: Chisom, Vidya &amp; Tyeisha</p>	<b>Horowitz 2 v 2 Lewis</b>

**We have a new Rock Hero this week! CONGRATULATIONS**

**\*Emmanuel in 6H**

Congratulations to all our MVP this week - Miss Gundry 😊

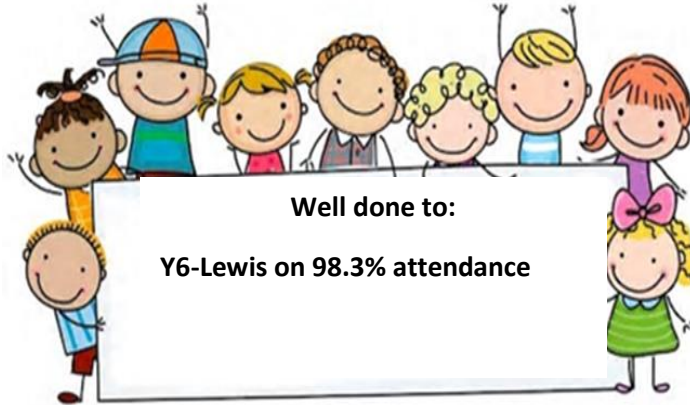
*Attendance Information*



Nursery AM	Nursery PM	YR Kerr	YR Rosen	Y1 Cole	Y1 Donaldson	Y2 Ahlberg	Y2 Butterworth
87.7%	84.9%	90%	86.8%	87.3%	87.4%	96.5%	94.8%



Y3 Benjamin	Y3 King-Smith	Y4 Binch	Y4 Pullman	Y5 Hughes	Y5 Morpurgo	Y6 Horowitz	Y6 Lewis
97.4%	91.5%	88.5%	96.7%	95.5%	97.6%	93.7%	98.3%



**Attendance for the whole school year is currently 91.5 %**

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 Vaseem, Mirha and Samanvitha. Well done 😊