



The Palmer Academy Newsletter

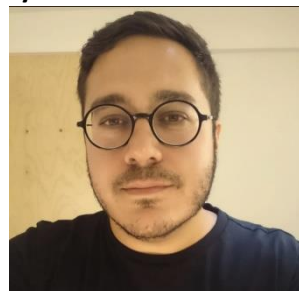


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Dear Parents/Carers,

Friday 12th November 2021

I hope you and your families are well. I wanted to write on behalf of the Palmer governors, and let you know what we're doing; I know that governing bodies can be mysterious but we're very keen that we're a visible and open part of the Palmer community! I'm particularly pleased to introduce Emma Steer as our new Parent Governor and would like to thank her for taking on this important role alongside Smitha Surendran.



The past 18 months have been tough for us all, especially with the disruption to education through the school closing. As we come out of the pandemic, we're focused on supporting Mr Prendergast, Miss Thomassen and their team to make sure that every child at Palmer is receiving the best and richest education possible, whilst also feeling safe and valued.

The more we know about how the school is performing, the better we'll be able to support all children's education. Now COVID restrictions have lifted, one of our priorities is to make sure that, as a Governing body, we're always talking to you as parents, to children and to the wider community (I'm looking forward to reading and receiving your feedback from parents' evening this week). It was lovely to visit the school recently and talk to several year groups, including Years 5 and 6, about their learning. But I'd always like to hear from you and can be reached at chair@thepalmeracademy.com.

Best wishes,
Zaki Moosa
Chair of Governors

Just a Reminder

Flu Vaccination for Reception – Year 6 Online consent forms need to be completed by 4pm Tuesday 16th November. Please refer to our original email for our link and school code.

Children in Need Friday 19th November Non uniform day. Please can your child wear something either yellow or bright and spotty for a donation of a £1 in support for children in need. Thank you.

What have Nursery been learning about this week?

This week the children have enjoyed learning about their families. We have drawn family photos, making sure we add in facial features. We have learnt about the importance of Remembrance Day and why we wear a poppy.



What have Year 1 been learning about this week?

Year 1 have had a fantastic start to the term! We spent our first day back enjoying building (and eating!) our own gingerbread houses as we were introduced to our new text 'Hansel and Gretel'. The children have since been learning to retell the story and we have seen some incredible presentation from many of the children writing the story this week. We have moved on to some really tricky maths this week, as we have been learning to compare statements. The children have enjoyed using their resources to calculate each statement before comparing them using the < > = symbols. In science, we have started learning all about animals, with a particular focus on mammals this week. Please ask your children about this – they now know some interesting facts about them! Next week we will be learning more about birds and reptiles!



What have Year 3 been learning about this week?

What a busy two weeks we have had since we've been back from half term! We are starting to see some real progress from the children with their work, effort and determination, which is wonderful. In our Writing lessons, we have been looking at the story of the Hare and the Tortoise, and we are using this to write our own diary versions of this story, but with our own characters. The children have had some wonderful ideas and it is a joy to read what they are creating. In our Maths lessons, we are finishing with addition and subtraction and starting to move towards multiplication and division. This should start to be reflected in the MyMaths homework the children will be getting and hopefully your children will be able to tell you all about it.



We have also started new topics in our afternoon subjects. We are now learning about the Stone Age in History and we are learning about healthy eating as part of our Animals Including Humans unit in Science. We are taking on the role of Personal Trainers to help some clients make their diets work for them and their needs. We are also starting to learn the words for some body parts in French, so feel free to challenge your children to recall some of these at home!



We are very grateful to those of you who attended Parents' Evening, it was lovely to see so many of you and be able to chat (and show you) about how well the children are getting on. If you missed your appointment or were unable to make it, we will hopefully be in touch soon to try and catch up with you.

Les parties du corps



nutrients	Found in... (examples)	What it does/they do
carbohydrates		provide energy
proteins		helps growth and repair
fibres		helps you to digest the food that you have eaten
fats		provide energy
vitamins		keep you healthy
minerals		keep you healthy
water		keeps nutrients around your body and helps to get rid of waste

What have Year 5 been learning about this week?

Year 5 have made such a great start to the term and have already demonstrated such focus in their learning. Miss Billins is so excited to finally be teaching Hughes full time and thoroughly enjoyed meeting with parents this week during parents evening. Thank you to all who attended. In music this half term, year 5 have been focusing on Jazz music. This is a great way to explore a wide range of musical skills such as improvisation. Last week, they began learning a piece of music and used the glockenspiels to accurately play and perform that piece. This week, we focused on improvisation and continued to explore tempo and pitch. We really enjoyed having the ability to create our own patterns and rhythms during this process and look forward to adding these improvised pieces to our performance. Here are some pictures of us playing our instruments. Look at how well we concentrate when playing!



TTROCKSTARS Battle of the bands!

What a whirlwind of a week here at the Palmer Academy with parents' evening and other events, so it is great to see so many children still using TTRockstars to improve their timestable knowledge and confidence. I am still looking out for people who will be invited to our Rockstar

Tea Party at the end of the school year. You will need to have practiced a lot and have become a **Rock Hero** to receive a prestigious invite!

As it is a new term, we will begin the tallies again, so let's see how the classes did this week!

Ahlberg 81 MVP: Kashif, Chidinma & Harmony	Butterworth 67 MVP: Shanaya, Miray & Joshua	Ahlberg 1 v 0 Butterworth
Benjamin 25 MVP: Rupa, Dominik & Khirad	King-Smith 162 MVP: Gadi, Richardson & Edvard	Benjamin 0 v 1 King-Smith
Binch 519 MVP: Martyna, Arjun & Chinonye	Pullman 420 MVP: Hope, Bartosz & Inesa	Binch 1 v 0 Pullman
Hughes 184 MVP: Godwill, Robin & Salim	Morpurgo 135 MVP: Godwin, Megan and Mariam	Hughes 1 v 0 Morpurgo
Horowitz 240 MVP: Wahaab, Samanvitha & Joel	Lewis 139 MVP: Chisom, Rizma & David	Horowitz 1 v 0 Lewis

A huge shout out to all of our Most Valuable Players this week! I will be looking out for who will knock these players off the top spot next week. Those children that confidently know all of their tables perform much better in lessons so keep up the hard work at home! 😊

Miss Gundry

Attendance Information



Nursery AM	Nursery PM	YR Kerr	YR Rosen	Y1 Cole	Y1 Donaldson	Y2 Ahlberg	Y2 Butterworth
94.7%	94.7%	93.3%	87.9%	96.8%	95.9%	96.0%	94.4%



Y3 Benjamin	Y3 King-Smith	Y4 Binch	Y4 Pullman	Y5 Hughes	Y5 Morpurgo	Y6 Horowitz	Y6 Lewis
94.2%	90.0%	96.8%	96.6%	95.1%	97.2%	97.7%	96.6%



Attendance for the whole school year is currently 93.8%

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 Leonardo, Jayden and Theo Well done 😊