



The Palmer Academy

Weekly Round-up



Edition 7

Friday, 13th November 2020

Note from the Executive Headteacher

A key focus for the school community this week was Remembrance Day on Wednesday, where the children undertook a two-minute silence whilst thinking those who had lost their lives in battle. I understand that traditionally at Palmer this is quite a large Remembrance service, with all pupils gathering at the front of the school and laying wreaths. Whilst this could not happen for COVID reasons this year, I hope that we still marked the day in an appropriate and meaningful way. Our Year Six pupils helped to lead a whole-school assembly, supported by Miss. Davies, and some of the pupils laid a wreath outside. The event was an opportunity, as ever, to reflect on the past and appreciate the freedoms we have that men and women have fought for years for, even in these most unusual of times we are currently living in.

Next week, our pupils will be focussing on national Anti-Bullying week, with this year's theme of 'united against bullying'. You can find out more about the week and its importance [here](#), and at Palmer, we will continue to reinforce the learning and messages through our PSHE lessons that bullying is not acceptable, and together, we can make a difference.

Have a great weekend and see you all on Monday.

A. A. Wanford.

Mr. Aaron Wanford

Remembrance Day

Unfortunately due to current circumstances we couldn't commemorate Remembrance Day this year as we usually would in a whole school service. However, myself and some of the other Year 6s worked with Miss Davies to record a virtual Service to pay our respects and educate the children of our school on the history and meaning of this day. We spoke about why it falls on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month and we also learnt there were a few different coloured poppies to commemorate different victims of war. Brooke also read the poem In Flanders Fields by John John McCrae.

In our bubbles we also all took part in a two-minute silence to reflect and pay our respects to those who have given their lives in past and on-going conflicts.

Thank you everyone for watching our service this year.

Fatima, Year 6



Informing the school of a child's absence

If your child is absent from school please notify us by phoning 01189 375481 and press option 1 to leave a message or alternatively please use the new absence email which is absence@thepalmeracademy.com.

Medical Appointments

Medical Appointments should not be made during school hours. Please avoid booking GP and Dental appointments during the school day. Hospital Appointments are unavoidable so therefore we ask that you provide at least 48 hours' notice in writing should you need to pick up your child earlier than usual.

Parking Responsibly

Please can all parents park your cars responsibly. Do not block our neighbours drives or park across peoples dropped kerbs. Please do not park illegally when dropping off or picking up your child/ren.

Face Coverings

Thank You all for continuing to wear a face covering whilst on the school premises, it is much appreciated. For the very few parents who are still not wearing a face covering can we plead with you to do so.

Library Books

Please check your homes for any of our Library Books and return them if you come across any.

Easy Fundraising – Dear Parents/Carers,

Did you know that we're registered with easyfundraising and you could help us to raise funds for the school at no extra cost to yourself?

Since our fundraising events are on hold, this is a great opportunity to keep raising much needed funds for the school. When you shop online, with over 4,100 of your favourite retailers, including John Lewis & Partners, Amazon, eBay, notonthehighstreet, you will raise FREE donations for The Palmer Academy.

If you're not already signed up, it only takes a few minutes, then you can begin using the easyfundraising website or app straightaway - simply shop online as normal. This will be an enormous help to the school, at no extra cost to yourself.

Visit our easyfundraising page to get started:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/thepalmeracademy/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=s-e2

Lost Property

Please continue to check in the lost property for any missing items of uniform. We ask that everything your child brings to school is named including water bottles and lunch boxes etc.

Cookbook

WEC and Aspire2 are designing a Lockdown Cookbook for purchase in the community. Do you have a recipe you loved creating during lockdown? WEC and Aspire2 would love you to share it. You can write or type it up, decorate it and submit to your school to be included in a special edition WEC cookbook.

Nursery Pick Up Times

Morning Nursery finishes at 11.40am and Afternoon Nursery finished at 3.40pm. Please make sure you are on time for pick up and do not try to collect early even if it is raining. If children are continually picked up before the end of the session, they will be missing phonics and story time. This is essential learning time and the time when they learn the pre skills for learning sounds and new vocabulary.

What have Reception been learning about this week?

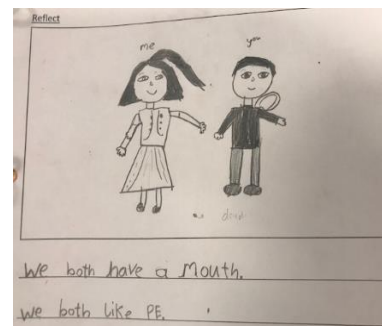
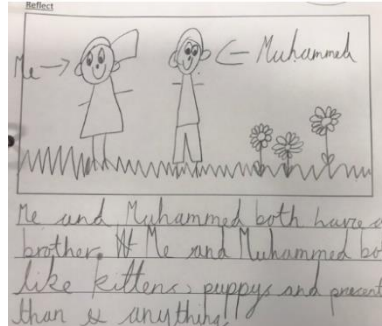
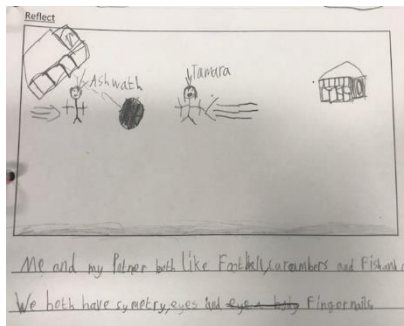
In Reception this week we have been talking about Remembrance Day and why we remember the soldiers from the two world wars long ago. Today we are celebrating Children in Need day.



What have Year Two been learning about this week?

We have had a brilliant start to the term in Year 2. We have started our new art sketch books and explored the artist Rembrandt and the features of his portrait. We have also been discussing stereotypes in PSHE around boys and girls. We paired up and found out the similarities between boys and girls and how our genders do not determine our opinions and choices. In History we are learning about the Great Fire of London and have worked out where it took place as well as when in history it happened. We are so proud of the way the Year 2 children have returned this half term and are pleased to be able to share their great achievements with you at parents evening.

Here are some examples of our PSHE work



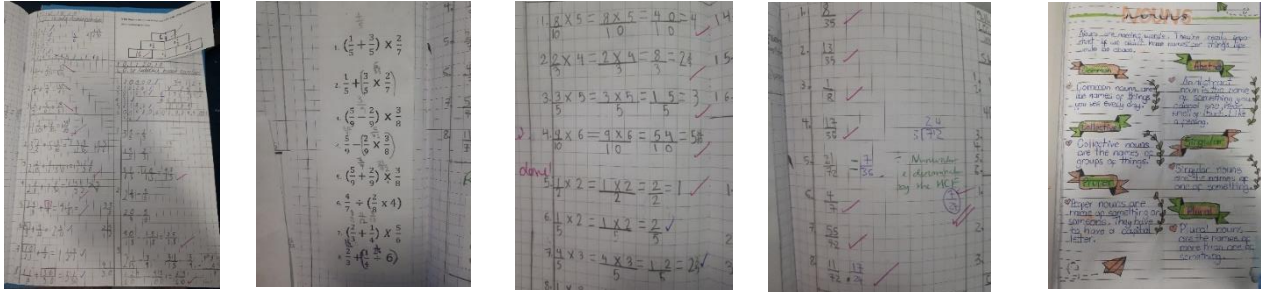
What have Year Four been learning about this week?

This week in Year 4, we have been starting lots of new topics. In History, we have started to learn about the Ancient Greeks, locating the time period on a timeline and learning about BC and AD. In our Science lessons, we are now learning about Animals including Humans. To begin with, we revised the diets of different animals and this week we are learning about food chains. We will continue to look at teeth and the human digestive system in our upcoming lessons. We have also started two new subjects this half term – Art and Music. In Art, we are looking at printing and repeating patterns, and we have looked at some of the work by William Morris. In Music, we have been listening to The Beatles song 'Blackbird', and we will hopefully we learning to play this on recorder this half term. In our English lessons, we have been looking at non-chronological texts, and we will be starting to write our own about a made up creature next week – we hope you will hear lots about this at home! We are also looking at perimeter in Maths this week.



What have Year six been learning about this week?

Miss Gundry and Miss Thomassen have been so impressed with the whole of Year 6 this week and how they have approached learning about fractions in Maths. Fractions can be difficult, but with perseverance, collaboration and pure grit we have learned how to add, subtract, multiply and divide fractions as well as convert from mixed numbers to improper fractions and vice versa. Take a look at some of our challenges and notice how our presentation has improved too:



Even Miss Thomassen’s tricky BODMAS challenge could not stump some of the fantastic mathematicians we have in Year 6! We are also very proud of our students that are doing extra revision at home. We’ve read some wonderful stories written at home and here is an example of some grammar revision:

Attendance Information

Well done to **Y3 - Benjamin** - who had the best attendance this week – all in every day.

Nursery Carle AM -	86.0%	Y1 - Cole	95.2%	Y3 - Benjamin	100%	Y5 - Hughes	99.1%
Nursery Carle PM -	95.5%	Y1 - Donaldson	97.7%	Y3 – King-Smith	95.2%	Y5 – Morpurgo	97.9%
YR - Kerr	94.8%	Y2 - Ahlberg	98.5%	Y4 - Binch	99.2%	Y6 – Horowitz	92.9%
YR - Rosen	94.7%	Y2 - Butterworth	95.5%	Y4 – Pullman	97.1%	Y6 - Lewis	99.1%
Attendance for whole school to date this academic year: 95.3%							

What’s happening next week at Palmer?

Monday 16th	Anti-Bullying week 4.00-7.00pm: Y4 Pullman Parent Consultations
Tuesday 17th	
Wednesday 18th	
Thursday 19th	
Friday 20 th	