



# The Palmer Academy Newsletter



Edition 2

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Thank you to all the Parents/Carers that joined us for our Meet the Teacher sessions, I hope you found them useful. For those of you unable to join, powerpoints will be sent out by email and added to our website for you to view. Feel free to speak to the teachers in person about any questions you have.



We have had a wonderful day today wearing our jeans and raising money for the charity Jeans for Genes. Thank you for all of your donations. Have a great weekend!

**Mr D. Prendergast**

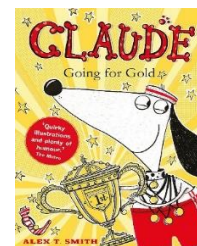
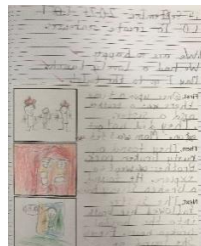
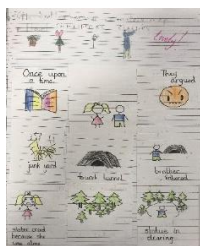
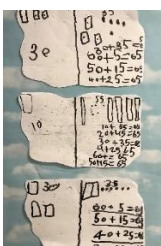
### What have Reception been learning about this week?

We have had a lovely couple of weeks in reception getting to know our new classrooms, teachers and routines. Our topic for this term is All About Me and we started off this week by talking about our families. We have shared family photos and talked about who is in our family and if they look similar or different to us. In maths we have been looking at numbers 1, 2 and 3 and showing how we can represent them in different ways such as with counters, with numicon and by writing the numbers.



### What have Year 2 been learning about this week?

Wow Year 2! You have really shown such dedication and enthusiasm in this week's learning. In Maths, we have continued our topic of place value and have learned how to compare objects and numbers. Our English unit continued with our story of The Tunnel, where we changed certain features and wrote a narrative. There were some really spooky descriptions of haunted houses involved which definitely scared some of the Year 2 teachers! Our Reading unit continued as we read Claude Going for Gold and with such a big focus on vocabulary, we are certainly learning lots of new words. In Science we have learned about our living things and their habitats. Did you know that even our playground can be considered a habitat? We hope that everyone had a lovely week and as we learned in our RE lessons, remember to be kind!



### What have Year 4 been learning about this week?

Wow, what an exciting week we've had in Year 4! We have been very busy with our wonderful learning. In our reading lesson, we have started reading *Why The Whales Came* by Michael Morpurgo and we have enjoyed exploring the new vocabulary. In English, we have been busy writing all about a real-life setting- this week it has been a train station. We have enjoyed writing collaboratively (please see the photo below) and next week we will apply our learning as we write an independent piece.

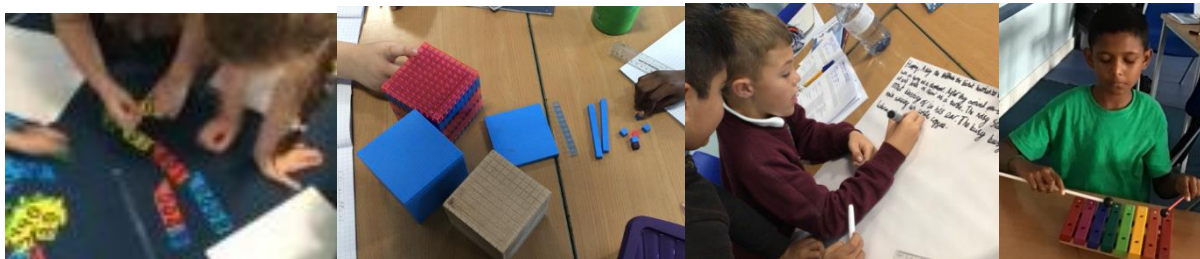
In maths, we have started learning about 4 digit numbers- something which is new in Year 4. We have been using practical resources to support our learning and have been testing our fluency and problem solving skills.

In science, we have been learning all about sound – what it is, how it's made and how it travels. We have also been exploring the pitch of sounds by using musical instruments.

Please keep reading every day, practicing your times tables and completing your MyMaths homework. Any questions regarding this can be emailed in to [year4@thepalmeracademy.com](mailto:year4@thepalmeracademy.com)

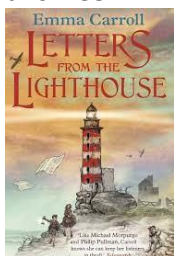
Thank you so much for your ongoing support 😊

Miss Davies and Mrs Aucock.



### What have Year 6 been learning about this week?

**Wow!** What a fantastic start to Year 6 we have had already. We have been reading *Letters From the Lighthouse* - by Emma Carroll - as our class text and have been revisiting the skill of vocabulary. As with all children in the school, we have been looking at 'Place Value' in maths but we have moved on to looking at millions numbers and this week we have been rounding decimal numbers. In English, we have been working on improving our use of descriptive devices when imitating an escape story. We cannot wait to write our own next week. If that wasn't enough, we have been exploring North America in Geography, revising towns and activities in French and have been planning and carrying out our first investigation in Science. Ask us what we have learned about light and shadows from our investigation this week.



### Just a Reminder

#### Parking

Please park responsibly when dropping off and picking up your child. Please do not park in the private road in Scholars Place.

#### School Meals

Meals now need to be booked before 9pm the day before your child will be having a school meal. You can book a week or term in advance. We are unable to book meals for your child on the day, so please remember to pre-book

### Uniform

Please label your child’s clothing, lunchbox and stationery so it is easier to locate and item if it is lost. Any lost property will be placed in a plastic bin near our edible garden.

### School Photos

We have our school photographer due to be in with us on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October.

### Health and Safety

Please note it is critical that no sprays or aerosols are used in school. Please remove any that may be in your child’s school bags. Thank you.



### TTROCKSTARS Battle of the bands is back!

The weekly competition runs from 07:30 Thursday morning to 18:00 Wednesday evening. I will be printing and delivering certificates to the most valuable players (MVPs) along with the winners’ trophy – to be kept in class for the week - on a Thursday. I wonder if we will have different classes in the top spots this half term?

Not all children have got into the swing of things yet so I will put this down to a practice week. However, I do want to give a special shout out to Lewis Class for scoring 1208 points and Pullman Class... WOW! 4580 points.

I am really looking forward to seeing the progress you all make this term with your times tables... I wonder who will be a Rock Hero by the end of the year? – Miss Gundry

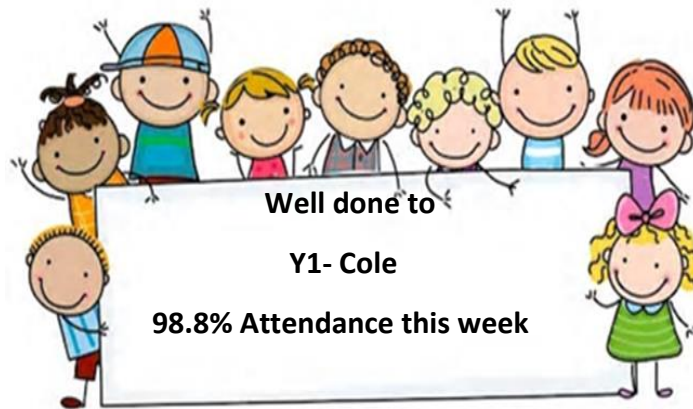
### Attendance Information



Nursery AM	Nursery PM	YR Kerr	YR Rosen	Y1 Cole	Y1 Donaldson	Y2 Ahlberg	Y2 Butterworth
95.4%	92.6%	95.7%	91%	98.8%	90.4%	90.4%	95%



Y3 Benjamin	Y3 King-Smith	Y4 Binch	Y4 Pullman	Y5 Hughes	Y5 Morpurgo	Y6 Horowitz	Y6 Lewis
91.1%	94.2%	95.5%	90.4%	97.2%	95.6%	90.4%	96.7%



## **Attendance for the whole school year is currently 94.7%**

**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 Talia, Divina and Inaayah. Well done 😊**