



The Palmer Academy Newsletter



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Friday 17th December 2021

Year 1 enjoyed a visit from Holly the dog this week as part of this topic and learning. Holly also thoroughly enjoyed the attention! Year 1 will share further photos in due course. Merry Christmas and Happy New year, we look forward to seeing and working with you in the New Year. Stay safe and Take care.

Mr D. Prendergast

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Just a Reminder

Last year the Family Information Service created a dedicated page that listed essential services for parent carers and young people around support available during the holidays, information has been updated for this year. Please see link below:

[Christmas & New Year 2021/22 Local Services & Support Information | Reading Services Guide](#)



This morning's festivities

This morning we had a lovely welcome into school from Mr Prendergast, ready for the festive season, playing some lovely Christmas songs on the flute.

INSET day Tuesday 4th

Wednesday 5th January is the first day back for pupil's next term.

Thank you!

A HUGE thank you to all our parents who kindly donated to the Christmas food bank appeal. Your donations were very gratefully received by Whitley Community Development Association's surplus food project.



Christmas Dinner

Thank you to our amazing dinner controllers and dinner ladies for serving up the most delicious Christmas lunch.



What have Reception been learning about this week?

We have had a lovely couple of weeks learning about Christmas at home and abroad to finish our topic of 'Celebrations.' Each morning we have found that the cheeky Elf has been up to all sorts of mischief overnight, hanging from the ceiling, wrapping the classroom in toilet paper and turning everything upside down in the home corner!

We have been amazed to look back over our time in school so far and discover that we have learned so much; we can count and write our numbers to 10, talk about adding and subtracting using the part, part, whole method, put sounds together to spell and read words and talk about how families celebrate special occasions in different ways to name just a few! We hope that you have a lovely break and time with your families and look forwards to more fun filled learning in 2022!

What have Year 2 been learning about this week?

What a fantastic term it has been. The year 2s have shown off their writing skills from learning how to write a diary entry and even a persuasive advert! We've learnt all about money and are working on our times tables. Our History lessons have taught us everything about The Great Fire of London. For our DT project we made use of recycled materials and built some stable towers. Well done year 2s!

What have Year 4 been learning about this week?

What a great final week it's been and a brilliant term! We've had laughs, Christmas themed reading comprehension and we've even been trying to sell Father Christmas a sleigh! As the year 2021 ends, we would like to extend our warm thanks to all parents and carers who have supported their children through another funny old year! The children in Year 4 are doing so well and taking everything in their stride. We just ask that over the holidays they have lots of fun, make memories and of course read and practice their times tables!

Many thanks and have a lovely festive break 😊

What have Year 6 been learning about this week?

What an exciting term it has been in Year 6! We have just finished writing some motivational speeches in role as Earnest Shackleton – the great Antarctic explorer. We have consolidated learning on co-ordinates in Maths and have enjoyed learning about the aftermath of WWII in Britain which resulted in some brilliant presentation on the Windrush. We have really enjoyed getting into the Christmas spirit this past week and have made some beautiful cards to bring home. Miss Gundry's class even learned to sing their carol in German – just like during the Christmas truce in WWII when Britain joined in singing Silent Night with the German troops on the front line before stopping for a game of football.

We've also been given a log in to a new website: www.schoolonline.co.uk to practice SATs style questions. It has modelled answers and videos to guide us through the answers if we need them. Miss Gundry has told us to revisit all the fractions questions over the Christmas break as that is what we focused on in Maths this half term. We hope everyone has a lovely Christmas break, stays safe and returns refreshed in January.



TTROCKSTARS Battle of the bands!

And it's the final competition this year. Who has come up trumps and who are our Most Valuable Players. Remember: Times tables play a pertinent role in day-to-day life and by knowing our times tables well we free up our working memory to allow us to grasp more complex tasks with more ease. I hope to see you continue to use TTRockstars over the holiday in preparation for the battles to begin again the first week back!

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| <p>Ahlberg 63 MVP: Chidinma, Sharvaree & Harmony</p> | <p>Butterworth 206 MVP: Shanaya, Divina & Miray</p> | Ahlberg 1 v 5 Butterworth |
| <p>Benjamin 24 MVP: Aarna & Mahnoor</p> | <p>King-Smith 64 MVP: Edvard, Gadi & Richardson</p> | Benjamin 1 v 5 King-Smith |
| <p>Binch 110 MVP: Chinonye, Arjun & Rumaysah</p> | <p>Pullman 432 MVP: Haider, Inesa & Faxon</p> | Binch 3 v 3 Pullman |
| <p>Hughes 416 MVP: Sayuri, Hope & Godwill</p> | <p>Morpurgo 230 MVP: Mariam, Simrah & Godwin</p> | Hughes 6 v 0 Morpurgo |
| <p>Horowitz 267 MVP: Lufurano, Suyog & Samanvitha</p> | <p>Lewis 291 MVP: Chisom, Bishakha & David</p> | Horowitz 2 v 4 Lewis |

As previously mentioned, scores should be around the 700 mark from years 4-6 so we need to be using the app more effectively at home. This does make up some of your homework so it is an expectation for all children to complete at least 10 minutes daily. Please make it part of your routine before or after school. So far we have the following children at Rock Hero status who will enjoy a VIP Tea Party at the end of the school year:

Alien 6L – Eduard 5H – Joel 6H – Bryant 6H – Wahaab 6H – Hope 4P

There are currently 53 children at Rock Legend Status who – if they practice – could easily make it to Rock Hero by the end of the year and earn themselves an invite... Will it be you?

Well done to our MVP's again! Please keep up the great work you are doing!

- Miss Gundry 😊

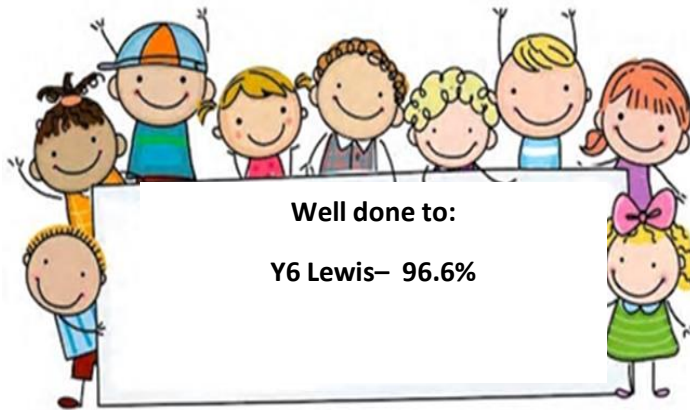
Attendance Information



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| Nursery AM | Nursery PM | YR Kerr | YR Rosen | Y1 Cole | Y1 Donaldson | Y2 Ahlberg | Y2 Butterworth |
| 93.5% | 91.8% | 85.4% | 78.3% | 84% | 93.7% | 89.4% | 88.6% |



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| Y3 Benjamin | Y3 King-Smith | Y4 Binch | Y4 Pullman | Y5 Hughes | Y5 Morpurgo | Y6 Horowitz | Y6 Lewis |
| 83.6% | 88.5% | 94.9% | 94.1% | 95.3% | 86.6% | 94.5% | 96.6% |



Attendance for the whole school year is currently %

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.