



The Palmer Academy Newsletter



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Dear Parents/Carers,

It is lovely to be back and thank you for your kind words and advice. I've somehow managed to arrange a nappy changing competition with a few parents – I'm confident I can win! Emily is doing well and learning the difference between night and day!



This morning it was lovely to see parents back in the school in our Reception classes working alongside their children doing their morning writing task. In Year 2, there was some super practical learning and collaboration learning about fractions and equal groups. Year 3 have been learning about good and bad drugs and to only take drugs which have a label with their name on administered by a GP and parents. They also had a story and learnt what to do if they find some drugs in the park – it is all part of our progressive curriculum to teach our pupils to be both healthy and safe.



At lunchtime today PCSO Keven and PCSO Emma were talking to the children on the playground and helping them understand about safe adults who help us. They will be coming in more often to visit the children and teach them about staying safe. We will Tweet out some photos next time!

Finally, I look forward to seeing you **at Parents' Evenings on Monday and Tuesday** – come in via the hall, have a snack and say hello and then go to your child's class to look at the learning and classroom!

Mr D. Prendergast

What have Reception been learning about this week?

We are continuing to watch our caterpillars on their journey to becoming butterflies and have been amazed at how quickly they have changed. Most of them are now at the chrysalis stage and we are predicting when they will emerge as butterflies.

We had great fun during our outside learning time looking for things in the school grounds that we had spotted on an aerial photograph - things looked quite different! Whilst outside we collected materials to use with playdough to make a home for a minibeast, some of the children are hoping that we can make a tree for our butterflies to sit in when they finally emerge!

In maths we have been exploring 3D shapes and working out which shapes will stack easily and why others will not. Our mapping theme has continued with the story of 'What the Ladybird heard' and we've had great fun thinking up alternative animal sounds to confuse the burglars.

We are looking forward to our trip on Monday 28th March to Rushall farm and would like to remind you that we will be outside for most of the day so a warm coat is needed and it is likely that the children will also need wellies. Thank you.



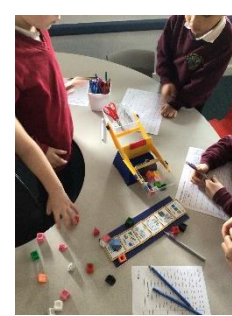
What have Year 1 been learning about this week?

Year 1 have been continuing lots of fab learning on our story in English, which is the 'The Ugly Tadpole'. We have had some lovely innovation ideas this week when it came to changing the story for our own character. Such as a foal, starfish and unicorn. All of which have been lovely to read – we are very proud of how much everyone's writing has come along this year!

As well as this we have continued to do learning on weight in maths this week. We were able to get out the balancing scales and choose objects from all around our classroom to weigh and record, before commenting on which of them are lighter and heavier than one another.

Also in topic, we have been doing more learning on plants in science. In particular looking at wild and garden plants and exploring the differences and different types. We have also continued some interesting learning all about explorers from our past in history. This included both Neil Armstrong and Ibn Battuta, who are our powerful people this term. Keep up the good work everyone!

Please continue to read with your children at home – a reminder that our changing day for books is on a Thursday and we encourage children to read a book 3 times for them to gain fluency before changing. Also a reminder that we are now using go read as a replacement for reading records, so please record any comments or reading done on home on the app, so that we can keep track! Thank you 😊



What have Year 3 been learning about this week?

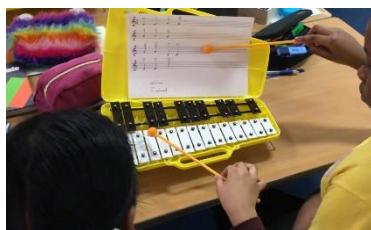
We have been continuing with our new Topics in Year 3 and really getting stuck in! We are becoming rock experts in Science, trying to identify different types of rocks, finding out about their properties and also learning lots about what fossils are and how they are made. In history, we have been learning about Egyptian Hieroglyphics which was an ancient way of writing. If anyone fancies creating some messages for their classmates to crack at home, please do! We also went digging in sand to find ancient Egyptian artefacts and deciding what they were used for! We've also been enjoying International Women's Week, where we learned about Malala Yousafzai and Serena Williams, amongst others; and this week we've loved celebrating Red Nose Day. Thank you to everyone for your donations too. Please remember to complete your homework each weekend – there is always a piece of MyMaths, an activity on EdShed, and we would love to see activities on TTRS and GoRead.

We're looking forward to seeing you all at Parents' Evening next week, don't forget to make an appointment if you haven't already.



What have Year 5 been learning about this week?

Year 5 have been working extremely hard this week. In PSHE we have been learning all about emergencies and how to respond to them. We discussed the importance of staying calm in emergency situations and even had a go at putting each other into the recovery position so we can assist people in an emergency should they need it. During Science, we have been learning all about materials and their properties. This week, we created our own electrical circuits using wires, bulbs and batteries. We test the



conductivity of a range of materials in order to help a football team design floodlights for their new stadium. It was such fun! In Music, we have been improvising and composing. This week, we finished our compositions and wrote the notes on to a staff. Our teachers have noticed that lots of us are doing extra learning at home which has led to us making even more progress. Thank you for all your help and support in doing this!



TTROCKSTARS Battle of the bands!

And the second week's results are in.... Let's find out who has been practicing their tables and leaving the other classes for dust!

<p>Ahlberg 76 MVP: Sharvaree & Taneisha</p>	<p>Butterworth 76 MVP: Divina, Shanaya & Miray</p>	<p>Ahlberg 0 v 1 Butterworth A draw!</p>
<p>Benjamin 116 MVP: Aarna, Lilly-Mae & Dominik</p>	<p>King-Smith 328 MVP: Edvard, Richardson & Andrew</p>	<p>Benjamin 0 v 2 King-Smith</p>
<p>Binch 169 MVP: Arjun & Martyna</p>	<p>Pullman 265 MVP: Arjela, Inesa & Shanice</p>	<p>Binch 0 v 2 Pullman</p>
<p>Hughes 136 MVP: Hope, Ahmed & Andriah</p>	<p>Morpurgo 15 MVP: Osburn, Eli & Riley</p>	<p>Hughes 2 v 0 Morpurgo</p>
<p>Horowitz 254 MVP: Samanvitha, Amir & Wahaab</p>	<p>Lewis 243 MVP: Vidya & David</p>	<p>Horowitz 2 v 0 Lewis</p>

Congratulations once again to all of our Most Valuable Players across the school. Remember, by the end of Year 4 all children should know all of their times tables and be able to answer recall questions within 6 seconds. Please practise using TTRockstars but also on your journeys to school. Miss Gundry 😊

Our current Rock Heroes, who will have a rock Hero Tea Party at the end of the year are as follows:

Alien 6L, Edi 5H, Wahaab 6H, Bryant 6H, Joel 6H, Emmanuel, 6H Muzammil 6H, Hope 4P and Sujal 3 KS.

If you see your name here and you haven't yet been given a 'Times Table Champion' badge, please see Miss Gundry.

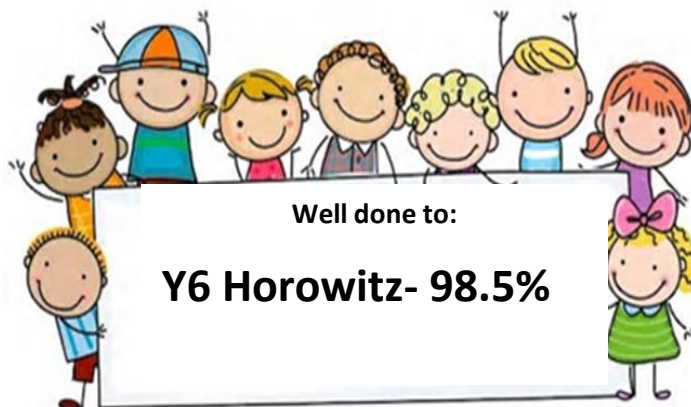
Attendance Information



Nursery AM	Nursery PM	YR Kerr	YR Rosen	Y1 Cole	Y1 Donaldson	Y2 Ahlberg	Y2 Butterworth
97.3%	95.8%	82.9%	83.3%	87.4%	95.6%	95.4%	94.3%



Y3 Benjamin	Y3 King-Smith	Y4 Binch	Y4 Pullman	Y5 Hughes	Y5 Morpurgo	Y6 Horowitz	Y6 Lewis
94%	98.3%	92.9%	92.2%	94.1%	92.1%	98.5%	90.5%



Attendance for the whole school year is currently 91.8%

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 Grace- Ron, Zakir and Amelia. Well done 😊