



The Palmer Academy Newsletter



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Friday 19th November 2021



The children (and staff) have had lots of fun in school today, dressing up in their Pudsey t-shirts and spotty pyjamas to raise funds for this year's BBC Children in Need appeal. They have been learning about the need to support those less fortunate than themselves. We have been really impressed with the colourful Pudsey t-shirts the children have been wearing and the creative homemade accessories they have created. It has been brilliant to see the amount of £1 coins which have been collected and the generous contributions made by the children and their families. Have a fantastic weekend and see you all on Monday for another exciting week.

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Just a Reminder

Flu Vaccination

If your child has missed their flu vaccination in school today and you would like them to receive it, you can book to visit a local clinic using the original link <https://www.berkshireimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu> and use the school's unique code of BK139653. Bookings will open on Monday 22nd November, the school is unable to make these bookings on your behalf.

Year 6 Residential Trip to Ufton Court

A reminder of the dates for the residential trip next week:
Year 6 Horowitz: Monday 22nd – Wednesday 24th November
Year 6 Lewis: Wednesday 24th – Friday 26th November

Please refer to the original letter dated 20th September for a reminder of what the children will need to bring with them.

Christmas Activity Camps

The Ridgeway Primary are hosting a Christmas Activity Camp, for 4 days from 20th to 23rd December for children aged 5 to 11, with each day running from 9:00am until 5:00pm.

If you would like to book, please use the following link to take you to the booking page:

<https://www.premier-education.com/parents/camps/>

Hemdean House are excited to announce our 2-day Christmas Holiday Tech Camp running on 22nd- 23rd December from 9am – 4pm each day at Hemdean House School, RG4 7SD.

Spaces are limited due to social distancing and work on a first come first serve basis. To check availability or to enrol simply visit:

<https://bit.ly/3DIH5ay>

See attached flyers regarding the 8th Reading Rotary Santa Run and Progress Youth Theatre's December production and youth workshops for the Spring term.

Attendance Marks

Just a reminder that lessons start at 8.50 and children can enter their classrooms from 8.45. If your child arrives later than this time then they will be marked late and many late marks can lead to poor attendance figures and fines. Please remember to notify us when your child is absent to avoid unnecessary unauthorised absence marks.

What have Reception been learning about this week?

We have continued with our topic on 'Celebrations' this week by thinking about how we celebrate birthdays. We have listened to the story of Kipper's Birthday and made birthday cards and bunting for him. The adults have also been served with numerous cups of tea and birthday cakes!

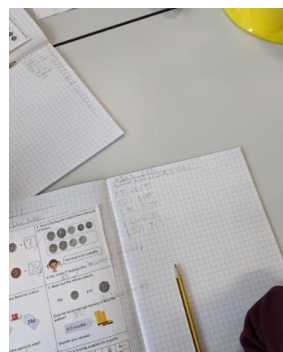
In maths we have been using positional vocabulary and have been challenged with describing to our friends where we have put the toys in the doll's house.

We have been very lucky this week, Miss Noades spotted a wooden garage in need of a new home and so she brought it into school for us. If anyone has any small metal cards that are no longer needed, we would be very happy to put them to good use! Thank you!



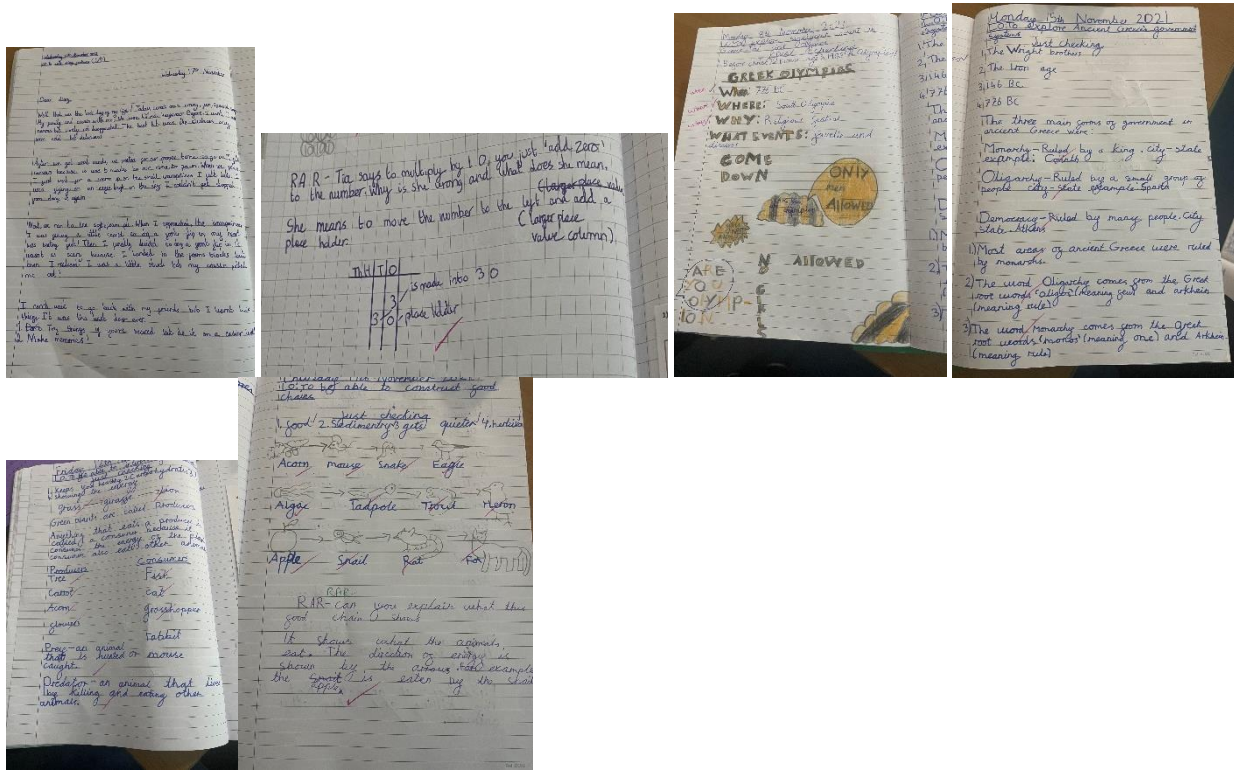
What have Year 2 been learning about this week?

Year 2 have been continuing to learn all about money in Maths this week. We are nearly at the end of the unit and the only thing we have left to learn is how to give change! In DT we learned about Gustav Eiffel who designed the world famous Eiffel tower in Paris. We learned lots of facts about his early life as well as what inspired his tower design. Our Writing unit concluded this week with a diary entry discussing how Mary Anning discovered the ichthyosaurus fossil while searching for curiosities on the beach. In Science we learned about the life cycle of different animals. We found out that some animals give birth to live young whereas others lay eggs. Do you know the difference? Be sure to ask us about these facts! We have had a great week of learning and hope everyone has a lovely weekend 😊



What have Year 4 been learning about this week?

It has been another fantastic week in Year 4 with a real range of activities and lessons! In English, we are writing diary entries about an exciting day we have been on and Mrs Aucock and Miss Davies have loved reading these and seeing which children can show off their use of fronted adverbials and pronouns. In maths, we have started a new unit all about multiplication and division. We have been learning what happens to numbers when you multiply and divide by 10 and 100. In History, we have been learning all about the Ancient Greeks and we even had a little go at some Olympic events! We have also been placing significant events on a timeline and learning all about the different government structures of Ancient Greece. In Science, we explored and constructed food chains and now we are learning all about the important role teeth play in the digestive system. Take a look at some of our amazing learning below



What have Year 6 been learning about this week?

Year 6 have been working hard this week to demonstrate how much progress they have been making. We have seen huge improvements in some of the most recent assessments and look forward to this continuing further. Year 6 continue to work on their knowledge and understanding of fractions and have been learning about Ernest Shackleton's great expedition across the Antarctic in English. In History, we have been using our feedback from our last oral presentations and from Palmer Parliament manifestos to help us write in role as political party leaders to create speeches to persuade the general public to vote for them. Do you have any family members with links to WW2? Is there anything you can share with your children?

We have also been learning about the circulatory system in Science so you may want to carry out a few more investigations at home to see how the heart works. Why not try this experiment – I would love to see some photos:

<https://www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Model-of-a-Heart#:~:text=%20How%20to%20Make%20a%20Model%20of%20a,with%20an%2011%E2%81%8432%20inch%20%2080.87%20cm%29...%20More%20>



TTROCKSTARS Battle of the bands!

The next results are in... As you can see, the engagement has slipped a little. The score works as an average, so it is important that the whole class plays in order for the score to increase at a good rate. Consider your child's current status. By year 4, children should be able to answer all their times tables in less than 6 seconds – (a breakthrough artist). This means they should answer at least 10 questions in a minute and should be playing at least 10 minutes per day. This would equate to 700 points per week. If everyone is playing in class, we should see scores close to 700 per class. Please encourage your children to use TTRockstars daily – could it be made part of your morning or after school routine?

Ahlberg 44 MVP: Chidinma, Sharvaree & Kashif	Butterworth 134 MVP: Shanaya, Miray & Joshua	Ahlberg 1 v 1 Butterworth
Benjamin 56 MVP: Rupa, Dominik & Mahnoor	King-Smith 80 MVP: Gadi, Richardson & Reena	Benjamin 0 v 2 King-Smith
Binch 827 MVP: Arjun, Martyna & Chinonye	Pullman 724 MVP: Hope, Inaayah & Jessica	Binch 2 v 0 Pullman
Hughes 133 MVP: Salim, Ahmed & Navya	Morpurgo 31 MVP: Megan, Emilia & Ameer	Hughes 2 v 0 Morpurgo
Horowitz 202 MVP: Garv, Suyog & Alemnji	Lewis 154 MVP: Chisom, David & Aatika	Horowitz 2 v 0 Lewis

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

- Miss Gundry 😊

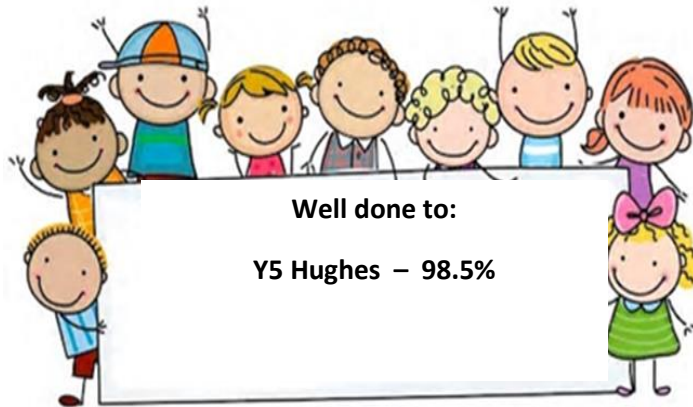
Attendance Information



Nursery AM	Nursery PM	YR Kerr	YR Rosen	Y1 Cole	Y1 Donaldson	Y2 Ahlberg	Y2 Butterworth
94.2%	98.4%	88.0%	80.3%	94.4%	90.0%	94.9%	91.2%



Y3 Benjamin	Y3 King-Smith	Y4 Binch	Y4 Pullman	Y5 Hughes	Y5 Morpurgo	Y6 Horowitz	Y6 Lewis
94.4%	89.3%	92.9%	98.4%	98.5%	94.0%	95.8%	97.8%



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 Ching-Nga, Sharvaree and Aarna. Well done 😊