



# The Palmer Academy

## Weekly Round-up



Edition 8

Friday, 20th November 2020

### ***Note from the Executive Headteacher***

This week at Palmer we have been talking about bullying and what we can do to support anyone who is being or has been affected by this. As part of anti-bullying awareness week, we are continually reinforcing the message that bullying is NOT OK, and that we stand 'United Against Bullying'. It's also been important for us to remind pupils what bullying is - and is not; some children might fall out with one another occasionally, get into a dispute or say unkind words. This is not bullying. Our anti-bullying policy is available on our website [here](#) which might be worth looking for how we respond and deal with any incidents of bullying which do occur. Please remember to talk to your child's teacher in the first instance. I have been working with the leadership team over this week to consider the organisation of events and activities in the lead-up to Christmas (which approaches rather quickly at this point in the year!) Obviously, some things that would ordinarily happen at Palmer, such as the visit to Church, will be unable to go ahead and we are putting together a range of alternative plans for this year to mark the season. More about this in the next few weeks. Have a good weekend, stay safe and see you all on Monday.



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**Mr. Aaron Wanford**

### **Children in Need**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Children in Need fundraiser 2020. The Palmer Academy made a massive **£442.50**. Absolutely amazing. You are all superstars. Many, many thanks.

### **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](mailto: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 for everybody's safety.

### Pick Up Time

Parents, when picking up children from Reception please make sure the older siblings are not playing with the balls on the fenced in section of the field or with any of the toys in the top garden. The staff clean all the equipment at tidy up time and if other children outside our bubbles are playing with them, we have to reclean them and quarantine them for 72 hours which means our children are unable to play with them.

### A Big Thank you

Many thanks to Harrison Walker who had a sort out of all his childhood books and donated them to the children of The Palmer Academy. A brilliant donation of some of our favourite stories. We wish you all the best at Swansea University. This is a small selection of the books that Harrison has donated to the school.



### Easy Fundraising

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](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.

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

This week we have started our outdoor learning sessions with Giles from Ufton court. The children went out on to the field to find bugs. They used magnifying glasses, pots and nets to look closely at them. We looked under logs, leaves, mats and in trees. We found spiders, a woodlouse, a slug, snails, worms and a millipede.



What have Year One been learning about this week?

Year 1 News - In Maths this week we have been learning how to take away. We know that there are lots of names for taking away, like minus and subtraction. This week we finally wrote our whole stories of The Gingerbread Man. We are making so much progress in our writing - now we use capital letters, finger spaces, and full stops! In Science we have been learning about animals. So far, we can identify some British mammals, and we can compare reptiles and birds. In History we continue to learn all about Huntley and Palmer's biscuits and how it connects to our school The Palmer Academy. It's been a busy week but we are enjoying all of our subjects!

What have Year Three been learning about this week?

From Stone Age to Healthy eating!

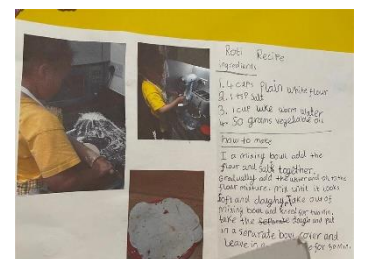
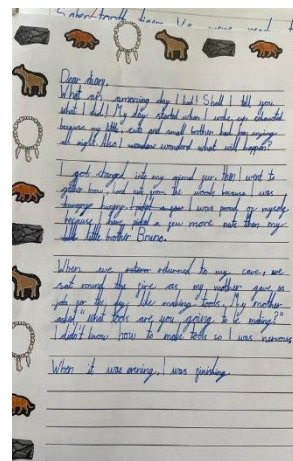
This term our history topic is The Stone Age. We wowed our teachers with our incredible home projects, where we chose how we wanted to present our research. They are now proudly on display in our classroom!

In school, we have been writing diary entries as if we were a Stone Age child. We used resources independently to edit and improve our work before publishing it on special paper.

As part of our science topic, we have been learning all about nutrition and healthy eating. Another part of our homework was to plan and cook (with the help of our adults) a healthy, balanced meal. We all had so much fun doing this and impressed ourselves with our delicious end results.

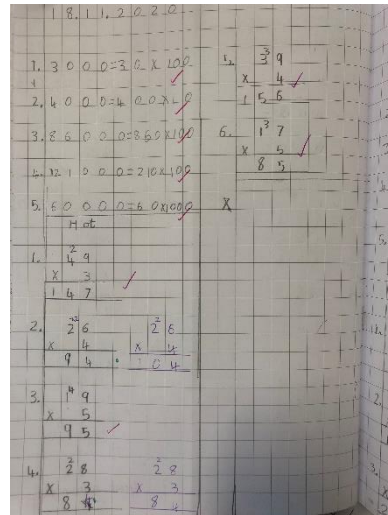


Libby and Finley Year 3 Benjamin





This has been an exciting week in Year 3. We have been learning short multiplication in Maths and have had some great successes. We practise our times tables daily and have even been listening to some rap songs about times tables. In Music, we have been studying folk songs. We have learned how to appraise music, listen for different instruments and find the pulse of a song. In English, we have been working on our Stone Age Diaries, which has culminated in a Big Write this week! Our Art lessons have been focussing on Picasso and collages. We have been exploring different art works and are now beginning to plan and create our own. Stay tuned for some fabulous pieces of art coming your way.

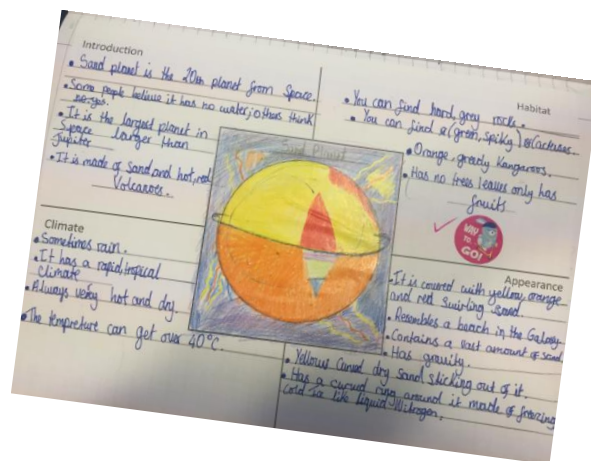


What have Year Five been learning about this week?

The year 5 teachers continue to be amazed by the children's hard work and effort that they put into their schoolwork daily. It has been pleasing to see children work neatly, whilst challenging themselves to persevere through difficult tasks and activities. This week we are focusing on long multiplication in maths, which is often a particularly challenging method for many. However, many children have shown great resilience to this topic and have grown in confidence often tackling more challenging questions and creating their own to give to a partner. In English, we will be writing our non-chronological report about a made-up planet, which children have created – we look forward to reading all about these wild and creative planets with keen enthusiasm.

Our Art lessons have been a highlight this term with children being exposed to digital media. This week we have taken photographs using iPads and have explored 'what makes a photograph' and features we may see in a digital picture. The year 5 teachers definitely think there are some budding photographers as composition, layout and creativity was really showcased in their photographs.

With another exciting week ahead, we cannot wait to see what the children will produce and how they will strive to reach their full potential this term. Keep working hard!



## Attendance Information



Nursery Carle AM	Nursery Carle PM	YR Kerr	YR Rosen	Y1 Cole	Y1 Donaldson	Y2 Ahlberg	Y2 Butterworth
95.9%	88.0%	92.5%	98.5%	94.2%	95.2%	98.9%	98.4%



Y3 Benjamin	Y3 King-Smith	Y4 Binch	Y4 Pullman	Y5 Hughes	Y5 Morpurgo	Y6 Horowitz	Y6 Lewis
98.7%	95.6%	99.2%	98.6%	99.1%	98.4%	98.9%	98.6%



Attendance for whole school to date this academic year: 95.9%

### What's happening next week at Palmer?

Monday 23rd	
Tuesday 24th	
Wednesday 25th	
Thursday 26th	Rocksteady is back
Friday 27th	