



The Palmer Academy

Weekly Round-up



Edition 29

Friday 21st May 2021

Note from the Executive Headteacher

This week we welcomed Jenny Redgrove (Deputy Director of Education from REACh2) to the Palmer Academy, who supported Mr. Prendergast and me with a review of our Maths curriculum at the school. During her visit, Mrs. Redgrove went and visited many of the classrooms, saw and spoke with our children and looked at their work. Mrs. Redgrove also spent some time doing this with our Maths Lead, Miss. Gundry, so that we could look at what we were doing well with, and what we could do to make our Maths teaching even better. I was particularly impressed when I was asked to visit Year Five during the day to see how much progress they had been making with learning their times-tables and getting better at their scores every week! Our children really enjoy their Maths work at Palmer, and one of the things we want to get even better at is using resources and manipulatives in our lessons so that children can make those links between the concrete, pictorial and abstract representations (for example, being able to count out cubes to help them with adding, showing this in a drawing of adding two groups together, and then turning this into a written calculation). This will help all our children, including our most able, become more fluent and independent in their learning. We welcome back Mrs. Redgrove next week to look at our teaching of Phonics and reading across the academy. Have a great weekend (fingers crossed the rain and weather break at some point!)



A. A. Wanford.

Mr. Aaron Wanford

Upcoming Events!

Pyjama Day Friday 28th May 2021

On Friday 28th May (next Friday) we will be hosting a Pyjama Day at school. Children are welcome to wear their pyjamas to school and bring £1 to support our classroom libraries. This year our theme is **Fantastic Fables**, so we are looking to ensure that every classroom's library is stocked with their favourite fables. Just a reminder that although pyjamas are welcome, stuffed toys are to be left at home. 😊



Palmer Half-term Readathon!

Join us in the Palmer Readathon half-term challenge! Each class is challenged to read collectively 101 books (or 101 chapters for KS2). Children will receive a letter with a reading log attached. Please record the books you read (either as a family or independently- either are welcome!) over half term, sign it, and return to your child's class teacher by **Monday 7th June 2021**. The winning class, the class that reads the most books/chapters, will receive an ice cream party on Friday 11th June 2021! So, get reading Palmer and it could be your class!



Request for material

Thank you to all the children that have already donated materials to Year 6. We're on the lookout for **animal print clothes**, material, or material with traditional African prints on them to use in our production at the end of the year. If you have any material you think would be suitable and you would like to donate it, please pass it on to any of the staff in Year 6. Thank you in advance!

What have Nursery been learning about this week?

This week in Nursery we have been learning about planes and rockets. As part of our learning we have been reading the story 'I Am Amelia Earhart'. The story is about how Amelia Earhart was the first lady to fly across the Atlantic Ocean at the fastest speed and at the highest altitude. We were really impressed that the children could remember Amelia's name and what she did! During choosing time the children have been making rockets out of junk materials and blocks, planks, and material.



What have Year One been learning about this week?

It's been another busy week in Year One! We continue to learn about making equal groups and arrays to support our new learning of multiplication. We have also started learning our doubles facts so practice those doubles facts at home to help your child become a doubles expert! We have started writing our new Bumblebee stories and have finished up our book of the term *Giraffe's Can't Dance!* In our foundation subjects, we have had a busy week of sculpting with clay, learning all about the holy land of Mecca, more fun facts about the arctic, and how the seasons affect the length of our days. Why not try keeping a log at home of when the sun sets to help your child see how the day lengths are getting longer as we lead up to the Summer Solstice on June 21st? The children have been working hard, learning lots, and supporting and challenging each other like the fantastic learners they are becoming. Keep up the great effort year one – and don't forget about the Half-Term Readathon! Mr Soares-Mistry is a BIG fan of ice cream so let's win that ice cream party! 😊

What have Year Three been learning about this week?

Wow- how fun this week has been! In our reading lessons, we have been continuing to enjoy *Charlie and the Chocolate factory*. On Monday, we read the chapter *Augustus Gloop goes up the pipe*. We had to create questions to delve deeper into the thoughts and feelings of the characters and then we took the hot seat to answer these! It was so funny and interesting to pretend to be Willy Wonka!

In writing, we have been learning the different features of the Pie Corbett poem *My World*. My favourite lesson was when we explored onomatopoeia by making different sounds around the classroom.

In maths, we did some more learning about time. We had to apply our skills, knowledge and understanding through a range of different questions. It was great to use the practical clocks to help us achieve this.

In science we were testing the effects of friction! We had to see how high ramps covered in different material had to be before the toy cars moved!

We want to say a big thank you to Miss Chandler for making our book corner come to life! It's based on our class author- Floella Benjamin and her journey from the Caribbean to England. We were so excited to see that Floella Benjamin herself retweeted the picture we posted!

We can wait to see what we will be learning next week!

Martyna- Year 3 Benjamin.



Augustus: Why would you even go to the chocolate river, when everybody is calling you not to?

Mrs. Gloop: Why are you being so overprotective mother, Mr. Wonka has said: there's no danger, still your shouting at her?

Mr. Wonka: How you are so confident that Augustus Gloop is not in danger?

What have Year Five been learning about this week?

We continue to be impressed by Year 5's hardworking attitude this week. We have been busy writing scripts in English and exploring play writing. In Geography we created some information posters about the River Nile. Have a look at Kulreet's poster!

In science we have been investigating forces acting on an object. We created parachutes for eggs and tested how air resistance can slow down a falling object. It was lots of fun, have a look at our experiment photos!

From the 20th – 26th of May we are hosting a Times Tables Rockstar's tournament between our classes and the children have been very competitive. Please keep using your TTRockstars at home and earn points for your class.



TTRockstars

Our first Battle of the Bands competition for Year 2-6 started yesterday and is running until the evening of Wednesday 26th May. I wonder who the winning class in each year group will be. On Thursday, I will be bringing around the certificates for the most valuable players in each class and will award the best classes with the **Times Table Trophy** to keep in their class for the week.

Parents, stay tuned for the results in next week's weekly round-up!

Remember: Children can access TTRockstars on a laptop or desktop via the website or they can use the free app on a phone or tablet.

Miss Gundry 😊



Times Tables Rock Stars

Maths Circle Educational

PEGI 3

This app is available for all of your devices

What's happening next week at Palmer?

Monday 24 th May	
Tuesday 25 th May	
Wednesday 26 th May	
Thursday 27 th May	

Friday 28 th May	Pyjama Day – wear your Pyjama’s to school and bring £1 to support our classroom libraries. Palmer Readathon Challenge Begins!
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Attendance Information



Nursery AM	Nursery PM	YR Kerr	YR Rosen	Y1 Cole	Y1 Donaldson	Y2 Ahlberg	Y2 Butterworth
93.4%	85.4%	89.6%	93.7%	99.2%	98.5%	96.2%	94.1%



Y3 Benjamin	Y3 King-Smith	Y4 Binch	Y4 Pullman	Y5 Hughes	Y5 Morpurgo	Y6 Horowitz	Y6 Lewis
98.1%	83.9%	98.6%	96.3%	98.8%	96.8%	99.1%	93.7%



94.85% attendance this week

Attendance for the whole school year is currently 95.4%

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.

Congratulations to Amelia, Zayaan and Darko who were our weekly 100% attendance winners.
Well done 😊