



# The Palmer Academy Newsletter



Edition 16

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Unfortunately due to exceptionally high staff absence due to COVID-19 we have had to take the difficult decision to close some classes next week. Please refer to the emails and texts messages that have been sent this afternoon. The affected year groups are as follows:

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January: Nursery, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 will be CLOSED

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January: Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 will be CLOSED

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January: Year 6 will be CLOSED

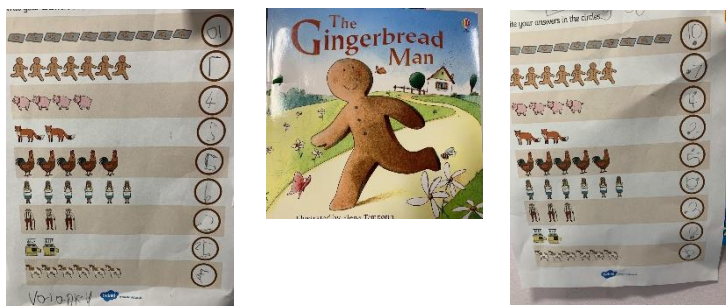
We look forward to a full return of staff and pupils as soon as possible.

Take care everyone and thank you for your continued understanding whilst we navigate these few weeks.

Mr D. Prendergast

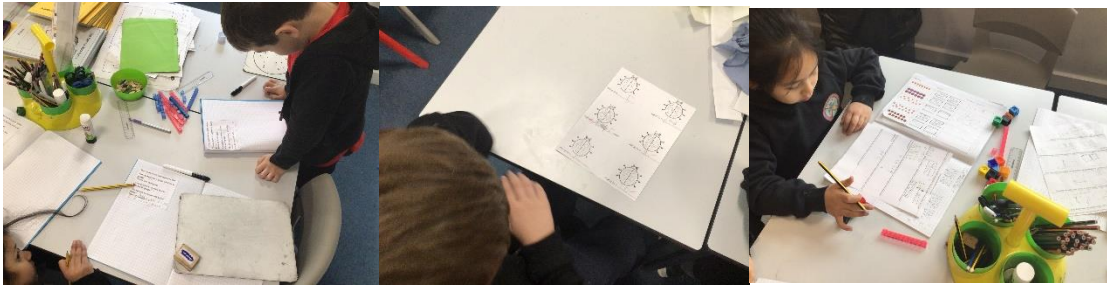
### What have Nursery been learning about this week?

This week the children have been learning about The Gingerbread Man. We have been retelling the story using actions and the children have enjoyed making ginger dough and counting how many Gingerbread characters they have.



### What have Year 2 been learning about this week?

This week, Year 2 have begun to innovate our narratives. We have written all about the escape of zoo animals from the London zoo! We hope that someone will be able to stop them! In Maths, we have continued to learn about multiplication and division. It was very interesting to see how knowing our times tables helps us when dividing. Please continue to practise the times tables at home to ensure fluency 😊 In Geography, we made our own compasses to help us know which direction we are going in. This is also useful when reading a map. Finally, in Science we have learned all about the importance of exercise. We know that it helps our lungs and our heart. It also helps our muscles grow. There are lots of different types of exercise, including dance! Be sure to stay active and healthy this weekend 😊



**What have Year 4 been learning about this week?**

We would like to start off our section in the newsletter this week by saying a huge thank you to the pupils of year 4 for being so resilient and positive with the current Covid situation! You all continue to make us proud with your attitude and focus towards your education in these challenging times.

There's been lots of great learning going on this week! In our reading lessons, we were all so excited to start our new class book- Matilda! We have been revisiting our inference skill- one that requires a combination of our own knowledge plus clues given in the text in order to answer questions.

In maths, we have been finishing our unit on multiplication and division – we explored a range of methods, both practical and written to solve a range of calculations. Thank you for your great learning children, keep it up!

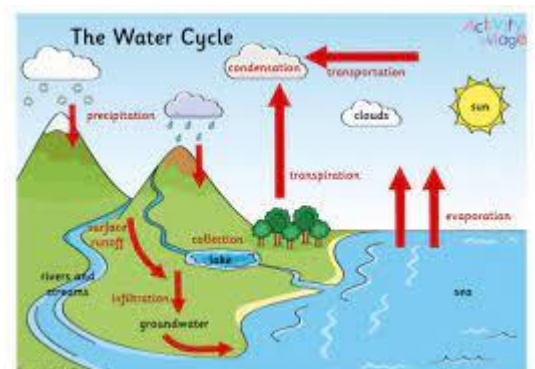


**A message from miss Gundry Maths lead -TT rockstars is so important- 10 minutes a day at no more than 6 seconds per question is at least 100 points for that 10 minutes... so if everyone played 10 minutes daily (even if we just count weekdays) the class score should be 500 at least.**

**What have Year 6 been learning about this week?**

Year 6 have had a great week this week. We have been consolidating our knowledge of decimals, fractions and percentages and can now convert between them in order to help us order and compare them and also solve worded problems that involve a mixture of fractions, decimals and percentages.

In Geography we are learning all about Extreme Weather phenomenon's such as blizzards, tornados, hurricanes and hailstorms. We got a real live look at the blizzard that just hit Toronto, Canada where Miss Andrade's from. We were amazed at the amount of snow that covered the tops of cars! This week is all about the Water Cycle, thank you to everyone who donated a cardboard box. We will be using them to create our water cycle dioramas today, so keep eye out next newsletter for pictures!





## TTROCKSTARS Battle of the bands!

It's the end of our second competition. Which classes have upped their game? Last week, the highest score was Hughes Class with 629... has that been beaten?

Some of these scores are disappointing 😞 We need to ensure we are playing daily to improve our times table knowledge and free up our working memory to grasp the new concepts we are learning in class.

<b>Ahlberg 179</b> MVP: Chidinma, Kashif & Sharvaree	<b>Butterworth 266</b> MVP: Divina, Miray & Shanaya	<b>Ahlberg 0 v 2 Butterworth</b>
<b>Benjamin 43</b> MVP: Aarna, Gemma & Raif	<b>King-Smith 407</b> MVP: Andrew, Gadi & Richardson	<b>Benjamin 0 v 2 King-Smith</b>
<b>Binch 53</b> MVP: Arjun, Chinonye & Ronnie	<b>Pullman 97</b> MVP: Inaayah, Riley & Charlie	<b>Binch 0 v 2 Pullman</b>
<b>Hughes 624</b> MVP: Andriah, Sayuri & Hope	<b>Morpurgo 274</b> MVP: Bassit, Riley & Osburn	<b>Hughes 2 v 0 Morpurgo</b>
<b>Horowitz 593</b> MVP: Daniel, Joel & Lufurano	<b>Lewis 416</b> MVP: Chisom, Vidya & David	<b>Horowitz 1 v 1 Lewis</b>

- 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
85.1%	84.6%	n/a	n/a	71.8%	73.8%	73.8%	73.8%



Y3 Benjamin	Y3 King-Smith	Y4 Binch	Y4 Pullman	Y5 Hughes	Y5 Morpurgo	Y6 Horowitz	Y6 Lewis
56.5%	87.4%	88.7%	86.6%	n/a	n/a	90.4%	92.3%