



The Palmer Academy Newsletter



Edition 7

Friday 20th October 2021

I taught in nursery yesterday! The experience certainly highlighted to me what a nurturing learning environment it is and what an amazing job our Early Years team do! I then overheard Year 4's dance demonstration and saw the pictures of the routines the pupils had been working on – the applause and cheers spoke for themselves. Every term in every school is busy, but it's been great to put our motto into practice and help our pupils question the world around them. We look forward to sharing the learning and your child's books and learning at parents' evenings next term. Have a restful week and see you then.



Mr D. Prendergast

Just a Reminder

Half Term

School closes today for the half term break and re-opens on **Tuesday 2nd November**. A reminder that Monday 1st November is an inset day so school will not be open to pupils. Enjoy the break.

Year 6 Secondary Applications

I know I have bombarded you with reminders, but please ensure your child's secondary school application is submitted before the deadline of 31st October 2021. Thank you.

Please apply online at: <https://brighterfuturesforchildren.org/schools/admissions/secondary/>

Parent's Evening

Bookings are now open, please refer to the letter emailed with information on specific days/times for classes. Bookings can be made through the Arbor parent portal or Arbor app. Bookings close at 9pm Thursday 4th November.

School morning/afternoon clubs

Please note there will be no morning or afternoon clubs running in the week commencing 8th November due to parent's evening consultations. Children will need to be dropped off between 8:40-8:50am only and collected at 3:15pm. Thank you for your understanding.

School uniform

Please ensure all children's uniform, lunch boxes, drinks, coats, etc are clearly labelled. This makes it much easier to return missing items. Thank you.

Punctuality

Just a reminder that doors open at 8.40 and learning starts at 8.50. Please ensure your child is on time for school. We teach phonics and reading first at The Palmer Academy and if children are late they will be missing out. Also school finishes at 3.15 so please ensure you are on time to collect your child.

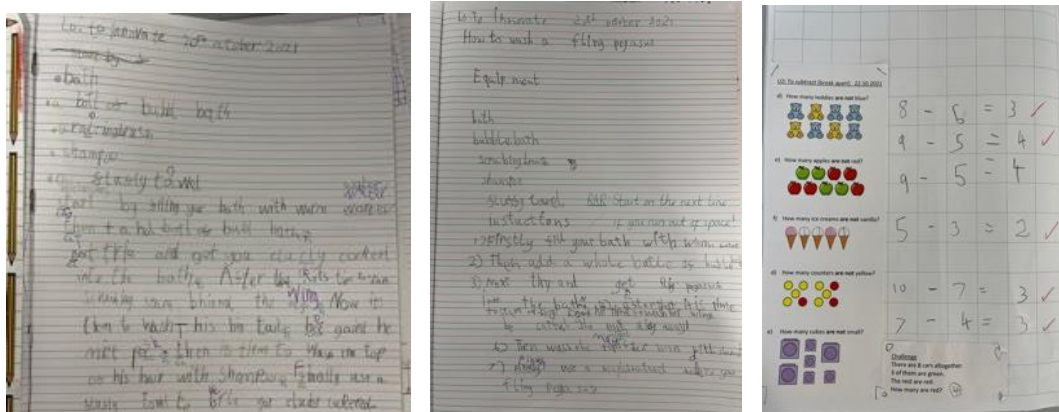
What have Nursery been learning about this week?

This week in Nursery the children have been learning all about their feelings. We been learning to recognise how people feel from looking at their faces, talking about what might make someone feel happy, sad, angry or scared and how we can make someone who is sad, angry or scared feel happier. The children have enjoyed learning the Makaton signs for each emotion too.



What have Year 1 been learning about this week?

This week year 1 have been innovating our instruction text – they have chosen a different creature to wash, instead of the woolly mammoth. We have been so impressed with their creative ideas and how they have changed so many elements of the original text! In maths we have continued to learn about the part-whole model and how the numbers are all related to each other and can now include subtraction in our fact families! We have also perfected our performance of ‘Three Little Birds’ by Bob Marley, after learning about his contributions to music and highlighting of inequalities, as part of black history month. We have had a fantastic few weeks and can’t wait to see what next half term brings!

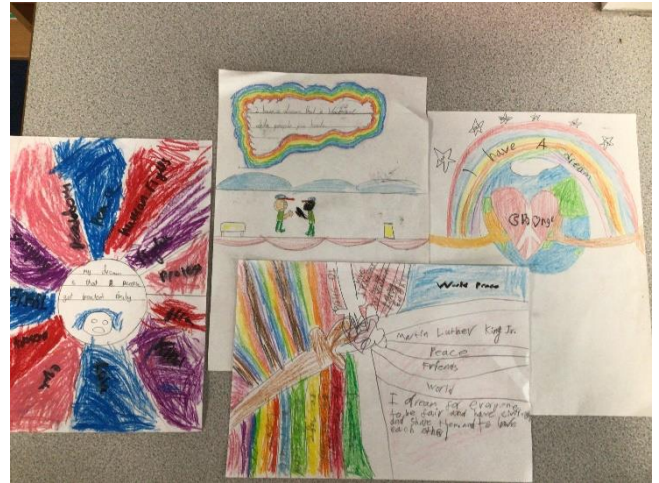


What have Year 3 been learning about this week?

This week in Year 3 we have had another fantastic week full of exciting and fun activities. In writing we have focused on innovating the instructions on ‘How to catch a troll’. The children have come up with some very imaginative ideas on ways to trap all sorts of mythical creatures. We have drones dropping nets on aliens, disguising wood so spirits fall into pools of water and turn to dust and helicopters carrying huge buckets of water to melt giants. In French we have been focusing on our greetings and are getting very good at saying hello and goodbye to one another! We have learnt lots about our European neighbours in Geography and completed a fun Kahoot quiz in partners which we all really enjoyed! The TTRS tournament between classes has heated up with Benjamin winning last week and King-Smith this week! This week we have also been creating posters inspired by Marti Luther King JR as part of Black

History month. We have discussed the importance of black history month and the reasons why we celebrate it every year.

We want to say a big thank you to all our parents and carers for supporting us through the first half term of year 3! Hope you have a good half-term holiday!

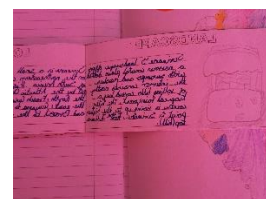
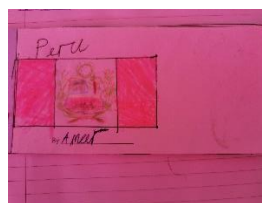


What have Year 5 been learning about this week?

In Hughes this half term, we have been making marble runs. A few weeks ago, we showed you shop-bought runs that we built in class when we were exploring the question, 'What makes a good structure?' We have continued our hard work by researching, designing and building our own and this is the outcome! We are so proud of our work. Miss Billins was blown away by how well we worked as a team and the resilience we demonstrated throughout the topic. Thank you to everyone that brought in the materials for us to use whilst building. We hope you like them.



In Morpurgo this half term, we've been learning about South America. Students have had the opportunity to learn about the trade and industry, climate, languages, religion and culture of the continent. As part of their extended learning, students did their own research about a country in South America that they chose in pairs. Here are some of the results!





TTROCKSTARS Battle of the bands!

And here are the results for the last week of the half term! There will be a break over Half Term and the first competition back will start on Thursday 4th November. Let's have a look at how we all got on this week...

Class one	Class Two	Running total
Ahlberg MVP – Chidinma, Kashif & Riyana	Butterworth MVP – Shanaya, Divina & Joshua	Ahlberg 3 – 2 Butterworth
Benjamin MVP – Raif, Aarna & Dominik	King-Smith MVP – Richardson, Gadi & Junior	Benjamin 1 – 4 King-Smith
Binch MVP – Martyna, Arjun & Chinonye	Pullman MVP – Hope, Arjela & Inesa	Binch 2 – 3 Pullman
Hughes MVP – Godwill, Krisma & Robin	Morpurgo MVP – Godwin, Emilia & Mariam	Hughes 4 – 1 Morpurgo
Horowitz MVP – Bryant, Suyog & Wahaab	Lewis MVP – Rizma, Chisom & Alien	Horowitz 3 – 2 Lewis

A massive shout out to our MVP's (Most Valuable Players) for rocking their times tables this week!

I look forward to seeing some even closer battles next week.

Who will become a Rock Hero this year and be invited to the Rock Hero party in Summer Term?

A big shout out to Wahaab who became a ROCK HERO this week 😊

- Miss Gundry 😊

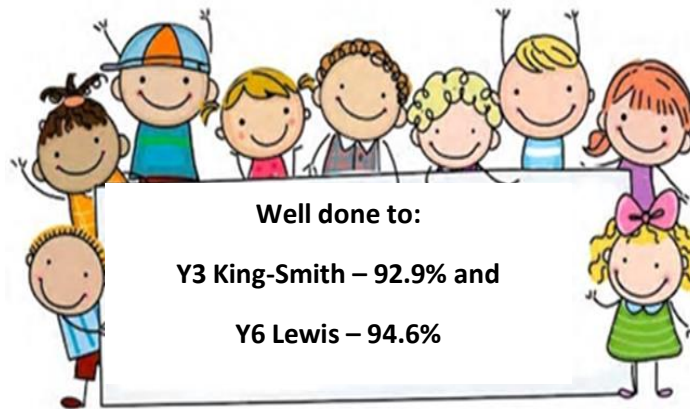
Attendance Information



Nursery AM	Nursery PM	YR Kerr	YR Rosen	Y1 Cole	Y1 Donaldson	Y2 Ahlberg	Y2 Butterworth
92.3%	89.3%	93.6%	82.5%	86.4%	83.6%	89.6%	91.5%



Y3 Benjamin	Y3 King-Smith	Y4 Binch	Y4 Pullman	Y5 Hughes	Y5 Morpurgo	Y6 Horowitz	Y6 Lewis
95.6%	92.9%	92.1%	88.2%	91.6%	92.3%	88.6%	94.6%



Attendance for the whole school year is currently 93.7%

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 Dominik, Maya and Remsley. Well done 😊