

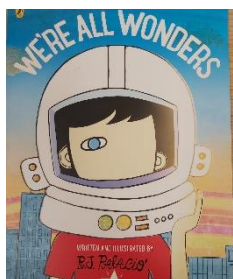


# The Palmer Academy Newsletter



Edition 3

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021



This week Mrs Redgrove, REACh2 Deputy Director of Education and responsible for supporting the development of all the schools in Reading, visited the school. She delivered an assembly to the school, the moral of which was: be kind to all, regardless of peoples's background. She read a story to them called 'We're All Wonders' by R J Palacio – I invite you to get the book out of the library or purchase it to read to your child at home. We also walked around the school to see the learning and introduce Mrs Redgrove to the new pupils and teachers. We look forward to her next visit.



*Mr D. Prendergast*

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### **Local Governing Body – Parent Nominations – Mr Zaki Moosa, Chair of Governors**

*We are accepting nominations for our Local Governing Body. If you are interested in supporting the development of the school, please submit an application to the office by the end of Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November. There are 2 seats available.*

*Please see the attached letter from Mr Prendergast for more information and [click here to find out more](#).*

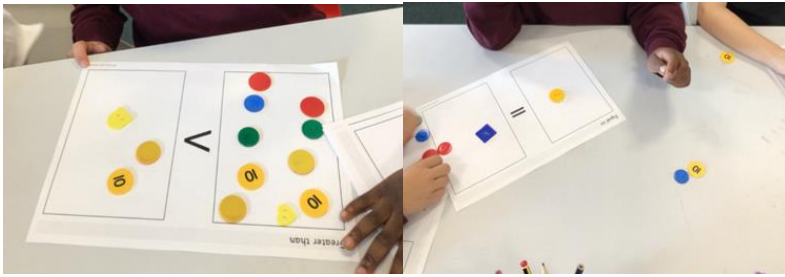
### What have Nursery been learning about this week?

The Nursery children this week have enjoyed taking part in their first outdoor learning session. We visited the different areas of the school grounds (field, quiet area, and our mini woodland). The children learnt how to be safe in the different areas, how to carry sticks safely and what we need to do with rubbish. The children had time to explore the areas and were fascinated by the fallen tree, lady birds and a huge spiders web with a rather larger spider on it. The children have been talking about what they will find next week!



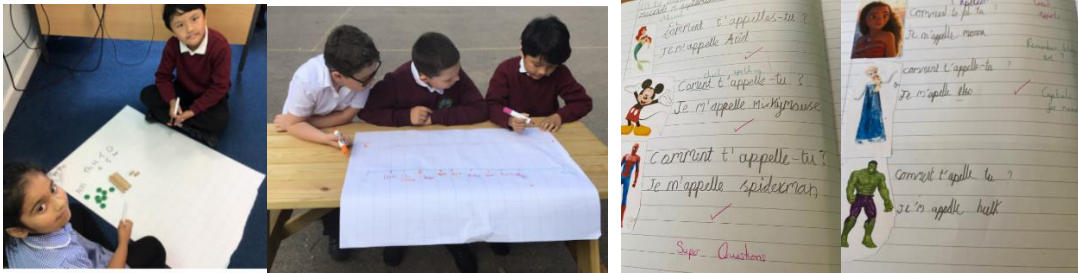
### What have Year 1 been learning about this week?

This week in Year 1 we have been working hard in English to rewrite our story of The Little Red Riding Hood, but using the children's imagination to come up with their own character's for the wolf! We had lots of great ideas such as scary spiders, hammer head sharks, bears and dinosaurs. In maths we have been continuing with place value, but focusing on counting forwards and backwards, as well as understanding greater than and less than using symbols. We have also enjoyed continuing learning about Seasons in science, by looking at the life cycle of a robin and what they get up to in each season. As well as continuing our topic of 'At The Farm' in Geography, focusing this week on map work and making our own maps using the points of a compass!



**What have Year 3 been learning about this week?**

Year 3 have been having a fabulous time. They have been working hard in maths as they have been exploring 3 digit numbers and understanding the place value of each digit. In writing they have been creating their own versions of the story 'One more sweet' with lots of exciting innovative ideas from all the students. In reading we have been carrying on reading the twits and loved finding out about Mr and Mrs Twit's tricks. In Geography we have been learning about Europe and researched the continent alongside its countries. In French we have been learning how to say 'My name is' and in Science we have been experimenting using torches to find out if objects are opaque or not. Keep on doing your homework on Spelling Shed and My Maths 😊 We love seeing your progress. Have a wonderful weekend.



**What have Year 5 been learning about this week?**

Year 5 have been enjoying getting practical learning about planets. Exploring the difference of day and night and time zones on Earth!



**Just a Reminder**

**School Meals**

Meals now need to be booked before 9pm the day before your child will be having a school meal. You can book a week or term in advance. We are unable to book meals for your child on the day, so please remember to pre-book.

**School Photos**

We have our school photographer due to be in with us on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October.











## Other News

Caterlink are currently recruiting for Cooks, Kitchen Assistants, and mobile support staff across Reading Schools. If you are interested in applying, please contact Jayne Bateson on either 07435988848 or [jbateson@caterlinkltd.co.uk](mailto:jbateson@caterlinkltd.co.uk)



### **TTRockSTARS Battle of the bands is back!**

Here are the results for Week one after our practice run last week. As you can see there have been some great battles...particularly in Year 5. Who can clinch the next valuable point this week? Remember, TTRockstars can be used on desktop, laptop, tablets or phones and can be accessed through a search engine or through the free app. 😊

Class one	Class Two	Running total
Ahlberg  MVP -	Butterworth  MVP – Shanaya, Hooriya & Divina	Ahlberg <b>0 – 1</b> Butterworth
Benjamin  MVP – Zoya, Amelia & Raif	King-Smith  MVP – Gadi, Junior & Richardson	Benjamin <b>0 – 1</b> King-Smith
Binch  MVP – Arjun, Halima & Theo	Pullman  MVP – Arjela, Inesa & Charlie	Binch <b>0 – 1</b> Pullman
Hughes  MVP – Godwill, Salim & Ahmed	Morpurgo  MVP – Godwin, Jaya & Emilia	Hughes <b>1 – 0</b> Morpurgo
Horowitz  MVP – Jacob, Deborah & Emmanuel	Lewis  MVP – Jedial, David & Jai	Horowitz <b>0 – 1</b> 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?

- Miss Gundry 😊

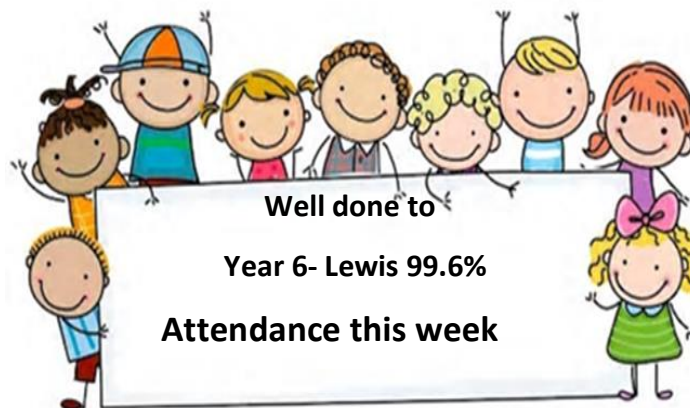
### *Attendance Information*



Nursery AM	Nursery PM	YR Kerr	YR Rosen	Y1 Cole	Y1 Donaldson	Y2 Ahlberg	Y2 Butterworth
96.2%	95.8%	99.5%	89.6%	95.1%	92.2%	98.2%	96.6%



Y3 Benjamin	Y3 King-Smith	Y4 Binch	Y4 Pullman	Y5 Hughes	Y5 Morpurgo	Y6 Horowitz	Y6 Lewis
95.3%	89.4%	92.9%	95.5%	88.2%	89.8%	98.9%	99.6%



### Attendance for the whole school year is currently

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.... Well done 😊