



The Palmer Academy Newsletter



Edition 24

Friday 25th March 2022

Cycle Safety

This week Year 5 have been completing their cycling proficiency – part of personal development offer to all pupils. However, it has highlighted to me the number of pupils who cycle to school. In assembly this week we discussed being healthy and safe. I have informed the children that, from the start of the summer term, any pupil bringing their bike to school must wear and have a helmet. Please take action to arrange this and insist your child wears a helmet when cycling at all times. I told them how I fell off my bike at the age of 8 while not wearing a helmet. I suffered a serious head injury which took significant time to recover – I was lucky. I will follow up with further education about the importance of a helmet.



Start and end of day

- Please could I remind you to not allow your children on the play equipment at the start and end of the day. This is for supervision and insurance reasons. Staff will also reinforce this.
- Could I also ask that you leave the site promptly so that Mr Clarke can lock and secure the gates. We have children on site until 6pm and need to safeguard these pupils.

Parents' Evenings

It was so lovely to see so many of you this week and to hear about the progress your children are making in our informal chats! If you were not able to make an appointment this week, please arrange to speak to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

Thank you and have a restful weekend!

Mr D. Prendergast

Reminders

Easter Raffle- We will be holding an easter egg raffle on the last day of term. Any donations of easter treats would be gratefully received!

What have Nursery been learning about this week?

The children in Nursery have had another exciting week this week. We have been watching the butterflies hatch out of their chrysalises and learning how to look after them. The children have found out that the butterflies like to drink from tomatoes and oranges as well as drinking sugar water. We have been watching them fly around our butterfly garden and have been talking about when we will let them out into the wild.



What have Year 2 been learning about this week?

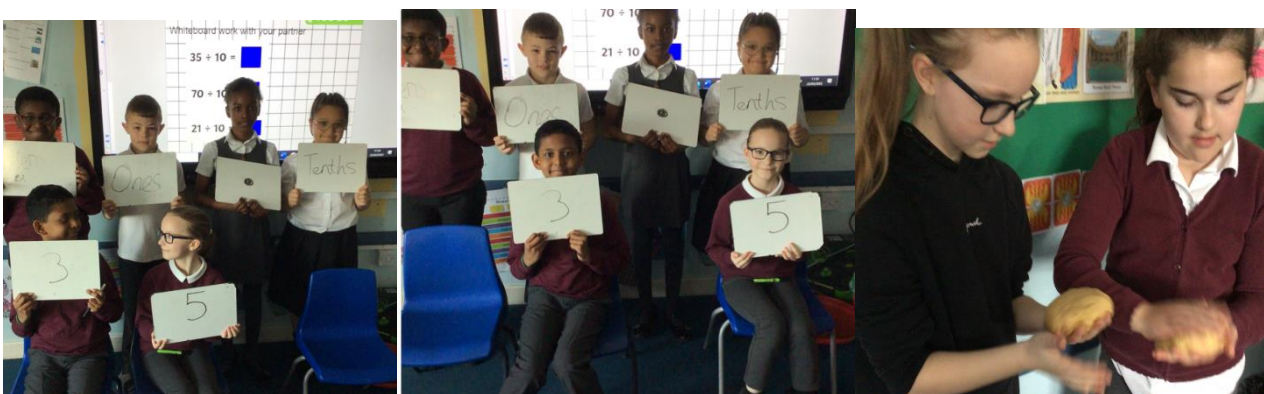
Year 2 have started a new unit on measurement. We have learned how to use rulers and metre sticks to measure accurately. Please ask us what cm and m mean and how many centimetres are in a metre. In English, we have explored newspaper articles and have learned about the different features including a headline, picture, caption and paragraphs. We are also learning how to sew in DT. We have started making purses and can't wait to see the final product. Finally, in History we are continuing our topic on transport and explored the evolution of cars. Did you know, that before car keys were invented, you had to start the engine by turning a crank? This was new and exciting information for us! We can't wait for our trip to Beaulieu Museum in two weeks!

What have Year 4 been learning about this week?

We have had so much fun this week! Firstly, thank you to all parents and carers who attended parent meetings this week- we loved sharing the amazing learning that your children have done over the academic year, and it was heart-warming to see the children so proud of their efforts.

This week, we have been exploring decimals in maths for the first time! We applied our skills, knowledge and understanding of place value to find out what happens to a 2-digit number when you divide by 10. Take a look at the picture below to show how we explored this! In History, we used ingredients that would have been around in Roman Britain to make honey biscuits. Look at some of the children making the dough!

As mentioned during the parent meetings, we have our times table test coming up in May. Children have to get 25/25 to pass the test. Please keep on revising all times tables up to 12x12 to give your child the best chance of passing. The "sound check" game on TT Rock stars closely resembles the test so please use this feature to practice.



What have Year 6 been learning about this week?

What a week Year 6 have had! Parents' Evenings have left children and parents with much to be getting on with to prepare for SATs in just a few weeks' time. Year 6 continue to make themselves proud with their efforts in the different curriculum areas. This week we have designed our own shoes: we wrote explanation texts about them and practiced using different writing features. Some children really enjoyed unleashing their creativity; others much preferred the opportunity to practice their skills (such as this some;others sentence and the use of parenthesis right

now). In maths, we have revised our understanding of statistics and have made connections to previous units. Who would have thought that fractions would help you to read data? We are definitely seeing the benefits of knowing your times tables too. They are popping up everywhere! In Science we have been learning about Charles Darwin and his theory of evolution: we explored adaptation, variation and the effects they can have on a species. We're looking forward to what the next couple of weeks will bring.



TTROCKSTARS Battle of the bands!

Let us see what the results are showing us this week:

A very disappointing week, with only King-Smith scoring close to the expected amount.

 MVP: Taneisha, Sharvaree & Mohammed A	 MVP: Shanaya, Divina & Miray	Ahlberg 0 v 2 Butterworth
 MVP: Aarna, Ariel & Zoya	 MVP: Edvard, Andrew & Richardson	Benjamin 0 v 3 King-Smith
 MVP: Arjun, Halima & Amelia	 MVP: Jessica, Inesa & Riley	Binch 1 v 2 Pullman
 MVP: Andriah, Hope & Kaiden	 MVP: Megan, Basit & Osburn	Hughes 3 v 0 Morpurgo
 MVP: Samanvitha, Kulreet & Suyog	 MVP: Vidya, David & Tyler	Horowitz 3 v 0 Lewis

There will be a treat next week for the most improved class. Who will get it? Miss Gundry 😊

Attendance Information

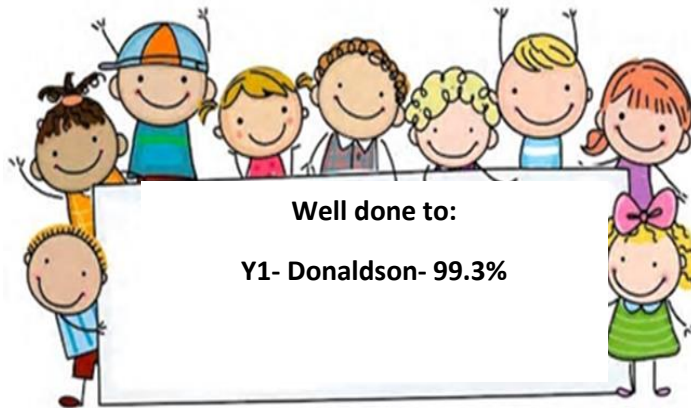


Nursery AM	Nursery PM	YR Kerr	YR Rosen	Y1 Cole	Y1 Donaldson	Y2 Ahlberg	Y2 Butterworth
95.3%	94.5%	98.1%	89.3%	88.3%	99.3%	92.3%	95.2%



Y3	Y3	Y4	Y4	Y5	Y5	Y6	Y6
----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----

Benjamin	King-Smith	Binch	Pullman	Hughes	Morpurgo	Horowitz	Lewis
92.7%	93%	89.7%	92.7%	98.3%	92.9%	96.7%	90.4%



Attendance for the whole school year is currently %

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.