



# The Palmer Academy Newsletter



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## COVID-19

Once again I'd like to give you all a massive shout out! It has been extraordinarily challenging these last few weeks maintaining the high quality provision and consistency we aim to provide. Moving year groups to remote learning for a few days is a decision we do not like to make but the staffing situation has been a test for us all. I'm currently isolating as it was my turn to catch COVID-19 this week. Let's hope we can get back to education with all staff and all pupils as soon as possible!



## LEAD MEASURE

This month, between all the absence, we have conducted progress reviews for all year groups. In addition to discussing individual pupils we asked teachers to identify one action to improve progress and attainment, we call this a 'lead measure'.

- Nursery are focussing on sharing and speaking in simple sentences.
- Reception are focussing on mastering their phonics phase 3 sounds.
- Year 1 are focusing on number formation.
- Year 2 are focussing on improving their subject/verb/object sentence composition.
- Year 3 are focussing on subtracting using regrouping.
- Year 4 are focussing on doing work to a deadline and test skills.
- Year 5 are focussing on writing in full sentences with capital letters and full stops and to achieve 8+ on weekly arithmetic.
- Year 6 are focussing on increasing arithmetic scores and subordination in writing.

## NEW PALMER POWER

Can you guess what our new Palmer Power is? Well keep focussing and continue reading to find out!

**Mr D. Prendergast**

## Safeguarding

The staff at the school receive regular Safeguarding update training. This week they were reminded of Clare's Law. Clare's Law, also known as the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme (DVDS), gives a person potentially at risk from a violent partner a formal means of making enquiries about the individual they are in a relationship with, so they can make an informed decision about their continued relationship. Anyone who has a relationship with a potential victim can make an application on their behalf, but information will only be disclosed to the person potentially at risk unless the requestor is acting as 'appropriate adult'.

Applications under Clare's Law are made through the potential victim's local police force. This can be done by going into a local police station in person, or by searching [Clare's Law on the Thames Valley Police website](#) and filling in on online form.

## Missing keys

We have a set of house keys in the office if anyone is missing any. One key is a Timpson and the other HD.

### Packed lunches

Please remember when packing your children's lunches that we are a nut free school. Chocolate, lollipops and sweets should also not be included. Thank you

### Chinese New Year

Please note the change to the menu on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February to celebrate Chinese New Year. See poster attached.

### Cross Country House Competition

On Monday Nursery. Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 need to come in P.E kits for the cross-country tournament. Please bring a water bottle and ensure your child is wearing trainers.

### NSPCC Number Day

Reminder that **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February (this Friday)** is number or maths related fancy dress for a voluntary donation of £1 to the NSPCC.

### Yoga Day

As we are celebrating children's mental health week, on the **8<sup>th</sup> February** a yoga instructor will be working with each class. Please can all children wear tracksuits for the day and bring a £2 for young minds and our extracurricular mindful activities. Thank you 😊

### Reception Year Measurement Programme

If you haven't already done so, please click [here](#) to complete the health questionnaire. Nurses will be visiting Reception year on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February.

### February Half Term

Please see posters attached for various February half term camps, if interested please book directly with the provider.

### Palmer Powers

This term we have a new Palmer Power behaviour character called **Focused Fabio**. The children are earning orange Palmer point stickers when showing **focus** in their learning. Focused Fabio joins Resilient Ria and Independent Idris. Keep a look out for the Palmer points your child is receiving in school. Focused Fabio was designed and drawn by our very own Miss Andrade isn't she talented? She joins Mrs Critchley (who drew Ria and Idris) in the being the artist ones in school.



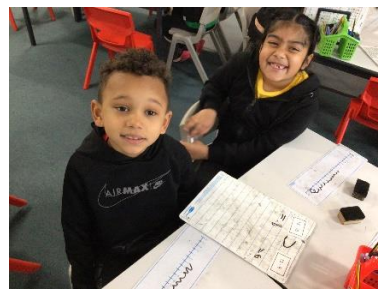
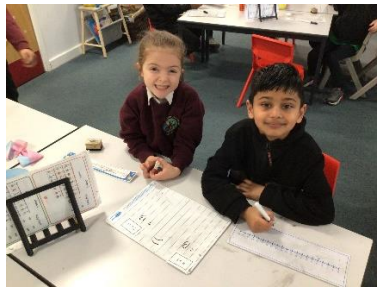
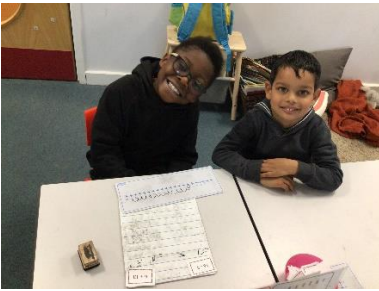
### What have Reception been learning about this week?

It has been lovely for us all to be back in school together this week, thank you for your support with the home learning, we hope that you enjoyed working with your children at home?! Our work has been based on the Judith Kerr story of 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' and the children have produced some fantastic story maps to help them retell the story. We've also made shopping lists to replace the food eaten by the Tiger and painted some excellent pictures of him. In maths we have been exploring mass and using the words heavy and light to compare objects and then checking with the balances to see if we were correct.



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

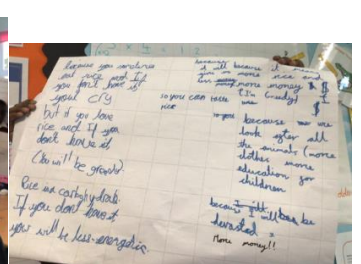
Year One have had a wonderful week! We've learnt about a new genre of writing called non-chronological reports (and have had lots of fun trying to pronounce it correctly!). Our modelled text 'The Time of the Dinosaurs' included lots of exciting facts – some that we already knew and some that shocked us! We are all looking forward to innovating next week and choosing a new animal to research facts on and write about. In maths we have been revisiting fact families and comparing number sentences. We have been really impressed with the progress we have seen – keep it up superstars! In science we have been enjoying exploring our environment and identifying which materials objects in our classroom are made from. Why not try going on a materials hunt at home and see what you can find!



Please can we remind everyone of the importance of listening to your child read daily at home. At this early stage of learning to read, reading the same book more than once is extremely beneficial for building up fluency skills and confidence. Year 1 book changing day is Thursday. Thank you for your support in this.

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

This week in Year 3 we have been working hard and enjoying our learning. In maths, we have been working on dividing and multiplying 2 and 3 digit numbers. We have been using practical resources, drawing and formal methods to solve problems. In English we have been learning the story of the magic paint brush. We have story mapped, recalled questions and created our own narrative toolkits. In PSHE we have been learning to budget through planning the resources we need for our sensory garden. In geography we have been debating whether a piece of land should continue to be used as a rainforest or for a rice farm to supply food for the world. We also have planted seeds and put them in different conditioners to find out how they will grow differently. It's been a great week. Keep using my maths, timetables rock star and spelling shed over the weekend.





**TTRockstars Battle of the bands!**

Let's see how much the competition has picked up since last week. With many students learning from home this week, they have had plenty of time to practice TTRockstars. Here's the results:

<p><b>Ahlberg 102</b></p> <p>MVP: Chidinma, Taneisha &amp; Sharvaree</p>	<p><b>Butterworth 532</b></p> <p>MVP: Joshua, Shanaya &amp; Miray</p>	<b>Ahlberg 0 v 3 Butterworth</b>
<p><b>Benjamin 27</b></p> <p>MVP: Daniella, Mahnoor &amp; Dominik</p>	<p><b>King-Smith 431</b></p> <p>MVP: Gadi, Andrew &amp; Richardson</p>	<b>Benjamin 0 v 3 King-Smith</b>
<p><b>Binch 176</b></p> <p>MVP: Arjun, Chinonye &amp; Lola W</p>	<p><b>Pullman 264</b></p> <p>MVP: Arjela, Inesa &amp; Jessica</p>	<b>Binch 0 v 3 Pullman</b>
<p><b>Hughes 404</b></p> <p>MVP: Andriah, Robin &amp; Hope</p>	<p><b>Morpurgo 246</b></p> <p>MVP: Ameer, Sharvika &amp; Mariam</p>	<b>Hughes 3 v 0 Morpurgo</b>
<p><b>Horowitz 754</b></p> <p>MVP: Lufurano, Wahaab &amp; Jacob</p>	<p><b>Lewis 888</b></p> <p>MVP: Chisom, Vidya &amp; David</p>	<b>Horowitz 1 v 2 Lewis</b>

Big shout out to Butterworth, Lewis and Horowitz who have scored very well this week! Come on Year 4!!!

- 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
n/a	n/a	92.7%	84.4%	79.6%	85.3%	88.9%	80.1%



Y3 Benjamin	Y3 King-Smith	Y4 Binch	Y4 Pullman	Y5 Hughes	Y5 Morpurgo	Y6 Horowitz	Y6 Lewis
70.9%	83.1%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Well done to our raffle winners Ruth, Gabriela and Sujal.