



The Palmer Academy Newsletter



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I am very happy to be saying a very warm welcome back to SUMMER term! I cannot quite believe the year is going by so quickly but we are so excited to see all of our children back this term for more learning and progress. Our programme of "11 before 11" is in full swing this term and many year groups will be experiencing one of our trips or experiences that we promise our Palmer children before they turn 11. Keep an eye out on our Twitter to see all of the incredible experiences. We are also very excited to be sending our Year 4's out for swimming lessons at our local leisure centre to all achieve their 25 metres! Just as a reminder, our school is shut on Monday (due to it being a bank holiday) and also shut to most children on Thursday 5th as our school is being used as a polling station. We hope all of the adults in our community use their democratic right to go and vote for our local councillors. Year 6 are being invited in for the morning to support them in their preparation for their statutory assessments the week after. Finally, our Readathon is coming to an end as May approaches and we cannot wait to announce which class won the Readathon by getting parent comments on their books via the GoRead app/website – it's not too late to log a comment this weekend! I hope you all enjoy a sunny weekend and get a chance to enjoy the fresh air.



Miss L Thomassen
Deputy Headteacher

Reminders

Polling Day School Closure - Reminder that school will be closed for Nursery through to Year 5 on Thursday 5th May due to Polling Day. Separate information has been emailed regarding provision for Year 6.

What have Nursery been learning about this week?

Nursery have been busy this week learning all about things that fly. We have been out and looked for things that fly. We have also learnt about birds nests and how birds make them. As part of this learning we went and found a birds nest in the tree and had a go at making our own.



What have Year 1 been learning about this week?

Year 1 have had a lovely week back after the easter holidays. We have begun to learn all about writing diary entries, by learning about the pirate Captain Bushy Beard and his adventures on the trip. In maths we have begun to think about multiplication and division. We have started by looking at counting in ten's and making equal and unequal groups. We had lots of fun in science, recapping what we learnt last term about plants by planting our own seeds. We will use these to keep a bean diary and check in on how they continue to grow in the coming weeks. Keep up the good work Year 1 and continue to read at home and record onto Go Read when you have done so. Thank you!



What have Year 3 been learning about this week?

We have had a wonderful first week back to school, after the Easter holidays. In Science and Geography, we have started our new topics: Forces and Magnets, and Deserts. In Geography, we have investigated what a desert is! We looked at lots of different activities to help us define and locate deserts around the world. In Maths, we have been continuing our work on fractions, looking at finding fractions of amounts and equivalent fractions. We were lucky enough to have some Smarties and Chocolate Buttons to help us with this too.

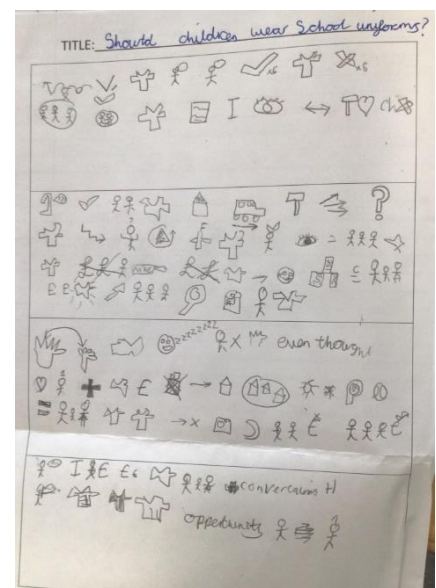
We hope everyone had a lovely Easter break, it was wonderful to see so many happy smiley faces on Monday morning. Well done to all the children who have been coming in smartly in their school uniforms too.

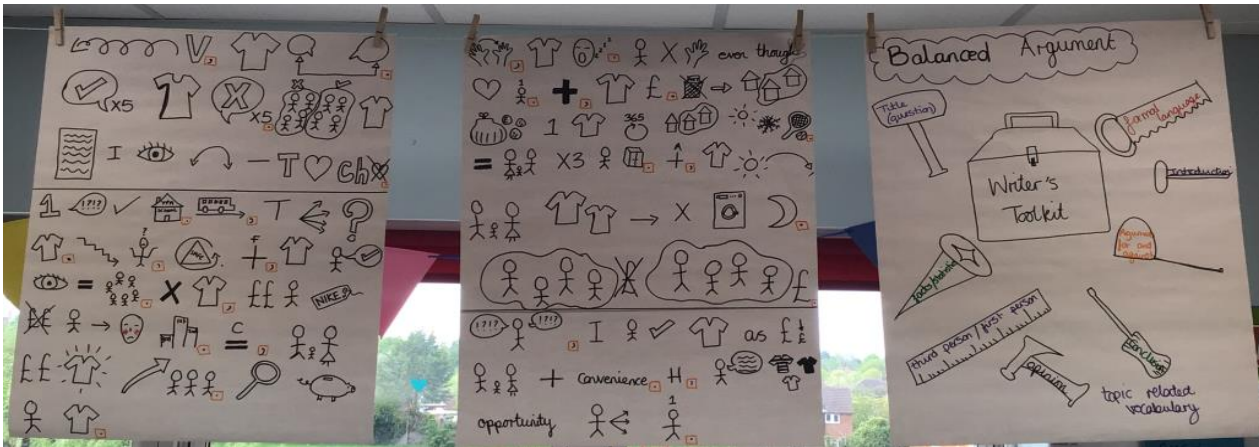
Homework will be back on this weekend, with MyMaths, EdShed, GoRead and Times Tables Rockstar. We look forward to seeing it!



What have Year 5 been learning about this week?

Year 5 have made a really positive return to school following the Easter holidays. In our English lessons this week, we have been learning all about balanced arguments. We have debated whether children should wear school uniform. Both classes have debated some fantastic ideas and have made great progress in the language they are able to use when putting their arguments forward. To help us understand balanced arguments, we have completed loop card activities, created story maps and explored the structure of a different texts. Over the next few weeks, we will be taking part in class debates and then writing out own answering questions such as, 'Should children be allowed to use their phones in lessons?'. The teachers can't wait to hear our ideas!





TTROCKSTARS Battle of the bands!

Our tournaments started again yesterday! Get yourself practicing at home to be in with a chance of being invited to the ROCKSTAR TEA PARTY at the end of the year. We have our Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check coming up soon and also SATs in just 1 week's time. By having a good understanding of tables, it allows you to work through activities, topics and assessments with greater accuracy. Let's have a big push on our times table revision and see us all grow in confidence. - Miss Gundry 😊

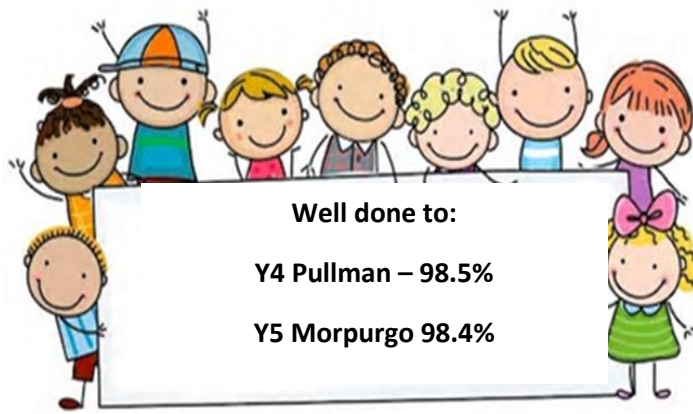
Attendance Information



Nursery AM	Nursery PM	YR Kerr	YR Rosen	Y1 Cole	Y1 Donaldson	Y2 Ahlberg	Y2 Butterworth
91.8%	91.8%	89.7%	95.7%	88.9%	94.4%	90.8%	95.6%



Y3 Benjamin	Y3 King-Smith	Y4 Binch	Y4 Pullman	Y5 Hughes	Y5 Morpurgo	Y6 Horowitz	Y6 Lewis
88%	96.7%	95%	98.5%	91.1%	98.4%	92.6%	95.1%



Attendance for the whole school year is currently 92%

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.

Well done to our winners this week Shanaya and Emmanuel