



The Palmer Academy Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another exciting week at Palmer Academy. King Smith went to the Abbey School to watch a production of a Glint of Gold which linked to the Egyptian work year 3 will be studying next term. Our year 5s also visited Leighton Park to be inspired by the author – Steve Cole. We really enjoy working with our local schools and enriching the opportunities for our children at Palmer.

In order for children to access every learning opportunity in school, it is important they have good attendance and are on time. Children need to be in their classes by 8.50am.

Please take time to have a look at the wonderful work this week – there are also some super examples writing and humanities from year 4 and year 6.



Miss A Higginbotham

Headteacher

GO BEANIES BREAKFAST AND AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB @ THE PALMER ACADEMY - Places Available

The Breakfast club runs from 7.45am to 8.45am and the Afterschool club runs from 3.15 to 5.45pm for working parents with children from FS2 to Year 6.

Go Beanies daily programme offers outdoor activities. sports, games, art & crafts, play and relaxation with breakfast and afternoon tea also included.

Please email info@gobeanies.org or text message on **07710566727** to book your child's place.

Spaces are allocated on a first come/first booked basis.

Valentines Cake Sale

Next week, we are having a valentine's cake sale to raise money for our trips, visits and 11 before 11 promises. We will be holding the cake sale (weather permitting) on the playground at the end of the day. If you would like to donate some baked (or bought!) goods to our sale, please drop them to the main office by Friday 10th February at 12 o'clock. Thank you. We look forward to seeing you all there.

What have Reception been learning about this week?

This week in our Explore and Learn' time the children enjoyed exploring a new way to record what they have seen. We practised using crayons to make leaf rubbings. We then compared the rubbings with the leaves to see if they looked similar. This week in topic the children have been learning about Judith Kerr, they could remember what a fact file was as well as name some of Judith Kerr's books. In maths we have been learning to add 2 numbers together and record the number sentence for it.



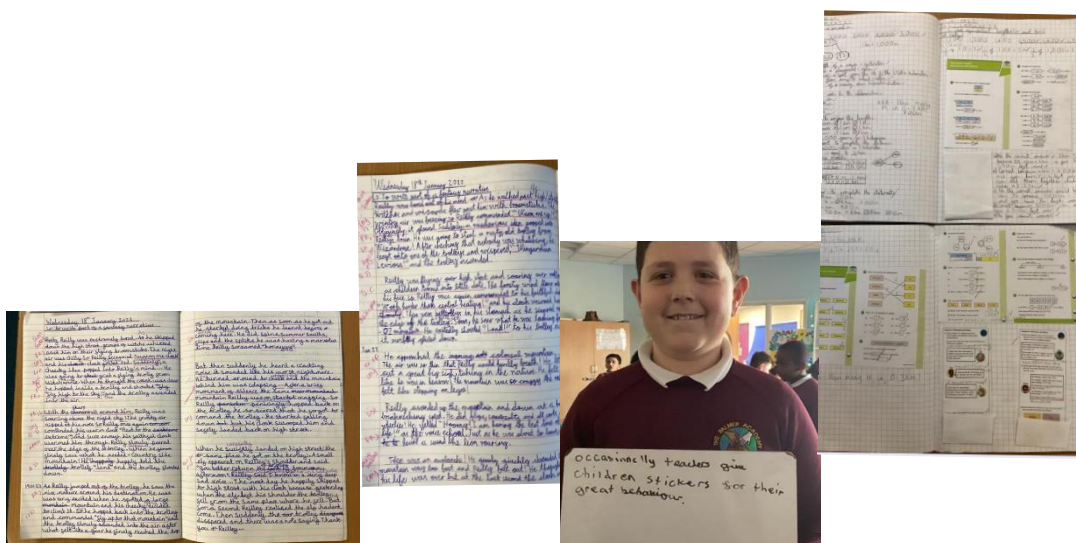
What have Year 2 been learning about this week?

We've had a fantastic week so far and have had lots of fun learning about the different features needed for a letter – we look forward to applying these features in our own letters and sharing them too! In Maths, we continue our unit on multiplication and division. We've been using our grouping and sharing techniques to find our answers and understand how important it is to practise our times tables! In Geography, we have learnt how to locate and identify the 7 continents on a map. We have also learnt where the different hot and cold places on Earth are, with the help of our atlases. We are loving learning about animals and different life cycles in Science. Keep up the hard work Year 2s!

What have Year 4 been learning about this week?

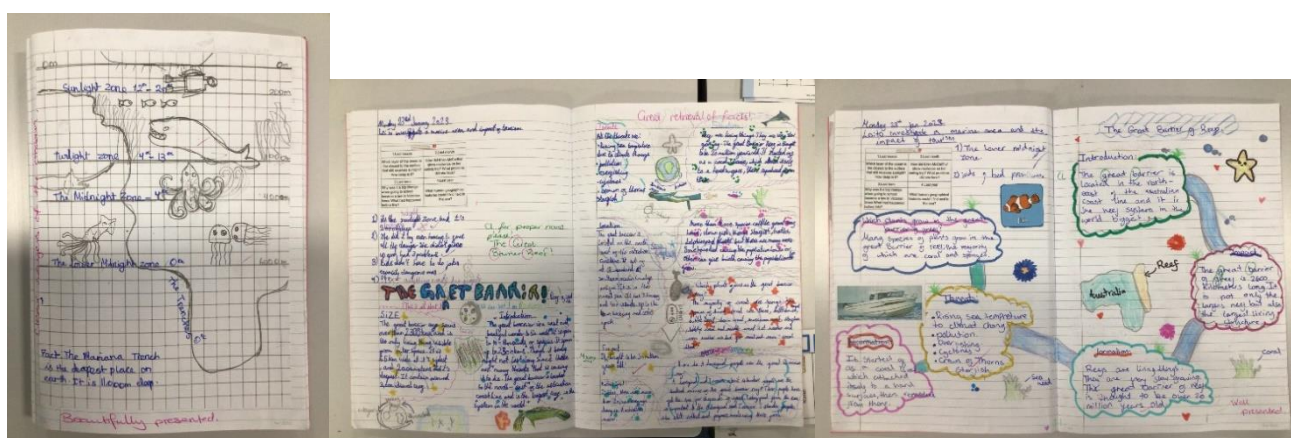
It's been a brilliant two weeks in Year 4 and we are so proud of our wonderful learners. Last week, we completed our fantasy narratives, and we wowed our teachers with the range of features we used as well as our brilliant punctuation- take a look at some of this learning below! This week, we have started learning about our new text type- non-chronological reports. We have learnt what generalisers are and have started to use some in our writing. Look at one of our whiteboard sentences from our Talk for Writing lesson.

In maths, we have started a new unit all about length. So far, we have recapped how many metres make up a kilometre and applied our skills, knowledge and understanding of conversion to answer fluency and reasoning questions. You can see just a snippet of this learning below.



What have year 6 been learning about this week?

Year 6 have continued to learn about the ocean this week in Geography and explored the effects of overfishing. Pictured below, you will see earlier work on the layers of the ocean and research around the Great Barrier Reef. We have also prepared our printing tiles for our final art lesson next week where we will be doing some block printing in the style of Andy Warhol. This week we have begun learning about a new text type – explanation texts – and have revised some of the features that a prominent in this genre of writing. We have been practising using these feature writing about wellington boots. We have used bullet point lists and semi colons in ‘Some ; others’ sentences. Mrs Nightingale and Mr Thorne are looking forward to seeing how our writing progresses next week when we will be writing about our own footwear.



We're heading into the final tournament of the half term. Will anyone be able to beat Binch Class? The classes below have not changed for a while. I wonder who can flip the tables around for next week?

Year group	Winning Class	MVPs	MVPs
Year 2	Butterworth	2A Elham – Sameksha - Catalina	2B Fatimah – Niranjana - Ava
Year 3	Benjamin	3B Divina – Shanaya - Kais	3K-S Taneisha – Aarush - Adrian
Year 4	Binch	4B Reena - Mary - Gadi	4P Saba – Yazan - Zoya
Year 5	Morpurgo	5H Arjun – Ali - Summer	5M Halima – Inesa - Kairos
Year 6	Lewis	6H Emilia – Salim - Levi	6L Ahmed – Krisma - Matilda

Attendance Information



Nursery AM	Nursery PM	YR Kerr	YR Rosen	Y1 Cole	Y1 Donaldson	Y2 Ahlberg	Y2 Butterworth
87.0%	85.6%	93.3%	96.0%	88.7%	71.0%	85.9%	87.0%



Y3 Benjamin	Y3 King-Smith	Y4 Binch	Y4 Pullman	Y5 Hughes	Y5 Morpurgo	Y6 Horowitz	Y6 Lewis
82.8%	89.6%	93.3%	97.3%	95.7%	94.4%	91.0%	86.9%

Attendance for the whole school year is currently 91.3 %

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: **Amelia, Alliyah and Rosie** and on winning the attendance raffle!

A special well done to **Johnson House** who won the most HERO (here, every day, ready on time) tokens!