



# The Palmer Academy

## Weekly Round-up



Edition 6

Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020

### ***Note from the Executive Headteacher***

I hope that you all managed to enjoy a somewhat restful half-term break. As I am sure many of you will have seen, the national lockdown which was announced on Saturday evening came to us all rather abruptly, but somewhat anticipated. I am pleased that schools are remaining open during this period, and wholeheartedly believe that this is the right decision from the government to ensure that our pupils learning continues uninterrupted and that your child's well-being and routine is not affected. I know the personal disruption the lockdown brings to many of you and your families, and I want to ask you to reach out to us if we can help or support in any way if you are finding things difficult. Mr. Bruce or one of the pastoral team, are always around to speak and meet with you, and can often sign-post you in the right direction if we cannot personally help. We continue to keep our safety measures in place at school by requesting all adults wear masks in and around the premises, and from Monday, I will be asking school staff to take an additional measure of wearing masks inside the building in communal areas, to ensure we take every step possible to reduce the spread. Have a good weekend and look forward to seeing you all again on Monday.



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**Mr. Aaron Wanford**

### ***Pupil Learning Reviews – coming up***

Your child's parent consultation appointment may be happening this week or next, and you should know when your ten-minute appointment slot is. If you have not already done so and you would still like an appointment, please contact the office team via [admin@thepalmeracademy.com](mailto:admin@thepalmeracademy.com) so that this can be arranged. Please do make the time to have this important discussion with your child's class teacher.

### ***Children in Need – non-uniform 13<sup>th</sup> November***

Next Friday is national Children in Need day, which we will be marking at Palmer. Children in Need is a charity, and their mission is to help ensure every child in the UK is safe, happy, secure and has the opportunities they need to reach their potential.



Children in Need raise money both throughout the year and in their annual November appeal which is put to work where it's needed most. They fund local charities and projects who help remove the barriers that are facing children and young people, so that they can thrive. They support children and young affected by a whole range of disadvantages such as poverty, disability, illness, distress or trauma. Children in Need also work with a range of partners to tackle some of the most pressing issues facing the UK's children and young people today, including mental health and wellbeing, violence impacting young people, child sexual exploitation, holiday hunger; access to employment, and social injustice.

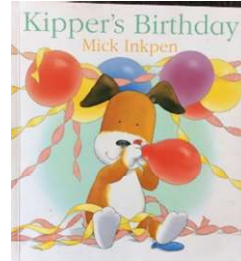
Next Friday, we are asking the children and staff to bring in another minimum donation of £1 towards this great cause. In return, staff and pupils can wear something spotty or something yellow, – any item you like, including Pudsey ears or even a Pudsey onesie – the brighter, the better!

### Nursery Pick Up Times

Morning Nursery finishes at 11.40am and Afternoon Nursery finished at 3.40pm. Please make sure you are on time for pick up and do not try to collect early even if it is raining. If children are continually picked up before the end of the session, they will be missing phonics and story time. This is essential learning time and the time when they learn the pre skills for learning sounds and new vocabulary.

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

The children in Nursery have been reading the story 'Kipper's Birthday.' We have talked about what happened in the story and how Kipper ate all the cake. We then talked about how the children celebrate their birthday and we made a birthday cake.

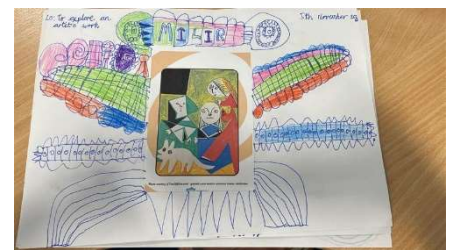


### What have Year One been learning about this week?

This week has been a busy week back for Year One! We have wasted no time jumping right into our new subjects – like History, Science, and Music! We have started a new story in writing and reading – The Gingerbread Man. Hopefully we will get to make some gingerbread creatures of our own this term. In Maths, we are learning how to add using ten frames, numicon, and part-part whole. We have even been writing and reading number sentences with our learning partners. Our highlight of the week was learning our author of the month – Oliver Jeffers. We have already read some really great stories and we are looking forward to reading some more.

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

"Wow! What a busy first week back and to think we've squeezed it all into 4 days! Some of our highlights this week have been our Art lesson- we explored the work of Picasso and let our imaginations run free as we spoke about our likes and dislikes. His work really divided us- some of us loved it and some of us found it a bit strange. We spoke about how it's fine to have different opinions from our friends, as long as we respect the other view. In PSHE today, we talked about celebrating our differences. We don't all look, act or feel the same and that's what makes our world so interesting! We partnered up and asked our peer about themselves- it was great getting to know people we don't usually talk to!" AC

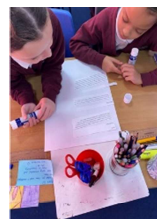


### What have Year Five been learning about this week?

It has been wonderful to see all the children return to school enthusiastic and ready to learn. As always, we have an exciting term ahead, filled with creative projects and factual knowledge. Our main focus remains our core subjects: Reading, Maths and Literacy, however, we are very excited for our topic lessons and to start learning about the Vikings in History and Living Things in Science.



A highlight of our week has been our music lesson where we introduced the genre of rock music to the children and they will be learning the song, 'Livin' on a Prayer' by Bon Jovi. Children thoroughly enjoyed singing and even battled it out between their classmates. Our weekly Ufton sessions continue to promote confidence, self-esteem and working as a team. The Year 5 team are looking forward to children reaching their potential and challenging themselves to do their best this term.



### Attendance Information

Well done to **Y2 Ahlberg**- who had the best attendance this week again – all in every day.

Nursery Carle AM -	97.3%	Y1 - Cole	94.2%	Y3 - Benjamin	97.1%	Y5 - Hughes	98.6%
Nursery Carle PM -	96.4%	Y1 - Donaldson	93.1%	Y3 – King-Smith	94.9%	Y5 – Morpurgo	97.3%
YR - Kerr	88.7%	Y2 - Ahlberg	100%	Y4 - Binch	95.9%	Y6 – Horowitz	94.7%
YR - Rosen	95.2%	Y2 - Butterworth	99.5%	Y4 – Pullman	99.1%	Y6 - Lewis	94.7%
<b>Attendance for whole school to date this academic year: 95.1%</b>							

### What's happening next week at Palmer?

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	4.00-7.00pm: Y4 Pullman, Y1, Y2 and Y3 Parent Consultation meetings
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	4.00-7.00pm: Y1, Y2 and Y3 Parent Consultation meetings
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	4.00-7.00pm: EYFS parent consultation meetings
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	4.00-7.00pm: EYFS parent consultation meetings
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Non-uniform day (wear something spotty or yellow) for Children in Need – bring a £1 donation