



# The Palmer Academy Newsletter



**Edition 49**

**9th December 2022**

Another week has flown by at The Palmer Academy, and we were so excited to welcome Miss Higginbotham to our school for three days. The children were so pleased to start to get to know Miss Higginbotham and share with her everything we are so proud of at school. Miss Higginbotham will be starting with us officially when we return to school on the 5<sup>th</sup> of January and will be booking in parents' information meetings in due course. This week there was lots of preparation happening in the school ready for our various Christmas events next week. Please see below the timings for events next week as we would love to see you all there! Have a safe weekend and please wrap up warm!



***Miss. Thomassen***  
***Head of School***

Thank you for your donations for BBC Children in Need we raised **£259.89** – Well done

### **Parent Pay accounts**

Please ensure your Parent Pay lunch account is not in debt by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December. The school need to send a debt report to our catering provider after this date for costs to be received. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

### **Reminder: 16<sup>th</sup> December-Carol Concert at Christchurch Church**

Please see original letter for the [permission link](#)

### **Reminder: Christmas Jumper Day**

On 14<sup>th</sup> December we are going to be wearing our Christmas jumpers and Christmas finery, to mark Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day. Children need to bring in £1 to support the charity and we look forward to seeing everyone's fabulous, festive jumpers.

### **Reminder: Performances and Events**

13<sup>th</sup> December 9:30am-10am – Reception Carols in school

13<sup>th</sup> December 2pm – 2:40pm – Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity in school

14<sup>th</sup> December Xmas Lunch and Jumper Day!

14<sup>th</sup> December 6pm-6:40pm – Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity in school (drop off at 5:30pm)

15<sup>th</sup> December 3:30pm – 4:00pm – Christmas Fayre on the playground (crafts and goodies to buy!)

16<sup>th</sup> December 10am – Year 1 – Year 6 Carol Concert at Christchurch Church

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

It has been a very exciting week in Nursery as we have been starting to think about Christmas! We put up our Christmas tree and the children all helped to decorate it, some even made their own decorations for the tree! In topic we have been thinking about what the children want to be when they are older and how they can set goals in order to achieve what they want to do. We have lots of future firemen and vets in our class! In phonics this week the children have been using different instruments to put on a show for their friends. We all listened to each other play an instrument and then said why we liked it, the children loved putting on a show for their friends. We are looking forward to next week when we will be doing lots of Christmas crafts and learning about the Christmas story!



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

In Year 1 this week we have been learning about persuasive posters in English. The children have been learning the text 'Come to my Candy House' and we have had fun learning lots of actions to go with it.

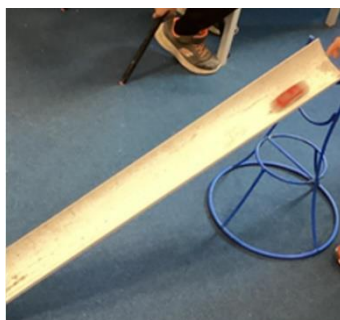
In Maths we have been recapping everything we have learnt so far on 2D and 3D shapes. The children really impressed us by being able to sort the shapes by colour, type of shape and curved/flat shapes.

In Science we had a fun experiment to see which materials would make a good material for a house. We used models and a fan to test out the different houses and see which would do well against the big bad wolf!

We have continued to work hard with our singing and practice for the Nativity next week. We look forward to being able to show you all next week in our 2 performances! 😊

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

In science, we have been investigating friction with different materials. We measured how far a toy car travelled on different materials and were shocked at some of our results. In DT, we have been making pop up pages and have been really impressed by the children's resilience in trying out different mechanisms. We have also spent some time practicing 'Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree' ready for our rendition at the Christmas carol concert. Please keep practicing at home! This week we have also been acting out a Horrible Histories stone age episode to summarise all that we have been learning about this period this term. In maths, we have been focussing on our 3, 4 and 8 times tables – please keep practicing these at home as much as possible.



**What have Year 5 been learning about this week?**

This week Year 5 have been discussing If the the Christmas story is true? And one of our lessons was making our own christingles. We talked about how they symbolise the world and the sacrifices Jesus made. Each parts of the Christingle has an important meaning behind it. The sweets skewed on sticks represents the fruit of the Earth, the orange represents the world, the candle represents Jesus as the light of the world, the four sticks represents the four compas direction and the four seasons and finally, the ribbon represents the blood of Jesus. The kids had a blast doing this activity and even shared several opinions surrounding making this amazing activity.



The next results are in. It is vital that children practice their times tables daily in order for them to be able to utilise the facts in their maths lessons. We have regular names as Most Valuable Players which is great for those children as it shows their commitment to learning. However, I would like to see different names on the top spots each week. Let's see who's on the top spot this week.

Year group	Winning Class	MVPs	MVPs
Year 2	<i>Butterworth</i>	2A <i>Maya – Prithika - Sameksha</i>	2B <i>Niranjana – owen - Ruth</i>
Year 3	<i>King-Smith</i>	3B <i>Joshua – Miray - Karmarli</i>	3K-S <i>Aurush – Mohammed - Ahmad</i>
Year 4	<i>Binch</i>	4B <i>Gadi - Junior – Reena</i>	4P <i>Rupa – Ariel - Zoya</i>
Year 5	<i>Hughes</i>	5H <i>Arjun – Inayah - Amelia</i>	5M <i>Inesa – Samarth - Ronnie</i>
Year 6	<i>Lewis</i>	6H <i>Shinuna – Megan - Alliyah</i>	6L <i>Hope – Krisma - Vritee</i>



## Attendance Information



Nursery AM	Nursery PM	YR Kerr	YR Rosen	Y1 Cole	Y1 Donaldson	Y2 Ahlberg	Y2 Butterworth
91.3%	91.7%	95.0%	92.8%	91.0%	89.6%	91.1%	92.4%



Y3 Benjamin	Y3 King-Smith	Y4 Binch	Y4 Pullman	Y5 Hughes	Y5 Morpurgo	Y6 Horowitz	Y6 Lewis
92.7%	93.0%	96.5%	93.5%	92.7%	92.9%	95.0%	94.7%

**Attendance for the whole school year is currently 92.4%**

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, EVELYN and CAMERON on winning the attendance raffle!

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