



The Palmer Academy Newsletter



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Today, we gathered as a whole school on the playground for Remembrance Day. We were lead through a service of thanks by our Year Six representatives. A special thank you to Ryan in Year Six who wrote his own poem and read it out to the whole school. There will be another day of remembrance on Sunday when the country stops to remember those who have lost their lives to protect those around them. We ask that you continue to speak to your children about this important message. Next week will be another incredibly important week as we celebrate Anti-Bullying Week and ALSO Children in Need (see further details below). Raising money for these incredible causes is very important to us and we thank you in advance for supporting us to help those most in need. I look forward to seeing lots of odd socks on Monday when we will all think about what makes us unique and special. Have a lovely weekend!



Miss. Thomassen
Head of School

Playground Toys

The children are really enjoying playing with some of the toys/equipment we bought through fundraising last year. We are asking if any families have any Duplo, Lego, colouring books, felt tips etc that you don't use anymore, we would appreciate a donation to the school to supplement our resources. If you do have something to donate, please bring into the office. Thank you!.

Anti-Bullying week

A reminder that we will also be marking anti bullying week as a school next week beginning. We will be wearing odd socks on **Monday 14th November** to celebrate differences and joining the nationwide assembly on kindness.

Children in Need

On **Friday 18th November** we will be wearing spots and bringing in coins to cover Pudsey in money. We look forward to seeing the children wearing lots of spots and any other Pudsey clothing they may have.

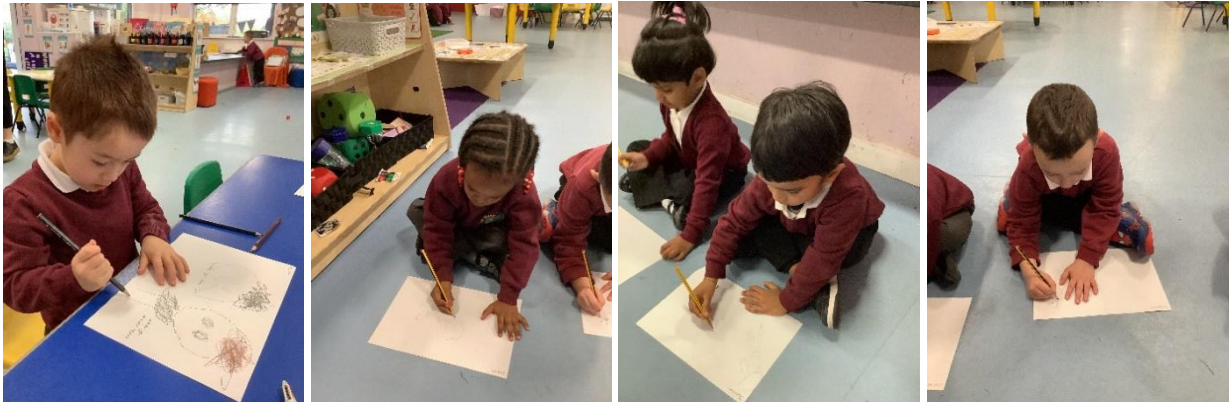
Job Vacancy – Learning Support Assistant (LSA)

We are currently advertising for additional Learning Support Assistants (LSAs) at The Palmer Academy, to work with individual children and small groups and support them in their learning. This would be a role between 8.30am-4.00pm Monday to Friday and term-time. If you are interested in finding out more, or know someone who might be, please ask the office for an application pack and application form.

<https://www.reach2.org/vacancy/learning-support-assistant-lsa/>

What have Nursery been learning about this week?

This term our new topic in Nursery is My Family, My Story. The children have had a great start to the topic so far, last week we looked at pictures of the children and the teachers as babies, toddlers and now to see how they have grown and changed. This week we have been looking at family photos and talking about who is in our family. The children have loved looking at photos of themselves and their families and trying to guess who is who in their baby photos! In maths we have started to use Ten Town to learn about number 1 and number 2, we have been singing the songs and even going on walks around the school to see if we can spot the numbers! This week we have also been doing some lovely hand printing to make poppies to go on our wreath for Remembrance Day on Friday.



What have Year 1 been learning about this week?

This week we continued learning about fairy tales in English where we innovated our wicked witch to an evil wizard. For maths we continued our adding and subtracting unit where we added one more and two more and played some maths games. In history we continued learning about our family tree and the order of youngest to oldest. For science, we worked in teams to explore our classroom for objects that were made up of multiple materials. In computing we played with b-bots and in design and technology, we completed an experiment on what materials are waterproof for our umbrellas! We also took time this week to make a wreath for our Remembrance Day assembly on Friday.

What have Year 3 been learning about this week?

This week, we have been writing some amazing diary entries inspired by 'The Tortoise and the Hare', we have been really impressed by the creative ideas the children have thought of. We also enjoyed our first science lesson with magnets where we investigated which materials in the classroom are and are not magnetic. For History, we travelled back to the palaeolithic and mesolithic periods to explore what life was like. This week, we have also made a poppy wreath to mark remembrance day which we will lay in our remembrance service on Friday.

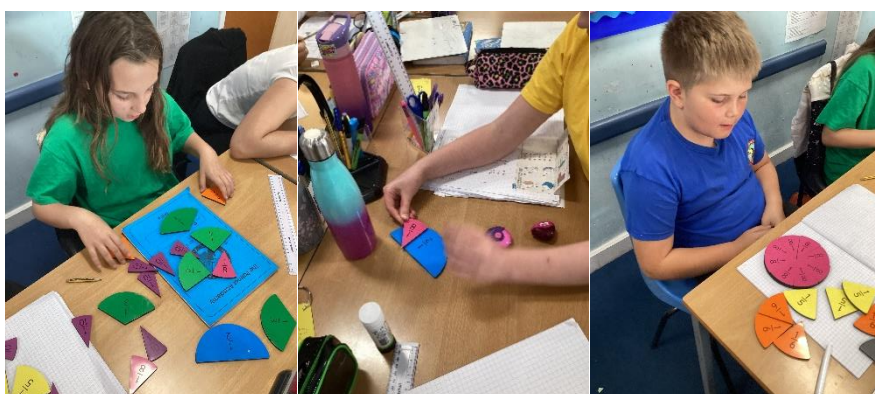


What have Year 5 been learning about this week?

Last week, all of Year 5 went to the University of Reading. We had the most incredible day! We attended a History lecture and sat in a massive lecture hall. We got to talk to students from the university and ask them questions about what the university offers and what we can learn there. Lastly, we had a tour of site.



This week in Maths, we have been learning all about fractions: equivalents, improper fractions and mixed number fractions. Yesterday, we began adding and subtracting fractions. This is what our homework is based on this week so please help us if we get stuck.



How many squares did you count in this image? The answer is....40.

Now onto our competition. Participation has dropped a little and we need to get back on track with timestable practice to improve our understanding in class too. Please ensure all children from Year 2-6 are practicing their times tables daily for 10minutes at a time. Here are our results and MVPs for the last week.

Year group	Winning Class	MVPs	MVPs
Year 2	<i>Ahlberg</i>	2A Maya - Mirha	2B Owen – Ruth - Shawna
Year 3	<i>Benjamin</i>	3B Zayaan – Karmarli - Zion	3K-S Aurush – Aqsa - Mohammed
Year 4	<i>Binch</i>	4B Iman – Reena - Edvard	4P Zoya – Ariel – Pak Hei
Year 5	<i>Morpurgo</i>	5H Arjun – Martyna - Jayden	5M Arjela – Inesa - Halima
Year 6	<i>Lewis</i>	6H Salim – Shinuna - Levi	6L Hope – Vritee - Ameer

Attendance Information



Nursery AM	Nursery PM	YR Kerr	YR Rosen	Y1 Cole	Y1 Donaldson	Y2 Ahlberg	Y2 Butterworth
89.5%	89.5%	97.2%	83.7%	96.6%	92.1%	87.6%	93.1%



Y3 Benjamin	Y3 King-Smith	Y4 Binch	Y4 Pullman	Y5 Hughes	Y5 Morpurgo	Y6 Horowitz	Y6 Lewis
91.4%	93.4%	98.6%	87.0%	92.1%	94.0%	97.0%	97.3%

Attendance for the whole school year is currently 93.3%

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 ABDORAHMEN, KASHIF and EZRA on winning the Attendance raffle!

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