



# The Palmer Academy

## Newsletter



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We have had a wonderful first full week back at Palmer. Along with a variety of learning opportunities in class, children in years 1-6 had an assembly with the NSPCC. These sessions support children understand how to keep themselves safe, by knowing how people should treat them and speaking out if they are concerned. Year 5s and 6s will have further NSPCC workshops in the coming weeks.

Next week our choir will be heading to London for the Young Voices event. They will be singing with many other school choirs. We're looking forward to hearing all about their experience.

It is great to see so many Reception and Year One parents sign up for the phonics workshops and we look forward to seeing you there. There is still time to sign up – please see the original letter for the link or contact the school office if you need resending.

Kind Regards,

**Miss A Higginbotham**

**Headteacher**

### **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.

### **Dogs on the school site**

Please see the clarification of the rules regarding dogs on the school site, Small lap dogs, that can be carried in arms, are allowed on the school site. It is still not permitted for any dogs on leads to enter the school grounds.

### **Census Day**

To ensure we are adequately funded from the government, we are asking for your support. We will be offering **every child** in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to **'have'** a school meal or taster of their choice on census day. You can still provide them with a packed lunch that they can eat **after** they have tried a school meal or taster. Please order your child's meal before 9pm on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your continued support.



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

This week in Nursery we have been welcoming our new intake of children who have started Nursery this term. It has been a great week getting to know lots of new faces and making new friends. All of the new children have settled in wonderfully and the children who have come back after Christmas have been fantastic at helping their new friends to settle in. We have started our new topic Once Upon A Time, during which we have been learning the story of The Gingerbread Man. Some of our favourite activities this week have been using tweezers and pom poms to give gingerbread men buttons, decorating our own gingerbread man and retelling the story. In maths we have continued our learning to numbers 4 and 5, we have been practising subitising and counting with 1:1 correspondence. Well done to all of our children, old and new, for a fantastic first week of the year!



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

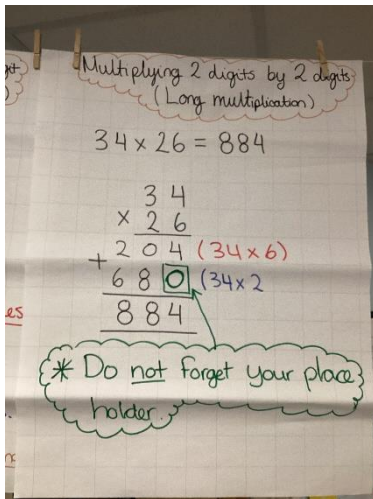
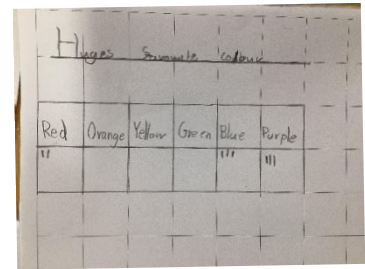
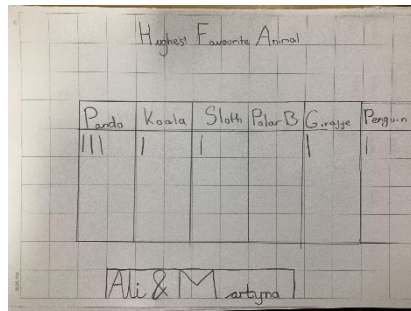
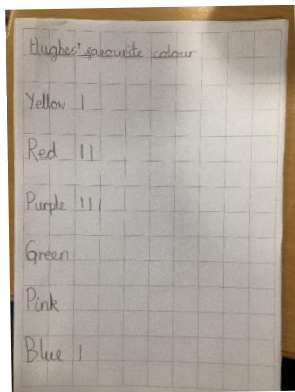
This week in Year 1 Science we have sorted natural and manmade materials. The children were amazed to find out that sand turns into glass with heat. In English we innovated our narrative, this week we wrote about Daisy and the alien egg! For Maths we have been starting our learning on place value. The children used dienes to make numbers up to 20 by tens and ones. This proved a challenge for some at first, however we were very impressed at how after several days of using the dienes to practice this skill that everyone was able to complete the activity! In computing we have begun to look at different types of digital art. The children had great fun exploring the app 'paint', changing the colour of the paintbrush and the thickness too to make their own artwork piece.

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

It has been wonderful to welcome year 3 back this past week. The children have come back with such positive and enthusiastic attitudes. This week we have started looking at a traditional tale in Writing and are starting to innovate the text to include our own ideas. In maths we have been continuing our multiplication and division topic, focusing multiplying 2-digit numbers by a 1-digit number! In Geography we are enjoying our new topic – What is beneath our feet? We have looked at plate tectonics and the layers of Earth! We have started investigating plants in science. We have looked at the different parts of the flowering plants, we created model plants and discussed the different parts.

### **What have year 5 been learning about this week?**

It has been quite a pleasure to welcome our year 5 back from the holiday's. They have showed great resilience and initiative this week which shows through their works this week. This week we have started looking a narrative writing on "Axe Soup" within that piece we have begun to innovate it with the exploring narrative writing and within narrative writing we have had the pleasure to learn how to use parenthesis and inverted commas within our writing pieces. In maths we have been started a new unit on multiplication, focusing on multiplying 4 digits numbers by a 1- or 2-digit number. We encourage that our year 5 take the opportunity taking these new skills acquired in class and apply into their homework. In computing we've been blessed to learn how to collect data present these findings on an Excel spreadsheet which is quite a useful skill to learn further down the line of their learning journey into pursuing researching careers.



The first results of the year are in. Who has made a New Year's resolution to improve their times table knowledge? TTRockstars is perfect for your practice. Remember to use garage to complete your heatmap and keep it up to date. This will show you which tables you still need to practice.

Year group	Winning Class	MVPs	MVPs
Year 2	<i>Butterworth</i>	2A Elham – Prithika - Maya	2B Fatimah - Niranjana – Ava
Year 3	<i>Benjamin</i>	3B Kais – Joshua – Zion	3K-S Mohammed – Taneisha - Matas
Year 4	<i>Binch</i>	4B Iman – Reena - Gadi	4P Yazan – Ariel - Gemma
Year 5	<i>Morpurgo</i>	5H Arjun – Jayden - Amelia	5M Halima – Akhil - Inesa
Year 6	<i>Horowitz</i>	6H Levi – Shinuna - Sabrina	6L Robin - Mariam

Many different names this week... WELL DONE!!!

## Attendance Information



Nursery AM	Nursery PM	YR Kerr	YR Rosen	Y1 Cole	Y1 Donaldson	Y2 Ahlberg	Y2 Butterworth
87.1%	85.7%	90.7%	94.0%	91.0%	93.8	92.1%	91.7%



Y3 Benjamin	Y3 King-Smith	Y4 Binch	Y4 Pullman	Y5 Hughes	Y5 Morpurgo	Y6 Horowitz	Y6 Lewis
95.7%	90.4%	93.0%	92.2	97.0%	95.6%	96.0%	98.6%

**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: **NICO, JASMINE** and **ZENA** on winning the attendance raffle!

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