



The Palmer Academy Newsletter



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As our penultimate week of term draws to an end, I am very pleased to announce that our new Assistant Headteacher Miss Jo Room started with us this week. Miss Room is an experienced SENCO who we are very pleased to welcome to the team. Miss Room will be introducing herself to many families over the coming weeks but if you have any concerns or questions please feel free to speak with Miss Room on the playground at the beginning and end of the day. This week saw another 11 before 11 experience completed with Year Four completing their Hiking Heroes promise with a visit to Dinton Pastures. Some of our Year Six children also left on their residential trip on Wednesday and have been experienced a range of activities to challenge them and build teamwork skills. Check out our twitter to see more of what we have been up to at Palmer this week.



Miss. Thomassen
Head of School

Break the Rules Day

Next Friday is the last day of this half term and all children are invited to 'Break a School Rule'. On this day, children can come to school in non uniform and 'break' a school rule by wearing odd socks, trainers, spray coloured hair, a funny jumper, or other imaginative idea. We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £1 which will be used as fundraising towards delivering our 11 before 11 experiences for the whole school.

Parent Governor Drop-in Session

On the 17th of October our parent governors are hosting a drop-in session in the hall to discuss the following topic. "How have things been in school for the children upon returning this year?". Our parent governors will use this forum to collect feedback, suggestions and generally support in any way they can to ensure that your views are shared! There will be some goodies to enjoy while you join this forum in the hall (anytime between 8.40 and 9.20am). It would be wonderful to see lots of our parents popping in to share their feedback!

Flu vaccination: Reception to Year 6

The School Nursing Team will be visiting Palmer Academy on Thursday 20th October 2022. Please complete the electronic consent form (one for each child) via Immunisation Consent (berkshireimmunisations.co.uk) and insert the school's unique code: BK139653 This form should be submitted by 9am Wednesday 19th October to ensure your child receives their vaccinations. If you experience any problems accessing the form, please telephone 0300 365 0077 and the team will be happy to help.

Parent's Evening: Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th October

We are sorry but Mrs Watkin's (4 Binch) parents' evening will need to be postponed. All appointments for Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th have been cancelled. We will announce a new date as soon as this is known. Apologies for the inconvenience.

If you haven't yet booked an appointment, if your child is in Year 5 or 6, please see the school office. If your child is in Nursery through to Year 4, please see your child's teacher on Monday.

What have Reception been learning about this week?

This week the children in Reception have been talking about their feelings and what makes us think and feel the way that we do. We have listened to stories, including 'The Colour Monster' and 'Angry Arthur' and thought about how we can self regulate. In maths we have been exploring repeating patterns and have made them using shapes, pegs and paints.



What have Year 2 been learning about this week?

Year 2 have had another busy week. In English, we are learning how to write instructions, specifically instructions on how to catch a star! We know exactly what equipment we'll need to catch a star and if there's one piece of advice to share... it's that you can only successfully catch a star at night-time and to never trust seagulls because they might just steal your star! In Maths we continue to use our resources to help us solve addition problems. Keep practising your bonds to ten and related facts year 2s, this knowledge always makes adding a lot easier! In Geography we are learning all about Europe and how to successfully use an atlas. We've been using our atlases to name and identify the different countries and landmarks around Europe. We can't believe we're almost at the end of the term, how quickly the time has gone! We will continue to work hard and enjoy our time at school: learning and spending time with friends.

What have Year 4 been learning about this week?

Year 4 have had an exciting week as we completed our 11 before 11 experience with a hike through Dinton Pastures. The weather was perfect, with the sun shining as we trekked around the lake and experienced some of the wildlife. We saw different water birds and linked them to our class reading book of Why the Whales Came. We also spotted some molehills and lots of squirrels! In RE, we continued our topic of Judaism as we created and decorated mezuzahs, which are Jewish holy prayers affixed to doorposts. Finally, in Science we have learned all about the water cycle. We set up our own water cycle model in the classroom and have been observing the four stages throughout the week. It has been a very busy week and are looking forward to enjoying the weekend.



What have Year 6 been learning about this week?

Year 6 have been having a fantastic few days away and luckily the weather has been kind. They have been taking part in lots of different activities including wall climbing, zip lining, buggy building and finishing off their days with cosy camp fires and dancing the night away at a disco. I'm sure the children will be very excited to share all of their experiences with you. **A reminder that the children should be collected at 2:30pm on Saturday, we will text if there is a delay.**



Attendance Information



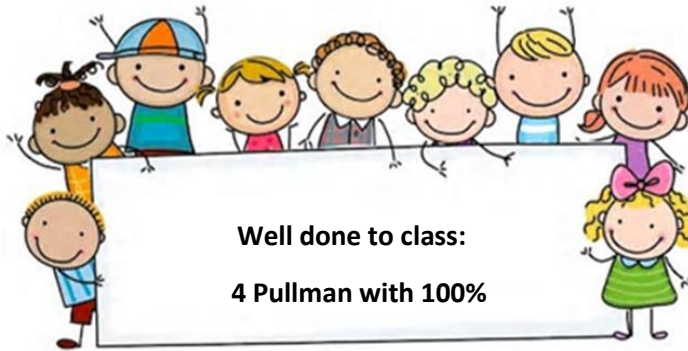
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96.2%	98.6%	99.1%	94.0%	88.9%	87.3%	94.5%	95.4%



Y3 Benjamin	Y3 King-Smith	Y4 Binch	Y4 Pullman	Y5 Hughes	Y5 Morpurgo	Y6 Horowitz	Y6 Lewis
93.0%	94.2%	97.8%	100%	95.9%	87.5%	96.6%	96.3%

Attendance for the whole school year is currently 93%

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 Jerison, Inaayah and Kairos on winning the Attendance raffle!

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