

THE PALMER ACADEMY WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Edition 69

Friday, 16th June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term we have had a number of trips already. Year R visited Southsea Aquarian, Year 2 went to Beale Park today and the year 3s have been horse riding. Several parents and carers have helped us this term by volunteering to assist us with trips. Thank you so much, and we hope you have enjoyed them as much as the children.

I am always proud to hear about the conduct of our children when they go out of school for learning. We always receive positive feedback on their curiosity, politeness and enthusiasm.

This week our year 1 children had their phonics assessments. They have achieved well and I look forward to sharing these with you later in the term. Since implementing Little Wandle as our phonics scheme, we have seen significant progress in Early Reading. Thank you for your continued support in home learning, as teaching Early Reading requires partnership with home and school.



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Headteacher



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Information for Parents

Caterlink the catering provider value feedback to help them improve the service they provide pupils.

This term they are completing a Parent/Guardian survey on the meal provision they provide.

They would like Parents/Guardians to be a part of this survey, if you are interested, please see the survey link below to complete. The survey will close on 21st July, we will provide an update to schools which have taken part in the autumn term.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/M67CD59>

Parent Conduct on School Site

A reminder to all parents that swearing is not tolerated by adults or children at any time of the school day on the school site. We want to create an environment where our children feel safe and negative language and conduct does not create this.

Thank you for support with this matter.

Medical evidence for appointments

If your child needs to leave school early for an appointment, please can you provide evidence such as a text message, letter, or appointment card. If you can't provide this evidence your child will not be granted leave to go.

What Have Nursery Been Learning About This Week?

This week in Topic Nursery have been learning all about firefighters. We have been reading lots of stories and talking about what they wear and what jobs they do. The children have loved discussing what they know and dressing up pretending to be firefighters! In maths we have been reading the story Rosie's Walk. We talked about the route Rosie took on her walk and drew a map to show it. Some of the children even had a go at drawing their own map to show their journey to school! We have been loving the warmer weather in Nursery and have had lots of fun playing in the water outside, please remember to send your child to Nursery with a sun hat that they can wear when we go outside. Thanks!

What Have Year 1 Been Learning About This Week?

This week Year 1 have been learning about Fable's in English. We tested out the moral in The Hare and Tortoise 'slow and steady wins the race' with some fun water races. In Maths this week we have moved on to time, the children have been looking at dates as well as clocks and time to the hour.

In Science we have begun to look at classifying different types of animals. This led on from the animal and insect hunt that we did around the school last week.

What Have Year 3 Been Learning About This Week?

- In maths this week, year 3 have began learning about angles, the children have been super stars at recognising right angles, obtuse and acute angles, they have been looking all around the classroom for them. In writing we have been working on fables, so far, we have looked at The Mouse and The Lion. The moral is that kindness is a strength that everyone can own, so we have had fun practicing our kindness!
- In science we have enjoyed playing with torches to discover that light travels in a straight line. In history, we have travelled back in time to Egypt and learnt about who the Ancient Egyptians were. In DT we are looking at making a car, so this week we have deconstructed a toy car to see how they work.
- King-Smith class had an amazing time horse riding, and Benjamin class are very much looking forward to it!

What Have Year 5 Been Learning About This Week?

On Wednesday afternoon, year five had another very exciting and interesting Stem science workshop based on gravity. The children were asked to create and test three different models, for example one being slightly heavier, then measure their response when dropped. The classes discovered that design and weight does impact how each design fell to the ground. We have also started Sports Day practice in preparation for the big end of year event. Although the weather has been very warm everyone put in such an amazing effort.

Attendance Information

Attendance is a key priority for our school this term. We want to ensure that all children's attendance percentages are in line or above national average of 97%. Children with an attendance of 97% above are more likely to be happier attending school, make warm progress and eventually achieve better in formal exams. Please see below how even missing a few days of school can lead to many hours of learning missed.

Yearly Attendance	Days Missed	Hours Missed
100%	0	0
97%	6	30
95%	10	50
90%	20	100
80%	40	200



Nursery		Year R		Year 1		Year 2	
AM	PM	Kerr	Rosen	Cole	Donaldson	Ahlberg	Butterworth
93.4%	91.6%	94.8%	93.3%	96.3%	94.1%	86.1%	88.0%
Year 3		Year 4		Year 5		Year 6	
Benjamin	King-Smith	Binch	Pullman	Hughes	Morpurgo	Horowitz	Lewis
91.2%	95.7%	94.2%	96.9%	93.7%	96.6%	94.4%	95.9%

Attendance for The Whole School Year Is Currently 91.7%

Attendance Raffle

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 each class will be selected and win a special prize. We are also now holding a half term raffle for those children who have 100 percent attendance where they can win prizes such as amazon vouchers, roblox points, art kits and pencil cases. All the children have to do to be in with a chance of winning is to be in school every day!



A special well done to Johnson House who won the most HERO (Here, Every Day, Ready on Time) tokens



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ON THE PLAYGROUND**



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