



The Palmer Academy Newsletter



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Today is an incredibly important day in our year where we celebrate Children in Need Day. Thank you for the incredibly generous donations we have received today which will all be counted and sent off to support children and young people to feel and be safer, have improved mental health and wellbeing, form better, more positive relationships and be given more equal opportunities to flourish. This along with Anti-Bullying week has opened all our children's eyes into how important kindness and generosity is on our world. We hope that all of our students have heard something or done a good deed this week to ensure they are playing their part in making our world a better, more equitable place to live!

Finally, from me this week I am reminding all our families about the importance of healthy eating and bringing a healthy snack to school. These healthy snacks at breaktime allow brains to recharge and children to have energy for their day. Please ensure that you are sending your child in with fruit, vegetables, granola bars or yoghurt for breaktime instead of chocolate, biscuits, crisps or sweets. We will soon be launching a Healthy Schools initiative across the school where we will be working towards getting an award so watch this space for information!!



Miss. Thomassen
Head of School

Book Fair

The Travelling Book Fair will be visiting school from the 29th November to 2nd December. Please come to the hall after school and browse the latest titles to add to your collection. 29th November - Early Years. 30th November - Y1 & Y2. 1st December - Y3 & Y4. 2nd December - Y5 & Y6. We hope to see you there!

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/>

Christmas Lunch

Please see attached menu for our Xmas lunch which will be on the 14th December – could you book before the 5th December

16th December-Carol Concert at Christchurch Church reminder

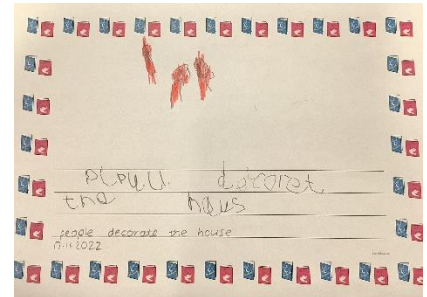
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What have Reception been learning about this week?

In Reception this week we have continued our topic of 'Celebrations' by learning about the Muslim festival of Eid. We noticed lots of similarities with other celebrations. We found out that special food is often prepared and shared with family and friends, people dress up in their best clothes and ladies and girls might have Mehndi patterns painted on their hands. People also exchange gifts and cards.

In maths we have been looking at groups of four and five objects and how we can split these totals into two smaller groups using the part, part, whole model.

The children have all enjoyed using our new reading books and we look forward to seeing lots of observations on Tapestry of your child talking about their book, explaining the new vocabulary and reading the story. If you are experiencing any problems with Tapestry or you have forgotten your log in details, please let us know and we will be happy to help you.



What have Year 2 been learning about this week?

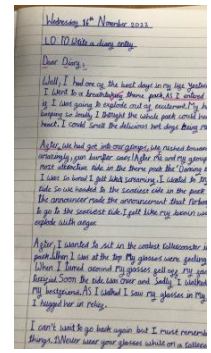
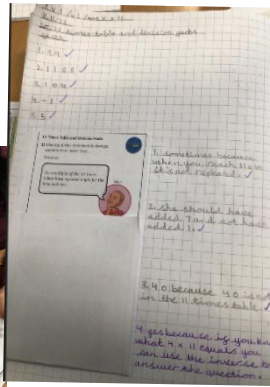
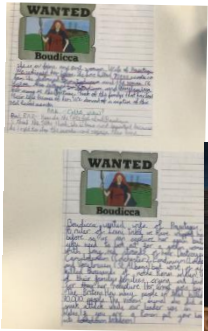
It's been another busy week in year 2! Well done for your dedication and enthusiasm toward your learning. In Maths, we have started learning all about 2D and 3D shapes and have been able to sort the shapes into various categories. In English, we have been using our creativity to innovate Mary Anning's diary entry, there have been some amazing ideas and innovation. We continue to read about Claude and all his adventures with Sir Bobblysock in our reading unit. We have been exploring lots of new vocabulary and are developing our retrieval skills to find information from the text. In Science we had a lot of fun learning all about different materials and were able to select which materials would be best to design a window. We have also started learning the songs that we will be singing in the nativity at the end of the term. How exciting!

What have Year 4 been learning about this week?

We have had a brilliant week in Year 4! We have been learning all about The Romans in History and this week, we explored our Powerful Person Boudicca. We were inspired by her story of retaliation against The Romans and created wanted posters for her. Please take a look at some of our fantastic learning below!

In DT, our unit is called "On a Roll" and we are learning all about the process of making bread. We enjoyed trying some different types of bread and giving our opinions on them.

As you know, we will be having our Times table check next year. We are therefore asking you to ensure that your child is practicing their times tables daily, particularly focussing on fast recall. We are also having a real push on presentation in Year 4- if our learning looks neat it shows respect and care for our exercise books and our education. If you would like to practice helping your child with their handwriting and presentation at home, that would be much appreciated! Our stars of the week for next week will be the children who have shown the most progress with their presentation. Please see some examples of great presentation below. Thank you as always for your support. 😊



What have Year 6 been learning about this week?



This week in year 6, the children were able to experience life as a Victorian! We visited Reading Museum and took part in a morning of Victorian role play. It was fascinating to see the differences between then and now, especially how teachers spoke to students! This will help in our learning for the next half term, as our history focuses on the changes in Reading during the Industrial Revolution. We were then lucky enough to be able to walk around the entire museum in the afternoon, studying many different artefacts and their stories.

We are focusing this half term on producing our best work in every lesson, giving the same attention and care no matter the subject. This will prepare us for secondary school and ensure that we make the best of every learning opportunity and develop skills as independent learners. Our superstars of next week will be children that have demonstrated a pride in their work and a commitment to succeed. Thank you for supporting us as always!



This week, we have the following results. Let's see who our most valuable players are this week. These should be constantly changing as you battle against your classmates to be top of the leaderboard. Congratulations to the following:

| Year group | Winning Class | MVPs | MVPs |
|------------|---------------|----------------------------------|---|
| Year 2 | Butterworth | 2A Maya – Andie - Prithika | 2B Ruth – Niranjana - Shawnal |
| Year 3 | Benjamin | 3B Zayaan – Fausta - Karmarli | 3K-S Benjamin – Aurush - Taneisha |
| Year 4 | Binch | 4B Reena -Iman - Lareya | 4P Dominik – Pak Hei - Oksana |
| Year 5 | Morpurgo | 5H Arjun – Medhini - Inaayah | 5M Inesa – Arjela - Samarth |
| Year 6 | Horowitz | 6H Shinuna – Salim- Megan | 6L Hope – Vritee |

Attendance Information



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| Nursery AM | Nursery PM | YR Kerr | YR Rosen | Y1 Cole | Y1 Donaldson | Y2 Ahlberg | Y2 Butterworth |
| 92.5% | 93.0% | 96.1% | 93.8% | 92.1% | 89.4% | 91.5% | 92.0% |



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| Y3 Benjamin | Y3 King-Smith | Y4 Binch | Y4 Pullman | Y5 Hughes | Y5 Morpurgo | Y6 Horowitz | Y6 Lewis |
| 93.4% | 95.5% | 97.3% | 94.7% | 93.9% | 94.4% | 95.5% | 96.2% |

Attendance for the whole school year is currently 93.4%

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: KATIE, KAYDEN and ARIEL, on winning the Attendance raffle! A special well done to HAWKING House who won the most HERO (here, every day, ready on time) tokens!