



The Palmer Academy Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a super week at The Palmer Academy this week. Along with the examples of learning shared this week, our choir attended the O2 in London to be part of a huge choir with many other schools. Our year 5s and 6s also had workshops with the NSPCC as part of our safety education.

I'd like to remind everyone about the meet the headteacher sessions next week. There will be a short presentation on the vision for the school and our priorities, along with time for a coffee and a chat. If you are able to join us, I look forward to meeting you at one of these times: Tuesday 24th January 8.40am **OR** Thursday 26th January 5.30pm.



Miss A Higginbotham

Headteacher

Census Day

The lucky winner of a £5 Smyths Toy voucher was in Rosen class, the voucher has been handed out in class. Thank you all for your continued support.

What have Reception been learning about this week?

In Reception we are continuing to enjoy our topic of 'Story time'! We have been reading 'We're going on a Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen and adding our own actions to the story. We have made story maps to help us retell the story and are getting very good at doing so! We've used different art techniques to record the sequence of the story and written sentences about the different settings within the story.

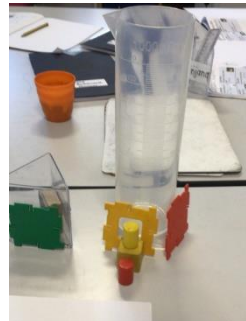
In maths we have been exploring mass and capacity and can explain how we know if objects are heavier, lighter or weigh the same. We can also say if containers are full, half full, nearly full, nearly empty or empty. It has been interesting for the adults to see who describes the final photo as half full or half empty – ask your child at home and put it on Tapestry!

If you are experiencing any problems with Tapestry or Boom Read, do let us know and we will be happy to help you!



What have Year 2 been learning about this week?

How quickly the time has gone since we've come back to school! We've been busy as usual, in Maths, we've had lots of fun using the counters to help us create our own multiplication and division sentences. In writing, we've been using our own ideas and innovations to write a narrative about a bear and a rabbit, I'm sure you've heard all about the adventures of the little rabbit. There's also a moral to the story, ask us and we'll share it with you. In art, we're learning all about Morandi and the different components that go together with still life art. We've had fun taking objects from around the classroom to create different arrangements, discussing their composition and then sketching them into our books! We look forward to all the fun and learning that's still to come for the upcoming weeks!



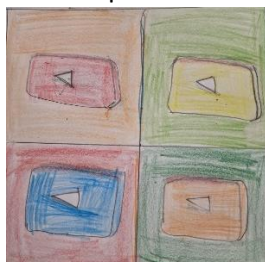
What have Year 4 been learning about this week?

We are so happy to have Year 4 back with us for another great term of learning! Over the past few weeks, there have been so many great learning opportunities and the children have really impressed us with their attitude towards the lessons. In science, our new topic is all about sound. We have explored different instruments and the actions required to make them make a noise! We then made a "telephone" using cups and strings to investigate how sounds travel. Take a look at some of this learning below!



What have year 6 been learning about this week?

Many of Year 6 have returned to school with such a positive attitude and have begun the year with great motivation to succeed. It has been lovely hearing the children's aspirations for the rest of the school year and discussing what they will do in order to achieve them. We have enjoyed finding out about their new topics for this half term. In Geography we have begun learning about our blue planet and all of the layers of our oceans. In Science we have started to look at the impact that Carl Linnaeus' classifications system has had on our knowledge and understanding of animals and different species also in art, we have begun looking at Andy Warhol and POP art. Last week we created our own images in the style of Andy Warhol. We used simple repeated images, block backgrounds and contrasting colours. Have a look at some of the examples below:





The scores this week improved and Lewis have regained the title from Horowitz however the rest of the classes have maintained theirs. Let's take a look at the most valuable players in each class – there are three new MVP's in Pullman this week. Remember to play daily in order to help your class but more importantly to improve your times table knowledge.

Year group	Winning Class	MVPs	MVPs
Year 2	<i>Butterworth</i>	2A Niranjana – Elham - Maya	2B Fatimah – Ruth - Owen
Year 3	<i>Benjamin</i>	3B Shanaya – Hooriya - Kais	3K-S Taneisha – Benjamin - Ahmad
Year 4	<i>Binch</i>	4B Reena – Mary - Iman	4P Myra – Rupa - Zoya
Year 5	<i>Morpurgo</i>	5H Amelia – Arjun - Ali	5M Arjela – Halima - Charlie
Year 6	<i>Lewis</i>	6H Shinuna – Lucca - Megan	6L Hope – Vernon - Vritee

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
92.0%	91.9%	95.7%	92.7%	95.9%	93.5%	95.3%	86.3%



Y3 Benjamin	Y3 King-Smith	Y4 Binch	Y4 Pullman	Y5 Hughes	Y5 Morpurgo	Y6 Horowitz	Y6 Lewis
89.0%	95.3%	94.8%	96.4%	94.9%	94.4%	97.0%	95.2%

Attendance for the whole school year is currently : 91.4 %

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.



Winners of the attendance raffle and the HERO house will be announced on Monday!