



The Palmer Academy Newsletter



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We have reached the end of our very first term of the year – and what a term it has been! We have seen the children settle into their new year groups so well and have completed their first full topics of the year. We have seen children going out on trips, visits, events and the breaking of records! We would also like to take the opportunity to thank all of the parents who attended parents' evening this week as it was a great opportunity to meet each of you and share your child's progress and targets. Next term is going to be equally as busy, and we have so many exciting topics to start. I hope all of our families have a wonderfully restful half-term and we are going for 100% attendance on **Monday 31st** again to ensure we get off to a brilliant start!



Miss. Thomassen
Head of School

Parent Feedback Form

You are invited to complete Parent/Carer Survey - October 2022, which will only take 2 minutes to complete. Please submit your response by 28/10/2022. [Parent Feedback Form](#) Thank you!

Playground Toys

The children are really enjoying playing with some of the toys/equipment we bought through fundraising last year. We are asking if any families have any Duplo, Lego, colouring books, felt tips etc that you don't use anymore, we would appreciate a donation to the school to supplement our resources. If you do have something to donate, please bring into the office. Thank you!

Poppy Appeal Collection 2022

Please could we ask pupils to bring in any small change for a donation during the 1st week back in aid of supporting The Poppy Appeal.

What have Nursery been learning about this week?

This week in Nursery during topic we have been learning about our senses, we have been using our senses to feel, see, hear, smell and taste different things. On Wednesday we did a taste test where the children tasted melon, avocado, strawberries, lemon and crisps. The children used some great words to describe the different tastes and some even surprised the teachers when they said their favourite taste was the lemon! In maths this week we have been sorting objects by size, colour and shape, the children have also been thinking of their own ways to sort objects as well. Well done everybody for a great first half term in nursery, the children have settled in very well and we are all looking forward to lots more fun next term!



What have Year 1 been learning about this week?

This week in Writing we have been focusing on all the elements needed to write a sentence. This includes capital letters, full stops, and even some exclamation marks and adjectives. In Maths this week we have just finished more practice on addition, now starting subtraction. We were really impressed at how quickly the children could show their knowledge of subtraction after just one lesson today!

In Geography we finished our final lesson on where we live and made posters all about different things to do in one of the countries in the UK. In Science we recapped all our knowledge of seasonal changes learnt so far over the term! Well done for all the hard work this first term Year 1. Enjoy your half term break and we look forward to seeing you back again for some more amazing learning the following week!



What have Year 3 been learning about this week?

We have had the most amazing trip to the Gurdwara this week, we were wowed by the attitudes and respect the children showed! They knew so much and were able to show off their knowledge. Thank you so much for everyone who came to parents evening, it was lovely to speak to you all. Thank you for supporting the children through the first half term and thank you to the children for being super stars. We are looking forward to more exciting learning in November where we will start an exciting new History topic! Have a lovely break! 😊



What have Year 5 been learning about this week?

In Year 5 this week, we have been focusing on the skills of improvising and composing in our Music lessons. To do this, we have learnt about musical notation and where different notes are placed on a staff. First, we started by using the C major scale to improvise to a piece of music. Eventually, we were able to write our own piece of music using those 7 notes. We all successfully played our pieces of music using a glockenspiel.



It's the last competition of the half term and some children continue to make good progress. A big shout out to Benjamin who has shown great focus and crept into 1st place of the most valuable players for his class and year group. There will not be a competition over the half term but they will resume on Thursday 3rd November 2022.

Remember to check your heat maps and update them by playing in garage. This will tell you which tables you still need to practice. Have a great Half Term.

- Mrs Nightingale 😊

Year group	Winning Class	MVPs	MVPs
Year 2	<i>Butterworth</i>	2A <i>Maya – Annabel</i>	2B <i>Ruth – Owen - Ava</i>
Year 3	<i>King-Smith</i>	3B <i>Zayaan – Kais - Karmarli</i>	3K-S <i>Benjamin – Aurush - Taneisha</i>
Year 4	<i>Binch</i>	4B <i>Reena – Iman - Aarya</i>	4P <i>Myra – Pak Hei - Mahnoor</i>
Year 5	<i>Morpurgo</i>	5H <i>Arjun – Izaac - Faxon</i>	5M <i>Inesa – Haider - Charlie</i>
Year 6	<i>Lewis</i>	6H <i>Shinuna – Levi - Franklin</i>	6L <i>Hope – Ahmed - Vritee</i>

Attendance Information



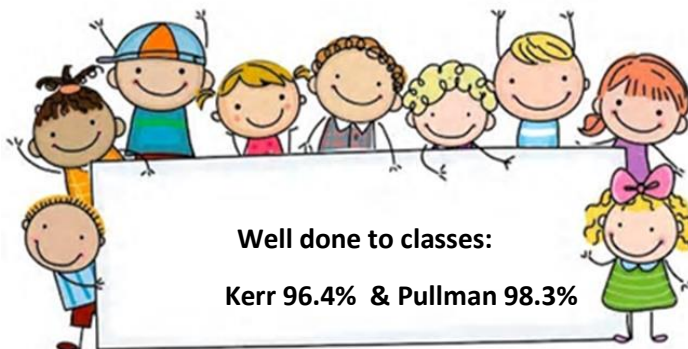
Nursery AM	Nursery PM	YR Kerr	YR Rosen	Y1 Cole	Y1 Donaldson	Y2 Ahlberg	Y2 Butterworth
91.6%	93.0%	96.4%	95.3%	87.9%	89.9%	94.4%	91.0%



Y3 Benjamin	Y3 King-Smith	Y4 Binch	Y4 Pullman	Y5 Hughes	Y5 Morpurgo	Y6 Horowitz	Y6 Lewis
94.8%	96.3%	94.4%	98.3%	94.7%	92.3%	90.0%	95.3%

Attendance for the whole school year is currently 91.7%

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 CATALINA, HALIMA and LOTTIE on winning the Attendance raffle!

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