

THE PALMER ACADEMY WEEKLY ROUND-UP

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Friday 22nd March 2024

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Bug's Life

At Palmer we are aiming to increase our wildlife at school to become more environmentally friendly through increasing biodiversity. This week Miss Aucock and several children from each class were joined by a company called Bug's Life. They planted wildflowers in our wooded area by the football court. Hopefully we will soon see beautiful blooms and lots of pollinating insects.

Ramadan

I would also like to take a moment to extend Palmer warm wishes to our Islamic families who are observing the sacred time of Ramadan.

Ramadan is a significant period of reflection, fasting, prayer, and community for Muslims around the world. During this month, individuals abstain from food and drink from dawn until sunset, focusing on spiritual growth, self-discipline, and charitable acts.

May this month be a time of spiritual reflection, growth, and blessings for you and your families.

Ramadan Kareem

Kind Regards

A Higginbotham

Miss A Higginbotham

Headteacher



Information for Parents

Bikeability Easter Holiday courses

Learn to ride session for Year 1 and above, £10

(This is open to children who cannot yet independently pedal and steer their cycle.)

Prospect Park, 3rd April, 9:45-11:00, 3 children

Prospect Park, 3rd April, 14:00-15:15, 3 children

Prospect Park, 6th April, 9:45-11:00, 3 children

Prospect Park, 6th April, 14:00-15:15, 3 children

Prospect Park, 11th April, 9:45-11:00, 3 children

Prospect Park, 11th April, 14:00-15:15, 3 children

Prospect Park, 13th April, 9:45-11:00, 3 children

Prospect Park, 13th April, 14:00-15:15, 3 children

Level 1 Bikeability Training for Year 3 and above, £10

(This is open to children who have mastered the basics of balancing)

Highdown School, 2nd April, 9:30-12, Level 1 course, 12 children

Prospect Park, 8th April, 9:30-12, Level 1 course, 12 children

Level 1 & 2 Bikeability Training for Year 5 and above, one day course, £10

(This is open to children who are confident cyclists and who are in Years 5, 6 and 7)

Prospect Park: 2nd April, 9:00-3:30pm, Level 1 & 2 course, 4 children

Prospect Park: 4th April, 9:00-3:30pm, Level 1 & 2 course, 8 children

Prospect Park: 5th April, 9:00-3:30pm, Level 1 & 2 course, 4 children

Level 1 & 2 Bikeability Training for Year 5 and above, two day course, £20

(This is open to children who are confident cyclists and who are in Years 5, 6 and 7)

Highdown School, 2nd & 3rd April, 9:30-3pm, Level 1&2 course, 12 children

Prospect Park, 8th & 9th April, 9:30-3pm, Level 1&2 course, 12 children

Please book online

The website is;

[We run great holiday courses. - Cycle training specialists \(avanticycling.co.uk\)](http://avanticycling.co.uk)

Kazoku Combat

Allow me to introduce myself - I am John Jarvis and my family and I run a Martial Arts School within your local area. We are currently introducing a new programme into our scheme and was hoping you may be able to help us out. We are looking for local schools to potentially hand out any leaflets to students or potentially (if you have one) pop us into your schools upcoming news letters with the details of our new programme (whether that is a digital copy or printed).

As stated before we are we are a family club run by myself, my wife and our three children with over 20 years self defence experience. Our aim is to share our knowledge, to empower our students with the skills to be confident in self-defence and learn a superior martial art that has transformed our lives. We specifically have gained relevant experience with behaviour management, discipline and working with individuals with additional needs and how we can adapt our teaching to fit the needs of every individual.

This is a brand-new beginner programme that involves combat and fitness-based sessions for 3 different age groups (6-9yrs, 10-13yrs, and 14yrs+). This would involve self-defence skills that could potentially be imperative in a child's life in today's world and there is NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED.

Even if this may be something you guys are interested in for yourselves, all ages are welcome! 😊

The details are as followed:

Kazoku Kombat Defence Programme:

When: Monday nights (50 weeks of a year - 2 weeks off at christmas)

- First initial trial sessions will run on Monday 15th of April and Monday 22nd of April. Each new member no matter when they decide to join will be offered these 2 trials.

Location: Christ the King Church Hall, 408 Northumberland Avenue, RG2 8NR (Just 5 mins away from your school) 😊

Groups:

- **Ninjas:** 6-9 years (5-6pm)
- **Juniors:** 10-13 years (6-7pm)
- **Teens & Adults:** 14 years + (7-8pm)

We aim to build confidence, focus, discipline, reach new goals and much more by joining on one of our programmes.

These are the key areas we will focus on in those age groups.

Fitness drills

Ground-work skills

Pad-work with free standing kick bags.

Striking exercises using equipment

Kicking techniques

Defence skills in all areas.

Combat drills.

Our club offers a free trial for all new beginners, but be quick, as we have limited spaces in each age group and they are going quickly!

Register your interest with us @ kazoku_karatedo@hotmail.com or alternatively, you could give us a call on the number below.

Chrissie: 07789848273

John: 07443334174

Please connect with us at one of our socials below:

<https://www.kazokukaratedo.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/kazokukaratedo/>

https://www.instagram.com/kazoku_karatedo

Reminder for Parents

Dates

No Enrichment clubs next week

End of term Thursday 28th March

Uniform

Could we please ask Parents/Carers to make sure all uniforms are clearly labelled. Nearly all of the uniform emptied from the lost property bins is unnamed, making it impossible to return to the rightful owners.

School lunches

Parents are now able to cancel and book school dinners up to 9am in the morning. Please remember to order for your child before this time and cancel any meals not required should your child be absent for the day, you will still be charged if meals aren't cancelled. Meals should only be ordered by the school office on the rare occasion that you may have forgotten to order. Please speak to the school office if you need a reminder of how to order through Parent Pay.

Parent Pay accounts.

Please ensure your Parent Pay lunch account is not in debt by **Wednesday 27th March**. The school need to send a debt report to our catering provider after this date for costs to be received. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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 better 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
87.2%	81.7%	88.0%	62.3%	91.5%	90.4%	87.3%	83.7%
Year 3		Year 4		Year 5		Year 6	
Benjamin	King-Smith	Binch	Pullman	Hughes	Morpurgo	Horowitz	Lewis
91.8%	95.8%	94.8%	91.2%	96.7%	96.4%	92.6%	91.3%

Attendance for The Whole School Year Is Currently 92.4 %

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!



**Well done to:
Cole & Hughes
Classes**

**Turing wins House
of the week-
Congratulations.**