



The Palmer Academy

Newsletter



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What a week! As you all know we had our Ofsted Inspection this week on Tuesday and Wednesday. The children made us incredibly proud in showing our visitors what Palmer is all about! I would like to extend a special thank you to all the parents who completed the Ofsted questionnaires or spoke to inspectors on the day as all of this feedback is incredibly important to us! As soon as we receive our final report, we will share this with you (likely to be after Christmas). It was also very exciting to see a group of our Year Fives off to a Tag Rugby tournament, where they placed third! As we go into the colder winter months, I would remind everyone to bring coats, hats and scarves to school as we like to go outside at break and lunch if we possibly can – even if it is cold and windy! I hope everyone has a relaxing weekend and gets a chance to share a book with their children! See you bright and early at 8.40am on Monday morning to receive your HERO token!



Miss. Thomassen
Head of School

Reminder Book Fair

The Travelling Book Fair will be visiting school from the 29th of 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/>

SEND Coffee Afternoon

At 2:15pm on Monday, 28th November we have a coffee afternoon for parents to attend to learn more about supporting children's Mental Health and Anxiety. If you would like to attend, please email admin@thepalmeracademy.com to book a place.

Reminder: Christmas Lunch

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

Reminder: 16th December-Carol Concert at Christchurch Church

Please see original letter for the permission link

What have Nursery been learning about this week?

This week in Nursery we have been learning all about celebrations. We have been talking about what we celebrate with our families and learning that some of the things we celebrate are the same and some are different. We talked about what we do when we celebrate our birthdays including have cake, balloons, birthday cards and presents. We even had a go at making our own cakes and talked about how they had changed when we took them out of the oven. In maths we have been learning about repeating patterns. We learnt how to continue repeating patterns and also had a go at making our own patterns using the resources in the classroom.



What have Year 1 been learning about this week?

This week in maths we started geometry and we explored 3-D and 2-D shapes. In English, we looked at different types of poems. We worked with the fairy tale Goldilocks and the Three Bears and learnt that it was a free verse poem. In science, we did an investigation using magnets and tested if all metals are magnetic. In DT, we looked at different materials for building our umbrellas and for computing we programmed out bee bots to find a treasure on a treasure map. We also started practicing for our Nativity play, check your emails for show days, times, and where to get tickets!

What have Year 3 been learning about this week?

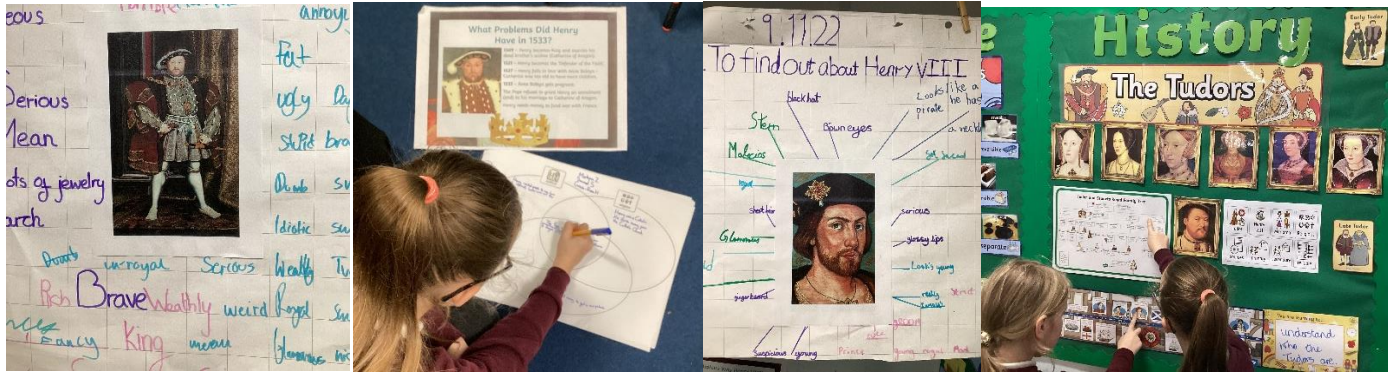
Year 3 have had another lovely week, working hard and exploring new things! We could not be prouder of how they not only represented themselves but the school as well to all the guests we've had in the school. In English we have been looking at poetry and have had a go at creating our own poems, using rhymes, personification and alliteration. In science we researched the uses of magnets in the real world! Some of the children even wowed us by taking their learning home and sharing with year 3 what they had learnt! In History we travelled back in time to the stone ages and created some beautiful cave paintings! We have been really impressed with their multiplication skills in maths!



What have Year 5 been learning about this week?

Year 5 have been working so hard this week! We are so proud of how well they presented themselves whilst having guests in the school. We had many compliments about the behaviour of the children in year 5 and had particular individuals thanked for their maturity and help. As their teachers, we couldn't be prouder. In History, we have been learning all about the Tudors. We learnt a lot about Henry VIII and took part in a scavenger hunt to find as many facts as we could that lead to England's break with Rome. Once we had been on the scavenger hunt, we taught each other the facts that we had found. We definitely have some future teachers in our year group!

A massive congratulations needs to be said for the 10 children who participated in the Rugby tournament on Thursday morning! They represented the school beautifully and gave it their all! They came 3rd which is truly amazing!



A special shout out goes to Morpurgo, Binch and Hughes for scoring 500+ points, 400+ points and 300+ points respectively. It's great to see you consistently play well and practice your times tables to improve your mathematics in class. WELL DONE! And well done to all the supporters at home that are encouraging their children to practice daily. Lets see which classes won and which children were the most valuable players in assisting the win for the class.

Year group	Winning Class	MVPs	MVPs
Year 2	<i>Butterworth</i>	2A Maya – Sameksha - Catalina	2B Niranjana – Ruth - Harvinder
Year 3	<i>Benjamin</i>	3B Joshua – Armel - Zayaan	3K-S Benjamin – Ahmad - Mohammed
Year 4	<i>Binch</i>	4B Junior – Reena - Iman	4P Moad - Dominik – Saba
Year 5	<i>Morpurgo</i>	5H Arjun – Amelia - Inayah	5M Arjela - Inesa – Samarth
Year 6	<i>Lewis</i>	6H Shinuna – Godwill - Sabrina	6L Krisma - Hope – Vritee

Attendance Information



Nursery AM	Nursery PM	YR Kerr	YR Rosen	Y1 Cole	Y1 Donaldson	Y2 Ahlberg	Y2 Butterworth
97.5%	98.7%	94.3%	91.3%	92.4%	62.5%	92.1	95.9%



Y3 Benjamin	Y3 King-Smith	Y4 Binch	Y4 Pullman	Y5 Hughes	Y5 Morpurgo	Y6 Horowitz	Y6 Lewis
94.5%	90.0%	93.4%	86.5%	92.4%	89.1%	88.6%	84.5%

Attendance for the whole school year is currently %

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: Thomas, Logan and Kayden, on winning the attendance raffle!

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