



# The Palmer Academy

## Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to meet some of you this week at the Meet the Headteacher sessions. Thank you for your questions and feedback. I will make a recording of the presentation, so if you were unable to attend, you can still be updated of my vision for the school and our priorities. After Easter, we will offer more sessions to share our progress towards these priorities.

We also have a vacancy on our governing board. This is an exciting opportunity to be involved in the school and our key priorities. If you would like to know more about this role please don't hesitate to speak with me, or contact the school office.



**Miss A Higginbotham**

**Headteacher**

### **NSPCC Number Day 3<sup>rd</sup> February**

On Friday next week we will be raising money for the NSPCC through Number Day. We would like to invite all children to wear something that has a number on it and bring in £1 towards the NSPCC who have recently been in our school delivering fantastic workshops to the children.

The NSPCC is the national society for prevention of cruelty to children and their work is all around keeping children safe. They have also been working with our Year 5 and 6 children recently on keeping safe and speaking out.

Children can create an outfit with numbers or wear something that already has a number on it!

### **Year 4 Multiplication Test Parents' Information**

We have had to move the parents' information session to 3:30pm Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> of February due to club timetables this term. This short session will be held in the Year 4 classroom and parents' can find out more about the statutory assessment that Year 4 children complete in June for their Multiplication Tables Check assessment. It would be fantastic to see as many parents as possible attending this short session to find out how they can help at home!

### **GO BEANIES BREAKFAST AND AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB @ THE PALMER ACADEMY - Places Available**

The Breakfast club runs from 7.45am to 8.45am and the Afterschool club runs from 3.15 to 5.45pm for working parents with children from FS2 to Year 6.

Go Beanies daily programme offers outdoor activities, sports, games, art & crafts, play and relaxation with breakfast and afternoon tea also included.

Please email [info@gobeanies.org](mailto:info@gobeanies.org) or text message on **07710566727** to book your child's place.

Spaces are allocated on a first come/first booked basis.

### **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.

### **Parking Reminder**

We'd like to give all parents and carers a polite reminder that parking is not permitted on double yellow lines. We are aware that this has been a particular issue in Scholars Place. These restrictions are in place for the safety of all pedestrians and residents in our community.

### **What have Nursery been learning about this week?**

This week in Nursery we have been continuing our topic Once Upon A Time by learning the story Little Red Riding Hood. We have been talking about the characters – who is in the story, and the setting – where the story takes place. The children have really enjoyed learning the story and drawing their own pictures of the characters. In maths we have been learning how to use five frames to represent numbers. We have been talking about what we notice when we see objects on a five frame, including how many squares are full and how many are empty. All of our new children have settled in really well and are enjoying exploring the environment and playing with their new friends!



### **What have Year 1 been learning about this week?**

In year 1 this week we continue our narrative writing with innovation. Our new characters went on new adventures to the cinema, beach, and space. In maths we started adding within 20 and played some doubling games. Science we took our prior knowledge from making umbrellas and tested waterproof materials. As a class, we explored Google maps and looked up London's top landmarks. In computing, we continued to explore paint! We changed fonts, colours and size.

### **What have Year 3 been learning about this week?**

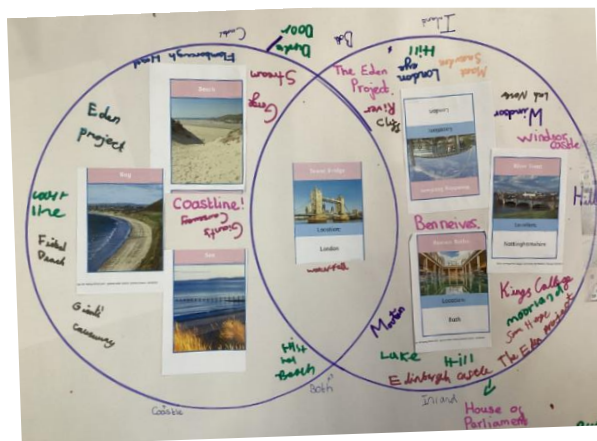
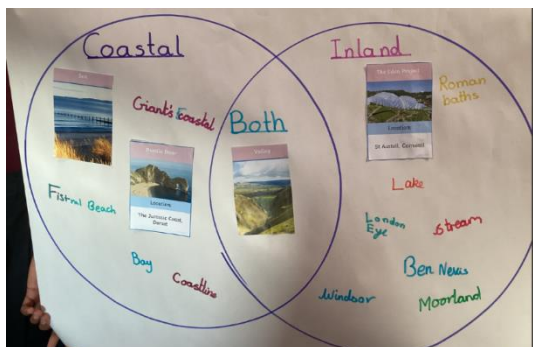
We have had another exciting week in year 3! In writing we have moved on to look at a non-chronological report, discussing all the important features they include. In maths we have been finishing off our multiplication and division topic. The children have really impressed us with their ability to multiply and divide 2-digit numbers with a 1-digit number!

In science we have conducted an experiment to find out what plants need to survive. Last week we placed plants in a cupboard (with no light), plants in the fridge (with no warmth), other plants we did not water and we had some test plants. On Wednesday, we had a look to see how our plants had grown! The plants with no light and no warmth had not grown very much and were yellowed. The plants with no water had wilted. The test plants had grown a lot and

were very healthy. In Geography we have been looking at volcanoes, in this week's lesson we learnt about eruptions, we even got an opportunity to make a volcano erupt ourselves!

**What have year 5 been learning about this week?**

Year 5 have shown such resilience and determination this week. In Maths, we have been learning all about short division and how to use it when dividing a 3 or 4 digit number by a 1 digit number. Some of us found it really tricky at the start but felt such a sense of achievement when we finally understood it! In Geography, we have been learning about coasts. This week, we have learnt about how coasts are formed and the difference between coastal areas and inland areas. We sorted some well-known locations onto a Venn diagram earlier on the week and then had to explain our thoughts and reasoning. During this lesson, we all collaborated well when working as a team. Here is some of the work we completed...



The next results are in. A special shout out to Binch class who are working their socks off and have scored nearly 1000 points this week. Who can challenge them this week?

Year group	Winning Class	MVPs	MVPs
Year 2	<i>Butterworth</i>	2A Prithika - Elham - Maya	2B Fatimah - Lucy - Ivy
Year 3	<i>Benjamin</i>	3B Kais - Miray - Hooriya	3K-S Taneisha - Aarush - Benjamin
Year 4	<i>Binch</i>	4B Mary - Reena - Gadi	4P Saba - Rupa - Khirad
Year 5	<i>Morpurgo</i>	5H Amelia - Ali - Riley	5M Inesa - Arjela - Haider
Year 6	<i>Lewis</i>	6H Salim - Levi - Shinuna	6L Ahmed - Hope - Matilda

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
82.4%	85.5%	90.1%	97.8%	87.8%	95.4%	81.4%	94.8%



Y3 Benjamin	Y3 King-Smith	Y4 Binch	Y4 Pullman	Y5 Hughes	Y5 Morpurgo	Y6 Horowitz	Y6 Lewis
84.7%	96.3%	99.2%	96.0%	92.9%	92.2%	96.3%	94.3%

**Attendance for the whole school year is currently 91.5 %**

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: **AVA A, MASHEL and HOORIYA** and on winning the attendance raffle!

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