

# THE PALMER ACADEMY WEEKLY ROUND-UP

**Edition 64**

**Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are currently seeking a new Parent Governor to join our school board. We would like to take the opportunity to ask you to consider becoming a governor and being involved in the strategic direction of our school.

Parent Governors play an important role in our school. They are elected to represent the views of parents and ensure that the school is providing the best possible education for our children. Parent Governors work with the Headteacher and other governors to make decisions about the school's strategic direction, financial management and curriculum development.

It is a chance to get involved in school life and make a real difference to our school community.

If you are interested in becoming a Parent Governor or would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. We would be happy to answer any questions you may have and provide more information about the role.

Thank you for considering this important opportunity.



**Miss A Higginbotham**

Headteacher



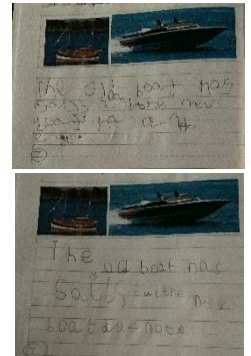
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### What Have Reception Been Learning About This Week?

This week in topic the reception children have been learning about old and new forms of transport. We have been looking at how they are similar and different. The children then wrote a sentence about one of the forms of transport. Well done to Rosie and Katie for using 'but' and 'and' to make their sentences longer.

In maths we have been remembering the properties of 2D shapes and using them to copy pictures. It was very tricky to rotate the shapes so that they matched the pictures exactly, but the children showed how resilient they are and did not give up!



### What Have Year 2 Been Learning About This Week?

It's been another busy week in Year 2. We have continued our learning on fractions but have been putting more focus on finding non-unit fractions of numbers. In English, we have been learning to apply the features of a diary entry into our writing. We have started to write our own diary entries as a class – making sure to write in the first person, as well as in past tense. We hope this diary writing practise influences some of the children to start keeping their own personal diaries! In Science, we are learning all about habitats and how their conditions determine which types of animals choose to live there and why. Keep up the hard work year 2s!

### What Have Year 4 Been Learning About This Week?

What a short but fun week we've all had in Year 4! The children are really impressing us with their attitude towards their learning as we reach the final term of the academic year. We still need to keep developing our resilience and independence, but we have plenty of time to show this in the upcoming weeks! In English, we have been writing balanced arguments. The children have used a range of features and we were impressed with how they discussed their chosen topic. In geography, we have been continuing to learn all about the rainforests. The children applied their understanding of the layers of the rainforest by creating beautiful collages, including the animals and plant life that inhabit each layer. The multiplication times table check is fast approaching so please ensure your children are still rehearsing their times tables. The soundcheck option on TTRockstars is a great way to do this as it closely mimics the real check.

### What Have Year 6 Been Learning About This Week?

This week in year 6, the children have been applying themselves to a range of different revision techniques. We have been focusing on ensuring we are ready for next week, recapping the skills we have learnt this year. The children have displayed an amazing attitude to learning, focusing to achieve their very best.

In our writing, we have decided to explore the question 'Should uniform be compulsory?'. The students have demonstrated an ability to control the formality of their writing, becoming a more credible source of information when providing their opinions. They have also worked incredibly hard at presenting both sides of the balanced argument, considering all possibilities before sharing a solution to the age-old problem!

The entire year 6 team are incredibly proud of what all the students have achieved this week and while preparing for their end of Key stage assessments. Please encourage your child to rest this weekend, ensuring they can perform at their very best next week!

## Second Hand School Uniform Collection

If you have any spare uniform that you no longer need, please can you bring that to school on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May.

## Coronation Celebrations

Reminder that we will be celebrating King Charles' coronation on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023 by wearing red, white and blue to school. The pupils will also be having a picnic lunch on the field. Voluntary donation of £1 towards our 11before11 experiences.

## 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
83.92%	90.35%	96.55%	95.33%	87.33%	92.67%	86.21%	91.33%
Year 3		Year 4		Year 5		Year 6	
Benjamin	King-Smith	Binch	Pullman	Hughes	Morpurgo	Horowitz	Lewis
92.41%	89.23%	97.6%	92.8%	90%	97.93%	96.67%	82.78%

## Attendance for The Whole School Year Is Currently 91.4%

### 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:  
Johnson House &  
Kerr &  
Morpurgo Classes**

**A special well done to  
Johnson House who  
won the most HERO  
(Here, Every Day,  
Ready on Time) tokens**