

THE PALMER ACADEMY WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Edition 72

Friday, 7th July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We're excited to share the incredible experience Year 5 had during their recent trip to Winchester Museum. The trip was filled with educational insights, fascinating exhibits, and a special treat - a night under the stars in the planetarium!

The students embarked on a captivating journey through time as they explored Winchester Museum when it was closed to the public. The interactive exhibits provided a hands-on experience, allowing the children to immerse themselves in science.

We would like to express our gratitude to the staff who accompanied the Year 5 students on this remarkable adventure.

Sports Days for Upper School and Lower School are rearranged for the last week of term. A letter confirming these dates will be shared on Monday.

On Monday we will also be sharing information of your child's new class and teacher.

Thank you for your continuous support in making our school community vibrant and engaging. We are thrilled to celebrate the achievements and experiences of our students, ensuring their educational journey is both enriching and memorable.



Miss A Higginbotham

Headteacher



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A Request for Parents

Recently we had one of our pupils who was quite poorly staying at Great Ormond Street Hospital who took excellent care of her- Her mother has set up a GoFundMe page for the hospital – she is asking for any small donation that would be much appreciated –Please follow link <https://gofund.me/91ac713b>.

School Lunch Accounts

Please can I ask that all children's school lunch accounts are paid in full and not left with any debt as of the 20th July 23. The school will be invoiced for any debt remaining and we will then need to recover in full from parents. Thank you.

Scholars Place

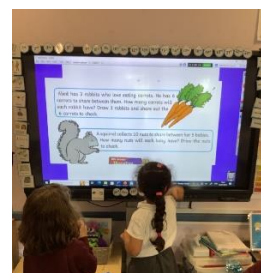
Please can we remind parents that there is no parking allowed in Scholars Place. This is to ensure the safety of our children and the residents, as they use that road for access.

Exercise Books

As the end of term approaches, much like previous years, all books will be going home with your child on the last day of term. We kindly ask that your child brings in a plastic bag from home from 10th July 2023 to take their books home in. They can bring multiple bags if they have spares. Please note that if your child does not bring their books home, it may be because they are being kept for moderation purposes or to support new staff next year. Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring a smooth end to the school year.

What Have Reception Been Learning About This Week?

We had a brilliant start to our week with Sports Day. We were lucky that the rain didn't spoil our fun and we had fantastic spectators cheering us on! We have continued our learning about 'Under the Sea' and used the facts we have learned to write riddles. In maths we have been practising our addition and subtraction skills to solve word problems.



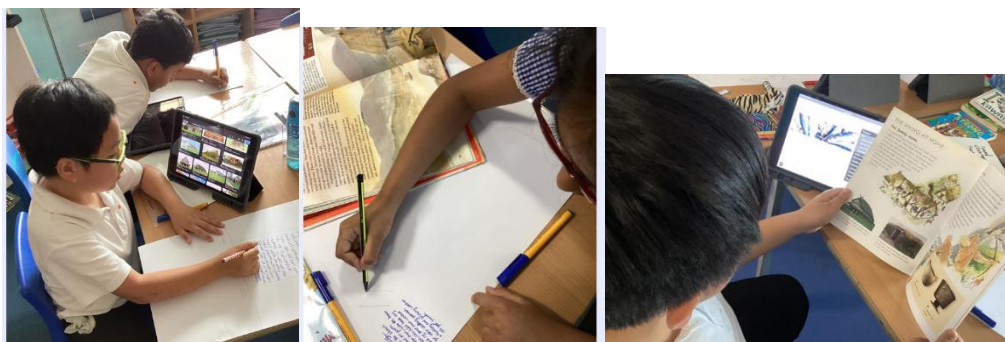
What Have Year 2 Been Learning About This Week?

Year 2 have had a great two weeks of learning! In English we have been learning all about a persuasive advert and how they can create their own persuasive advert using all the different features taught to them throughout the year! In maths we have been learning about direction and turns, you can continue practicing this at home, getting them to make quarter turns, half turns, three quarter turns and full turns. We have also been looking at the vocabulary clockwise and anti-clockwise.

In Science the children have loved learning all about the different habitats and what different animals may live in the different habitats. We were able to design a special enclosure for a lion and thought about the different things the lion may need in its habitat to survive. We are looking forward to the last two weeks of term!

What Have Year 4 Been Learning About This Week?

Year 4 have had a fantastic two weeks of learning! In reading, the children have been applying their vocabulary and inference skills as they continue to read Charlotte's Web. In English, the children have been writing their collaborative adventure narrative set in The Amazon rainforest. They were inspired by their recent trip to The Living Rainforest which has helped with their descriptive writing and ideas. In History, we are loving learning about The Vikings! The children have been independently researching different aspects of Viking Village life using iPads and non-fiction books!



What Have Year 6 Been Learning About This Week?

Year six have been working on our end of year production, Matilda. This has been tricky with most of our children having now completed their secondary school transition days so have been absent from TPA on different days. Alongside this, children have been preparing for secondary school in various ways: they have taken part in 'Worry Warriors', a series of workshops designed to combat the fears and worries relating to transition; our PSHE lessons have focussed on transition and body image; and we have been looking at a Shakespearean play in English which is something children will continue to explore in secondary school. We have looked at 'Macbeth' and the children have really enjoyed exploring the characters and their intentions. We even acted out the battle in the opening scene.



In the run up to our Year 6 children leaving us, could I please ask that you have a look at home for any resources your children have borrowed from the school and return them. Thank you in advance.

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
94.6%	92.3%	85.0%	92.8%	94.7%	91.3%	88.7%	87.3%
Year 3		Year 4		Year 5		Year 6	
Benjamin	King-Smith	Binch	Pullman	Hughes	Morpurgo	Horowitz	Lewis
86.8%	98.8%	93.3%	97.2%	96.4%	95.3%	90.6%	96.0%

Attendance for The Whole School Year Is Currently 91.7%

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 & KING SMITH
Classes

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