

# THE PALMER ACADEMY WEEKLY ROUND-UP

**Edition 66**

**Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today we are saying goodbye and see you soon to two special staff members.

Mrs Maynard is retiring, and I would like to thank her for her dedication and care for our children both in school and at Go Beanies. We wish her a happy retirement and look forward to her visiting us in the future.

I would also like to wish Miss Thomassen all the very best as she moves to her new school. She has been an important part of our community for 9 years. I'd like to thank her for her leadership, care and inspiration for our staff and pupils past and present.

We are incredibly fortunate to have such a wonderful team in our school community. We know that each member contributes to the life of this school and the provision at Palmer.

Thank you, Miss Thomassen and Mrs Maynard,



**Miss A Higginbotham**

Headteacher



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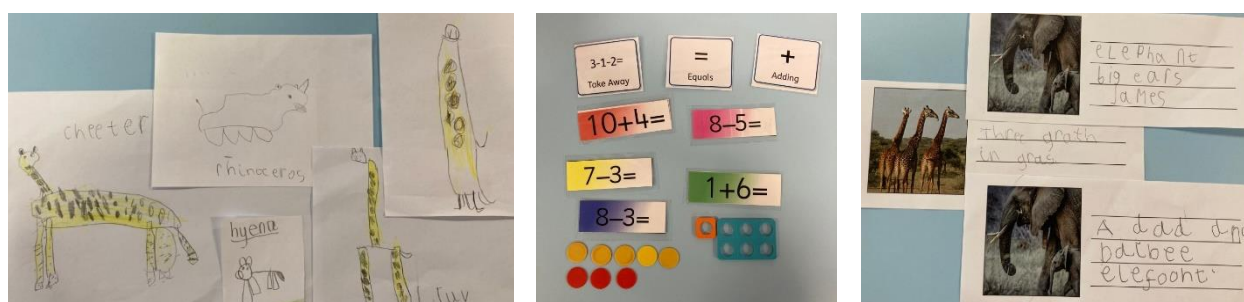
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## Census Day

A big thank you for all your support -The £5 Smyths voucher was handed out to the winner in class.

## What Have Reception Been Learning About This Week?

Continuing our topic of 'Around the World and off we go!' we have been looking at the countries Ghana, Nigeria and Poland. We have found out that each country has its own flag, money, food and animals that it is famous for. We have enjoyed writing about and drawing African animals, thinking about the shapes we can see. In maths we have been practising addition and subtraction, choosing whatever we need to help us.



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

We are all incredibly proud of the Year 2s for getting through a very challenging week. The year 2s have put in a lot of dedication, hard-work and resilience this week in getting through all of their SATs. They've proven to us what they are capable of and we look forward to the half-term break for a well-deserved rest! Now that SATs are all done - we look forward to our school trip coming up in June. Be on the lookout for a letter that will be sent out shortly. We will be going to Beale Park on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023 and know that the children will absolutely love it and all the fun things the park has to offer. Well done Year 2s for getting through a tough week – you should all be so proud of yourselves!

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

It has been an action-packed week in Year 4 as we head towards the end of Summer 1! In our reading lessons, the children have been enjoying reading **Charlotte's Web**. Our VIPER skill of the week has been **predict** and we have been very impressed to hear what the children think will happen next throughout different parts of the story. In English, we have been continuing our Myth unit with our model text **How Night Came**. The children have been applying their skills, knowledge and understanding of using inverted commas to punctuate speech. To help us generate ideas for this lesson, the children pretended to be different characters in the story and acted our different parts. They wowed us with their drama skills and creativity!

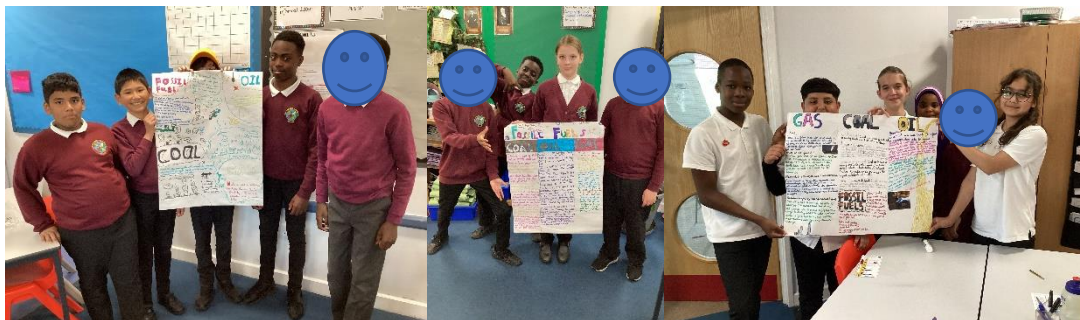
In maths, the children have been learning all about time. We used practical resources to aid our understanding and the children had fun showing the time in different ways (analogue, digital, 12-hour, 24 hour). Thursday was a particularly busy day as the children had their swimming lesson in the morning and

then a STEM session in the afternoon where they made rockets! The children will be having these sessions for the next 6 weeks, provided by STEMazing thank you to Mrs Collins for organising these as DT lead 😊 .

If you haven't already, please complete the online form (sent to you via email) for the **Living Rainforest** trip happening on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June. If you need this resending, please enquire at the office to check your details are up to date on our system. Please also keep supporting your child with their times table practice. The government **Multiplication Times Table Check** will be happening straight after half term, so this is the final push to ensure our brilliant children achieve well.

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

This week, year 6 have begun their topic on climate change, researching fossils fuels and their impact on our Earth. They impressed the entire year 6 team by collaborating in groups to create informative posters, teaching important details about each fossil fuel. The care and attention to detail on every piece of work was amazing to see!



We also announced to the children the details of our end of year production – Matilda the musical! We will begin auditions next week for each role, so will be sending home lyrics to the audition song 'When I grow up'. This will be a great showcase of all the students and their skills – we have some fantastic budding young performers who can't wait to begin!

Finally, a small reminder to keep an eye on emails for some of the amazing things organised for the end of this year. Leaver's hoodies will be available to order directly through the providers website, a great memento of their primary school experience. We also have an exciting trip to London to look forward to, having the chance to see a West End musical (and even sing on the way home, I am sure!). These will require permission forms to be completed, so please ask if you have any questions or need support with these.

Well done year 6, keep up the hard work!

## 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
91.3%	94.8%	96.8%	97.0%	96.3%	90.0%	84.7%	90.0%
Year 3		Year 4		Year 5		Year 6	
Benjamin	King-Smith	Binch	Pullman	Hughes	Morpurgo	Horowitz	Lewis
93.5%	93.4%	99.1%	96.8%	86.9%	98.5%	90.0%	96.3%

## Attendance for The Whole School Year Is Currently **91.5%**

### 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:  
Rosen & Binch  
Classes**

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