

THE PALMER ACADEMY WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Edition 70

Friday, 23rd June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a busy week with several events taking place. Firstly, we are proud to mention that a large number of our students have completed their end-of-year assessments with great resilience and focus. This is a testament to their hard work and dedication towards their learning, and we couldn't be happier with their progress.

In addition to academic pursuits, some of our Year 6 students have been developing their bike riding skills with great enthusiasm and drive through Bike Ability lessons. It's always fantastic to see our students engage in activities that promote physical activity and healthy living.

Further to this, today our Year 4 students have been on a trip to the Living Rainforest, providing them with a unique wildlife experience and valuable knowledge of our planet's biodiversity.

We are also thrilled to share that some of our children took part in a horse-riding experience this week, where they overcame their fears to successfully mount a horse. We congratulate them for their bravery and willingness to explore new things.

Lastly, we want to extend our gratitude to all the parents and carers who purchased ice lollies this week to support the school. Your contributions will be allocated towards upcoming trips and visits planned for next year. As a reminder, Miss Druce will be on the playground every Monday, Wednesday and Friday selling ice lollies for just 50p.

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Headteacher



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A request from Early Years

We are updating our role play areas and looking for multicultural resources for the children to explore. If you have any clothing (aged 3 to 6 approx.) or artefacts that are representative of another culture or religion, and you are happy to donate them, please drop them into the office or to the Reception classrooms. Thank you!

What Have Reception Been Learning About This Week?

We have had another busy week learning lots of facts about some of the animals we saw on our visit to the aquarium. So far, we have created fact files about dolphins and sharks and have made models of whales. In maths we have been remembering what we learned about doubling and used this to help us with this week's learning about sharing numbers. We have loved listening to the story of 'The Rainbow Fish' and acting it out in our role play areas.



What Have Year 2 Been Learning About This Week?

Year 2 have had a fantastic week so far and thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Beale Park. Our trip started off with a mini-beasts workshop where we were able to hold and investigate different insects and mini-beasts. Some of us were even brave enough to hold a cockroach! We learnt all about various mini-beasts and their habitats – ask us what features an insect has – hopefully we can remember and are able to tell you! We had so much fun exploring the park and saw everything from as small as tarantula to as big as a Capybara. In writing, we are writing our own non-chronological reports all about different mythical creatures. In Maths, we are learning about tally charts and pictograms and how they are useful in collecting information and data. In DT, we are learning all about different drawbridges and will be making our very own - please can each child bring in a cereal box next week – we will use these to craft our bridges. Well

done Year 2s for your excellent behaviour on our trip – remember to all stay safe in the hot sun!



What Have Year 4 Been Learning About This Week?

It has been another exciting week in Year 4! We have had a busy week with lots of assessments to see how much progress the children have made throughout the year. We were all so impressed with the children's focus and motivation during the tests, and we will be sharing some of the successes with the children in the upcoming weeks. In English, the children have completed the final week of our persuasive letter units. The children decided who they wanted to write to and we were wowed by their creativity and application of the features. On Thursday, we had such an exciting STEMazing session where we created lava lamps! Today, we have had our final trip of the year to the Living Rainforest, this will be the stimulus for our final English unit so please chat to your child about what they found exciting!

What Have Year 6 Been Learning About This Week?

This week, transition days began for our Year 6 students whereby, over the coming weeks, students will be spending time in their new schools on taster days in order to prepare them for September. In addition to this, a large proportion of our cohort successfully completed their level 3 Bikeability training which saw them cycle into town and past many of their secondary schools as they navigated roundabouts and junctions. The instructors commented on how well-mannered, kind and supportive our children were. For that we are super proud! In English, we completed our unit on narrative writing - finishing and editing our stories to include a range of literary devices and many key features of story writing. We continue to consolidate our understanding of maths problems by solving multi-step worded questions in preparation for secondary school.

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%	92.9%	97.7%	94.6%	95.6%	98.2%	94.4%	89.5%
Year 3		Year 4		Year 5		Year 6	
Benjamin	King-Smith	Binch	Pullman	Hughes	Morpurgo	Horowitz	Lewis
97.3%	94.0%	96.8%	91.6%	96.4%	95.0%	94.8%	96.3%

Attendance for The Whole School Year Is Currently 91.8%

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:
Donaldson & Benjamin
Classes**

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