



# The Palmer Academy Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had an excellent week following the half term. Our chicks have hatched in Nursery, Year 6 have started their work on World War II and some of our year 3s went rock climbing, as part of the **11 before 11** work.

This term I would like to have a big push on school uniform. We have included the uniform policy with the newsletter as a reminder. If you have any issues with your child wearing **school uniform** or accessing it, please come and speak with us and we will be able to help you. School uniform plays a key role in **promoting pride, self-confidence, and a feeling of belonging within our school.**

Next week it is Stay and Read with year 1s, 2s and 3s. We are looking forward to welcoming parents from those classes for a lovely opportunity to share books together.



**Miss A Higginbotham**

**Headteacher**

We are pleased to announce our Cake Sale raised £161.51 for UNICEF Turkey and Syria appeal. Number day raised £196.60 for NSPCC. Thank you for your continued support!

### **Donations**

This term Reception will be doing a lot of planting as part of our Growing and Changing topic. If anyone has any bags of compost (half used is fine) that they wouldn't mind donating to us that would be amazing. Please bring any donations to the Reception classrooms or into the office.

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

This week in Reception we have started our new topic of 'Growing and Changing'. We have changed our role play areas into Garden Centres and have enjoyed talking to customers on the telephone and also 'planting' seeds ready to grow into new plants. We have listened to lots of different versions of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and have talked about how they are similar and different. We have also been making our own story maps so that we can retell the story to our friends. In maths we have been exploring different ways to represent 9 and 10 and showing this on ten frames.



### **What have Year 2 been learning about this week?**

This week in Year 2 we've been having lots of fun measuring in centimetres and metres. We've learnt how to accurately measure different objects using our rulers and have especially enjoyed using the metre sticks to measure height and length too! Our unit topic for Science this term is plants and we can't wait to see the results of an experiment that will help us determine what plants need to grow and stay healthy. In History, we are learning all about the history of toys and focussing Barbie – we will be exploring how Barbie has changed over the years to become more inclusive in celebrating difference. We look forward to the upcoming weeks of school and will continue to do our best and work hard!

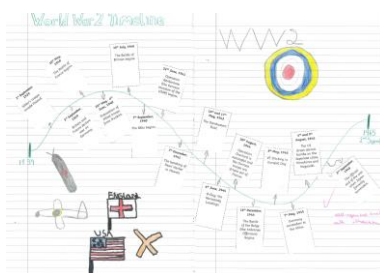
### **What have Year 4 been learning about this week?**

The children of Year 4 have impressed us this week with their focus and developing independence in lessons. In our reading sessions, we are using the Viper Skill of inference to explore the impression that the different characters of Matilda give us. We all agreed that Miss Honey gives us a more positive impression than Miss Trunchbull! In Maths, we have started our new unit- fractions! We have been exploring wholes and have also been counting beyond the whole. In History, we started to learn all about the Anglo Saxons! We were surprised to learn that the "Scots" were originally from Ireland.

### **What have year 6 been learning about this week?**

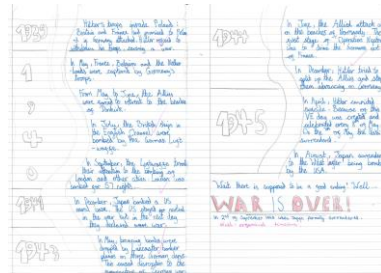
Year 6 have returned after half term with many children having completed some impressive independent revision at home. There has been a buzz about our new History topic as the classrooms and corridor have been decorated with historical replica artefacts and an enquiry station erected in the working space outside of class. Children have produced some beautifully illustrated timelines of the key events from World War II and have enjoyed discussing these in lesson times. For part of their homework over the coming weeks, we would like for children to create a project (presented how they wish) to answer the following question: How did WWII affect Reading?

By Riley



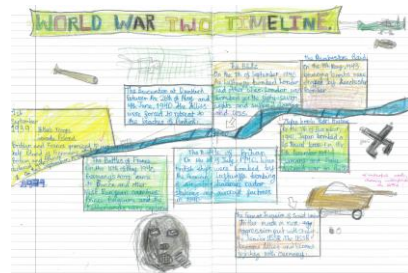
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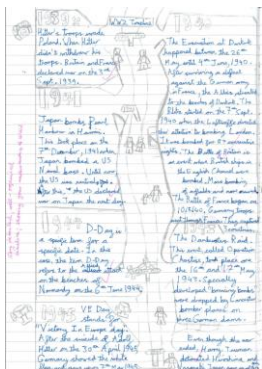


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The tournaments will start next week.

### Attendance Information



Nursery AM	Nursery PM	YR Kerr	YR Rosen	Y1 Cole	Y1 Donaldson	Y2 Ahlberg	Y2 Butterworth
85.26%	86.19%	91.46%	95.35%	90.51%	86.15%	83.14%	89.74%



Y3 Benjamin	Y3 King-Smith	Y4 Binch	Y4 Pullman	Y5 Hughes	Y5 Morpurgo	Y6 Horowitz	Y6 Lewis
85.03%	93.03%	96.69%	94.34%	94.16%	92.88%	93.68%	92.65%

Attendance for the whole school year is currently 91.4%

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: Daniel, Aslan and Tianna on winning the attendance raffle!**

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