

THE PALMER ACADEMY WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Edition 63

Friday, 28th April 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we continue on our journey together in educating our children, I will be sharing detail around our Palmer Powers. This week's theme is Independence and Focus.

Independence: At our school, we encourage independence in our children; empowering them to take ownership of their learning. We strive to provide them with a safe and nurturing environment to develop and grow their skills, thoughts, and talents.

Focus: We understand that learning requires focus and to that end our classrooms are structured to minimise distractions and help our students focus on their work. Our goal is to create an environment that maximises learning opportunities for everyone.

I would also like to inform Miss Mason will be leaving our school on 12th May. I am sure you will agree she has been a huge support for you and your children. We are grateful for her dedication to our school and wish her every success in her new role.



Miss A Higginbotham

Headteacher



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What Have Nursery Been Learning About This Week?

Nursery have had a fantastic couple of weeks helping our new children to settle into rules and routines at school. We have started our new topic, Up, Up and Away, in which we have been learning all about things that fly. We have been reading the story Owl Babies by Martin Waddell and learning about Owls. The children have enjoyed learning the story and making their own owl pictures. In maths we have been thinking about ordering numbers. We have practised putting numbers 1-5 in order, then numbers 1-10. Some of the children have enjoyed maths so much they have been showing us how they can order numbers to 20! We also had great fun in our weekly music session with Berkshire Maestros, where the children have the opportunity to sing, dance and play musical instruments. Well done to all our new children who have settled in brilliantly, and our existing children who have made them feel so welcome!



What Have Year 1 Been Learning About This Week?

This week Year 1 have been working really hard on their diary entry writing. We have already written about the day in a life of a pirate and a superhero and can't wait to hear what independent ideas the children come up with to write about next week.

In Maths we have begun to look at doubling numbers and the children wowed us with their knowledge and application of doubled numbers in addition sums. As well as this, In Art the children have begun to look at different things made from the material clay. We studied different types of tiles and are very excited to have the opportunity to have a go at moulding their own tile designs with clay in the coming weeks.

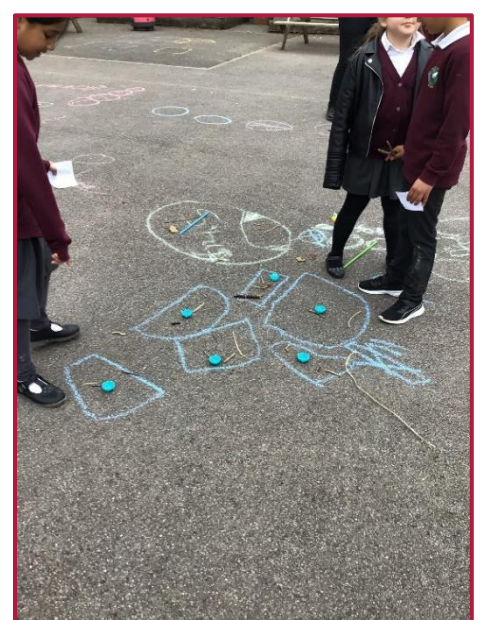
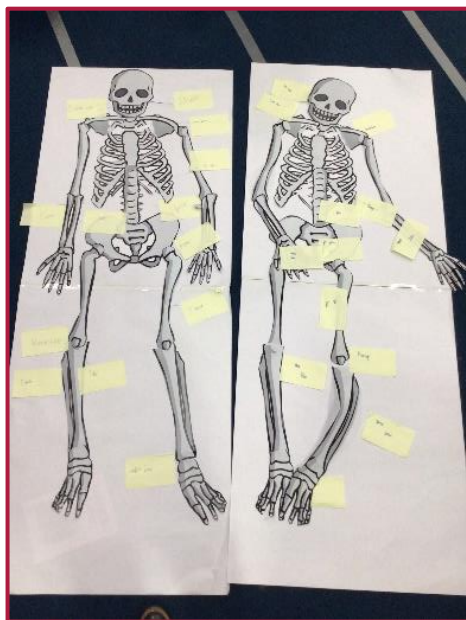
What Have Year 3 Been Learning About This Week?

In year 3 this week, the children have worked really hard to write book reviews on The Twits. They are going on to write about Kridlekrax independently, which is a book we all enjoyed reading last term!

In Maths we have finished off our fractions unit and were looking at finding non-unit fractions of amounts. We took our lesson to the playground and loved finding fractions of amounts using sticks and people!

In science we have been looking at our skeletons and the bones that make up our bodies. Which we have great interest in! We worked brilliantly in teams to assemble a skeleton and label the bones!

We have also had our first ukulele lesson this week, which was very exciting! Year 3 learnt all about stumming and plucking!



What Have Year 5 Been Learning About This Week?

In English, the children have been exploring the concept of a balanced argument. They have been tasked with writing on the topic of whether or not children should have a three-day weekend. I must say, they have been doing an excellent job! They have come up with some compelling arguments for both sides of the issue, and we have been thoroughly impressed with their writing skills.

In Maths, we have been diving deep into the world of angles. The children have been working tirelessly to investigate angles around a point, on a straight line, and within different shapes. They have been demonstrating a strong grasp of this concept, which will undoubtedly set them up for success in their future mathematics studies.

Coronation Celebrations

We will be celebrating King Charles' coronation on 12th May 2023 by wearing red, white and blue to school. We will also be having a picnic lunch on the field as a school. We also ask for a voluntary donation of £1 to put towards our 11 before 11 events and trips. As year 6 will be completing their SATs papers in the morning, we ask for them to bring their red, white and blue clothes in a bag to change into before lunchtime.

Whitley Carnival

On 11th June, The Palmer Academy will be being part of the Whitley carnival. Year 4 and 5 children have been learning to play drums, but all children and adults are welcome to attend the carnival and be part of the Palmer float. There will be a meeting for parents on 17th May at 3.30 in Butterworth classroom if you would like more information.

Stationary and personal belongings

Reminder- Pupils personal belongings should remain at home unless required for school i.e weather dependant clothing, PE kit, lunch and a stationery case for children in year 3, 4, 5 and 6. The items that come into school need to be labelled correctly. We provide all stationary needs in school, children do not need to bring these items with them. However, if you wish your child to bring their own, a stationery kit should only contain the following items- Pencil case, HB pencils, Blue handwriting pen, colouring pencils, ruler, rubber, sharpener, purple biro, glue stick, high lighter and safe children's scissors. Please ensure these are all clearly named and children should not bring anything additional to the items listed above, so we are able to ensure consistency and fairness across the 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
96.67%	93.72%	95.4%	97.04%	89.63%	92.96%	93.1%	91.85%
Year 3		Year 4		Year 5		Year 6	
Benjamin	King-Smith	Binch	Pullman	Hughes	Morpurgo	Horowitz	Lewis
89.66%	97.86%	95.11%	92.44%	88.89%	94.64%	97.78%	97.78%

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:
King-Smith,
Horowitz & Lewis
Classes

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