



The Palmer Academy Newsletter


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New school website – Mr Prendergast

Our new school website launches today, please take your time to explore all the new pages and features by visiting www.thepalmeracademy.com.

Absence Reporting – Mrs Binks & Mrs Roberts

If your child is absent from school parents or carers must inform the school office **before 9am on the first day of absence**. There are three ways to do this:

- ✓ Complete the 'Absence Reporting' form on the new school website. 
- ✓ Telephone the school and speak to someone or leave a message.
- ✓ Come in and speak to us in the office.

Young Voices – Mr Bruce

After months of rehearsals, The Palmer Choir will be part of the largest school choir concert in the World at the O2 Arena this Friday. This is an amazing experience for the choir and is the culmination of hours and hours of hard work singing many new songs as well as learning all the dance moves!

Would parents of the choir please keep their mobiles close at hand as we will be texting them when we are 30 mins away from arriving back at the school. It is very important that parents are waiting at the school when the coach arrives so children can be collected immediately.

The Palmer PTA – Mr Prendergast

On Tuesday 19th January the first committee of the new Palmer Academy Parent Teacher Association (PTA) was elected.

The aims are to advance the education of pupils in the school by:

- Developing effective relationships between the staff, parents and others associated with the school;
- Engaging in activities or providing facilities or equipment which support the school and advance the education of the pupils.

The committee this year is: Chair – Victoria Scott; Treasurer – Suzan Ferguson; Secretary – Miss Davies

To get involved please email Vicky Scott: thepalmeracademypta@gmail.com

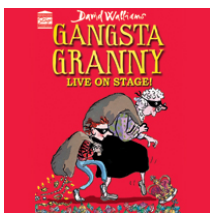
Reading for Pleasure – Miss Druce

There are lots of opportunities to share books and read together at TPA this year. Every Tuesday after lunch excitement and anticipation fills the school – all the pupils swap classes to share and read together with their reading buddy. This has been a resounding success.

We would like to extend these opportunities to our parents at our two 'Family Reading' clubs after school on a Monday and Wednesday. Come along with your child and family, share a juice, biscuit and lots of books! Listen to and share stories of adventure, drama and intrigue!



Gangsta Granny – Year 5 Team



Year 5 visited the Beck Theatre in Hayes on Wednesday to see a production of David Walliams' book 'Gangsta Granny'. The children were enthralled by the story, set and captivating acting. They came away with experiences and memories they'd never forget. Why not see what's on at a theatre near you?

The Sports Report - The P.E. Team

Congratulations to the year 3/4 mixed football team who played a closely fought match against Ridgeway on Wednesday 20th January and eventually won 4-3.

The year 5/6 football team played against some fierce competition in a tournament at Reading Football Club's training dome on Friday 22nd January. They played five very close matches coming away with three draws.

On Monday 25th January the year 5 football team played against Ridgeway in what turned out to be a winning performance, beating them 9-2. The team played in the schools brand new football kit (see below for a picture).

There are still spaces in Year 3/4 Girls Netball, 3/4 Tag Rugby and 4/5/6 Girls Football. Please see the PE team for a letter.



L-R: Hana- year 5/6 kit. Archie- year 5/6 goalkeepers kit, Masa- year 3/4 goalkeeper kit and Emmanuel- year 3/4 football kit

Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Times
29 th January	Years 5&6 mixed football at Reading FC Dome (selected pupils)	All day
29 th January	Young Voices Concert at the O2 (Choir/selected pupils)	11 till late!
2 nd February	Year 3 Build a bear workshop trip	School day
5 th February	Chefs Adopt a School workshop for the Palmer Parliament	School day
8 th February	Years 5&6 girls football at Ridgeway (selected pupils)	TBC
10 th February	Y2 Butterworth trip to London	School day
11 th February	Y2 Ahlberg trip to London	School day
15 th – 19 th February	Half-Term	
2 nd March	Years 4, 5 & 6 cross country at Lily Hill Park (selected pupils)	TBC
3 rd March	Years 5&6 tag rugby tournmanet at Reading School (selected pupils)	TBC
4 th March	Years 3&4 tag rugby festival at Crosfields (selected pupils)	TBC
7 th March	Years 3-6 Key Steps Gymnastics at Reddam House (selected pupils)	TBC
8 th March	Edible Playground Planting Day	TBC
8 th March	Parent/Teacher Meetings	3:30pm – 7:00pm
9 th March	Year 5 INSIDE OUT trip (selected pupils)	School day
9 th March	Parent/Teacher Meetings	3:30pm – 5:30pm
10 th March	Years 3&4 tag rugby at Crosfields (selected pupils)	TBC
15 th March	Years 3&4 cross country at Crosfields (selected pupils)	TBC
18 th March	Year 2&3 trip	TBC
22 nd March	Year 1 trip to Woolley Firs	TBC
23 rd March	End of Term	3:15pm