



The Palmer Academy Newsletter

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Growing, planting and learning together – Mr Prendergast



“Best lesson ever!” “I want to look after these plants!” These were just two of the comments made on Tuesday as children from across the school worked together and learnt together while planting out the seeds which were sown in March. We were also joined by Civitas Academy who continued to forge new friendships with their Palmer counterparts. A massive thank you to Jenny Hindson from Trees for Cities and Keith Fletcher, our green fingered parent/governor. Oceanna in Year 3 was inspired so much that she has been using her enquiring mind at home in

creating her own detective book to find out about plants, keep it up Oceanna!



PTA Summer Fayre – Vicky Scott (Chair) & Suzan Ferguson (Treasurer)

The inaugural Summer Fayre will take place on **Saturday 25th June**. **EVERYONE IS INVITED!** There will be rides, games, activities, food and lots of fun! We need lots of help and support and would appreciate anyone who can assist on the day. Please see the separate letter to sign up.

We would like everyone to bring someone new to the Fayre. Someone who has never been to The Palmer Academy. Perhaps some family members or friends who haven't even been to Reading! Who will you be bringing?

Year 6 SATs – Mrs Berry

I'm sure you'll join me in wishing the best of luck to our Year 6's who sit National Curriculum Tests next week. All Year 6's are invited to a special breakfast each morning from 8:30am. Well done for all your hard work and maintain your superb focus and attention!

Bella Italia! – Miss S Davies & Miss Thomassen



Pupils in Year 3 dined out at Bella Italia in Reading this week. They were served a glorious three course meal and continued their culinary adventure into everything Italian. Dishes such as garlic bread, Italia tomato soup, spaghetti bolognese, carbonara sauce, gelato and chocolate profiteroles were spotted on the tables. The children tried on chefs attire, learnt how ice cream was made and even had a go at taking orders from customers. Both classes were impeccably behaved, demonstrated excellent manners and

were an absolute credit to The Palmer Academy. We would like to extend a special thank you to Katie, Emily and all the staff at Bella Italia who made the whole experience so memorable and made us feel so welcome!



Roman Mosaics – Mrs Kimberley & Miss Patrick



Year 4 have been learning all about the Romans. We have been creating mosaics inspired by our work. Mosaics were used to decorate the houses of the rich and powerful Romans. Look out for our interpretations displayed in the Year 4 corridor. Why don't you have a go at creating one yourself?

The Daily Mile – Mr Soares-Mistry

Every class in the school has walked, run or jogged a mile every day. Keeping active is a super way of increasing and maintaining focus by increasing blood and oxygen flow to the brain, a reduction in stress and anxiety. In addition to increasing mental fitness the children will also become physically fitter. This is now part of the Palmer routine and all the children love it! Why not try it on the weekend and during the holidays with the whole family!



Reading buddies – Miss Druce

Reading buddies continues to be a big hit every Tuesday! The children listen to each other read and share and discuss ideas. Well done to every pupil in the school for being such a supportive reading buddy! I would particularly like to thank all the upper school pupils for being so patient and writing such helpful tips and comments in reading records! Let's keep reading #PalmerReaders



Year 4 swimming – Mr Soares-Mistry

Year 4 have started their swimming journey! They are all gaining confidence about being in the water and have begun to learn and master the techniques of a good swimmer. Well done to all of Year 4 for their perseverance and resilience in tackling this new challenge. It would be great if parents and families could support their children by visiting the local swimming pool at the weekends and holidays.



Poetry in the Edible Playground – Miss S Davies & Miss Thomassen

Please take time to read the poems Year 3 have written inspired by our Edible Playground! These have been written out in our best handwriting, illustrated and displayed around the garden. Can you write your own poem inspired by our environment?

What has inspired you about our sowing, growing and planting experience? How else can you use the Edible Playground to learn and share?

Choirs meet! – Mr Bruce and Mrs Binks

On Wednesday the TPA Choir visited the University of Reading for a performance by a capella choir called the Perfect Fifth. The TPA choir enjoyed hearing beautiful singing without any accompaniment and have been inspired to have a go themselves! We have also continued to improve our already excellent links with the University – plans are afoot to bring some of their music department to TPA for some more taster sessions for all the children. Exciting times!



Sports Report – P.E. Team

Congratulations to the Year 5/6 football team for winning 4-1 against Whitley Park.

Well done also to TPA basketball team who won both their games at the Yr 6 tournament



Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Times
9 th – 12 th May	Key Stage 2 National Curriculum Tests (SATs)	School day
17 th May	Chefs Adopt a School to work with Palmer Parliament	School day
25 th May	Year 3 pasta celebration for parents	2pm – 3pm
26 th May	Y1 Cole & Y2 Butterworth trip to the Science Museum, London	School day
27 th May	Y1 Donaldson & Y2 Ahlberg trip to the Science Museum, London	School day
	Children's Take Over Day	School day
30th May – 3rd June: Half-Term		
7 th June	Lower School Showcase Event at Reading FC	School day
9 th June	Upper School Showcase Event at Reading FC	School day
23 rd June	SCHOOL CLOSED – European Union Referendum	All day
20 th – 24 th June	Science Week	School day
25 th June	The Summer Fayre	TBC
22 nd June	Edible Playground Planting Day and Celebration	School day
	Year 6 Science Event at Reading University	
27 th June – 1 st July	Year 5 Residential at Ufton Court	
30 th June	Special visitor for Year 2...	School day
8 th July	PTA Family Bingo Night	6pm – 7:30pm
14 th July	Sports Day	School day
22 nd July	EYFS Bug Roadshow	School day
26 th July	End of Term	3:15pm