



The Palmer Academy Newsletter

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Wow! What a great start to Summer we have experienced at The Palmer Academy, Thanks to all of you for your support with all of the amazing things that we have been investigating this term and for continuing to share your thoughts and ideas with staff and visitors throughout the school. Please keep engaging with the news, texts, tweets and letters that we send out from the school. We are thankful for your commitment to sharing information with us including your recent responses to our information about free school meal entitlement and trips and visits across TPA. Have a fantastic half term and we'll see you back on Tuesday the 7th of June - RW.

PTA Summer Fayre: Saturday 25th June – Vicky Scott (Chair) & Suzan Ferguson (Treasurer)

The inaugural Summer Fayre will take place on **Saturday 25th June**. EVERYONE IS INVITED AND ENTRY IS FREE! 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.

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 Celebrate! – Mrs Berry

The Year 6 BBQ was a sizzling success. It was enjoyed by parents and students alike. The rounders match became a tad competitive as Mrs Chapman and the parent team gave the children a run for their money. Learning to lose(!) is a necessary lesson in life.



Year 5 Create Magical Worlds – Miss E Davies

Pupils from Year 5 visited Checkendon an inspirational location in the Oxfordshire countryside for another adventure amongst the woodland and beautiful scenery. Pupils explored what makes us happy as human beings - the most magical memory from the day was riding the glorious stallions. We left our mark on the woodland in the form of villages created for magical and mysterious people.

Year 4's Archaeological Dig – Miss Patrick & Mrs. Kimberley

As part of our Ancient Rome topic, the year 4 classes took part in an archaeological dig in one of The Palmer Academy's old garden beds. They weeded the garden and learned how to carefully search through the dirt in cross-sections to find Roman artifacts.

Year 4's focus of their Roman topic has been food. Last week Year 4 put their maths measuring skills to the test and baked Roman bread from scratch. The mini-bakers collaboratively worked



hard to knead and shape a dough ball before sharing with one another.



Continuing on with our Roman topic, the year 4 classes had a rather smelly and interesting afternoon this week. Courtesy of Mrs. Chandler, Year 4 had the pleasure of dissecting "Roman poo" to figure out what the Ancient Romans ate. They were also tasked with figuring out if the poo belonged to a rich or poor Roman based on the food found in the "coprolite"/poo.

Year 3's Pasta Celebration – Pryia in Benjamin Class

Year 3 had an amazing time hosting a pasta celebration for the parents. We all enjoyed sharing our topic with the parents and explaining to them what we have learnt in the past few weeks. Thank you to all the parents who came!





Year 2 celebrate their success – Miss Druce

Year 2 have been working incredibly hard this term. They have taken part their end of key stage SATs and their maturity and hard work towards them has made us all very proud. We celebrated with a lovely trip to the park where we had a game of rounders, played on the swings and had ice-cream. This positive attitude to learning will hold our Year 2's in good stead throughout their school career.

Year 1 can't contain their excitement – Khadija in Donaldson Class

We are going to the Science Museum in London this week. It's so far. Very very far but we will be safe on the train. We will see space things.

Year 1 & 2 trip to the Science Museum in London – Miss Druce

On Thursday and Friday Year 1 and 2 embarked on an adventure across London and space. We visited the amazing Science Museum where we made lots of discoveries, saw incredible things and even experienced a moon landing. The children's behavior throughout the trip was impeccable and they definitely impressed the general public. Well done Year 1 and 2 for showing how wonderful 'learning outside the classroom' can be.



EYFS welcome their parents – Miss Harriss

Pupils in EYFS have welcomed their parents into their learning environments. Reception classes were joined by their parents for their early morning activity of sentence writing and handwriting and all children in EYFS have welcomed their parents into our Independent Learning Zone to share and discover books together. We look forward to providing more opportunities for our parents to join their child in the classroom and learn together. Thank you for your support, let's continue to work together and learn together!

Sports Report – P.E. Team

It has been another successful few weeks for our sports teams! The girls and the boys 5/6 football team played Moorlands this week, the results were as follows: **Boys:** Moorlands 'A' 0 v TPA 1. **Boys:** Moorlands 'B' 1 v TPA 7. **Girls:** Moorlands 0 v TPA 2. Congratulations to both teams!

The Y5/6 girls' football team performed well in an exciting game against Ridgeway last week, the final result was Ridgeway 1 TPA 2.

It has also been a busy few weeks of inter-house competitions. Children from all year groups and classes competed with great spirit!



Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Times
30th May – 3rd June: Half-Term		
6 th June	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS	All day
20 th – 24 th June	Science Week	School day
22 nd June	Edible Playground Planting Day and Celebration	School day
	Year 6 Science Event at Reading University	
23 rd June	SCHOOL CLOSED – European Union Referendum	All day
25 th June	The Summer Fayre	11am – 4pm
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