



# The Palmer Academy Newsletter

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## A message from Mr Wyld & Mrs Ducker



What a fantastic summer term and academic year we have enjoyed at The Palmer Academy! The year has been full to the brim with exciting adventures and the children have excelled themselves in sharing everything that they have experienced, enjoyed and learned throughout their time in their year groups. Many thanks to all of you for your support this year. Your commitment to working with the school has contributed hugely to a community in which children have achieved very well. For those of you with children who have completed the new SATs tests this year, the pupils in Y2 and Y6 have done very well, and similarly high results are also found in the school's government assessments in Reception and Y1 Phonics. Of equal importance however is the level of enthusiasm and participation of children in extra-curricular activities, clubs, trips and visits as well as the love of learning which is growing year on year at TPA. Next year, as you know, we will be continuing to build relationships with the pupils and families at Civitas and Ranikhet academies too, and we look forward to sharing the achievements of the pupils at all three schools with you in future letters. Have a great summer and "get out and about!"

## Nursery – Logan, Eli, Anaab, Zoya, Ethan & Jake

*Nursery children share their memories:*

**Logan:** "Singing Ghostbusters and playing Ghostbusters." **Eli:** "Everything in the whole Nursery!" **Anaab:** "Reading the books." **Zoya:** "Playing in the garden on the bikes." **Ethan:** Being with Mrs Mundy." **Jake:** "I'll miss Mrs James and I like playing with Transformer bots."



## Reception – Khadiya, Sabin, Amir, Raynold, Kian, Nadia, Aaron & Kara



*Reception children share their memories:*

**Khadiya:** "I liked going to the library because they have so many books." **Sabin:** "I liked going to the aquarium because we got to see the clown fish." **Amir:** "I liked holding the chicks when they were in our class." **Raynold:** "I liked going to the farm and gardens, we learnt how to plant things." **Kian:** "I liked building cars and houses with the lego." **Nadia:** "I liked seeing the cheeky reindeers dance in our classroom." **Aaron:** "I liked seeing the spiders and other bugs, they were scary!" **Kara:** "I liked building the willow sculpture."

## Year 1 – Taurey, Julia, Rihan, Fnieder, Zion, Vienna & Michael



We loved Year 1! It was a busy and fun year! First we got to meet Toby and learn about how to take care of pets, "I liked when we saw the scary pets at the Quirks Show!" said Taurey. Fnieder reminded us of when we made magic potions and mulled apple juice to celebrate our Autumn holidays. In the winter term we learned about dinosaurs and we even designed our own on the computer. "My favourite topic was minibeasts," said Rihan, "because I loved going to Wooley Firs and pond dipping!" Zion and Vienna argued that 'Space' was definitely our best topic because we met a real life astronaut at the London Science Museum! We even got to learn how rockets blast off and try on astronaut clothes! "I would have been happy to learn about space all year!" exclaimed Michael. Finally, we could all agree that holidays was a perfect topic to end the year with! Our favourite part? Ice cream and paddling on our seaside trip to Bournemouth beach of course!

Miss Caldwell, Miss Fernandez, Miss Jones and Mrs Beasley say: "We are so proud of you Year 1's! Have a safe and enjoyable summer and we cannot wait to see you in September for Year 2!"



## Year 2 – Obed

This year Year 2 have learnt about dangerous animals, space, amazing buildings and lots of other exciting things. We have been to Marwell Zoo where we saw lots of kangeroos, discovered a tunnel and stayed safe in the sun. We have also been to Legoland where we went on massive water slides – what fun rides they were! Going to Legoland was an adventure. We have done some great learning.

## Year 3 – Zi-Ming Wong

This was my favourite year. I liked the Egyptian workshop because I was priest and Victoria was the priestess. I really liked Bucklebury Farm because I fed the animals and rode on a tractor.

My favourite lesson was Literacy because Miss Thomassen let us write a mystery story. I also liked Legoland because I have lego at home.



## Year 4 – Jayden, Emmanuel, Bejay & Malik



**Jayden:** I enjoyed visiting the Mayor of Reading in town with the Palmer Parliament. It was memorable because I am one of a few children who went.

**Emmanuel:** I loved it when David Lucas came to our school. It was a very memorable moment because I want to be an author when I grow up. I also loved the Living Rainforest trip. It was fun and interesting – I enjoyed seeing the birds the most.

**Bejay:** the moment I will never forget is when it was the Mini Mudder. It was a dirty and muddy challenge for me!

**Malik:** my most favourite memory of Year 4 was the rainforest trip – we discovered animals that we’ve never seen! It was just like the real rainforest. Second of all I’ve improved my maths a lot and I’ve really enjoyed all of the challenges they’ve set me.



## Year 5 – Farida, Lorenza, Ecmaan, Aglaya & Dimitri

Over all of the terms of Year 5 one of our favourite memories was the residential trip to Ufton Court. Because of this trip we have improved our self-esteem, teamwork and responsibility. One of the other great memories was Inside Out. At Inside Out we started to understand ourselves as individuals. Thank you to the most unforgettable teachers Miss Davies (who is soon going to be Mrs Evans) and Mrs Pickett-Jones, it has been a privilege being taught by you.

## Year 6 – Danielle, Rachel & Erida

Year 6 has been full of new experiences, ranging from: the residential trip to Little Canada on the Isle of Wight, through to the Olympic Park trip to London. These experiences have helped us grow educationally and emotionally. Despite Year 6 throwing challenges at us from all angles it will remain one of our most memorable years at The Palmer Academy. Thank you.



### Good luck Mrs Staple – Mr Wyld & Mrs Ducker

Mrs Staple will be leaving us temporarily at the end of the school year to go on maternity leave. We would like to extend our best wishes to Mrs Staple and look forward to welcoming a bright new face to TPA.



### Good bye from Palmer Parliament Chair and Vice Chair – Rio & Kayla

We have been working hard this year with the School Council. One of our many roles was to meet and greet visitors to our school, this has been an enjoyable experience as we’ve had many visitors, including the Mayor of Reading. Although we have had the pressure of SATs we have also had many engaging activities such as our visit to Reading University where we learnt about DNA which was extremely fascinating. Our year has been a success due to the support from our peers and teaching staff. Thank you.



## The Palmer Choir – Mr Bruce & Mrs Binks

This has been an exciting year for The Palmer Choir. It started with a trip arranged by Mrs Binks to a Reading University Lunch Time Concert, where the children were treated and enthralled to an ‘a cappella quintet’ who sang songs both ancient and new.

From this concert we have built relationships with the Reading University Music Dept. who will begin working with the choir and school from September.



This year sees the choir be part of the Reading Youth Music Festival which culminates in the choir singing at the Hexagon theatre in November. As we have done in the last couple of years we will also be joining the world’s largest youth choir at a concert at the O2 Arena in London in January. Parents are welcome to both concerts (More info will be sent out closer to the time).

With two concerts to prepare for, the children have many songs to learn over the summer holidays. Have a brilliant summer

## Dates for your diary

| Date                                | Event                        | Times                |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|
| Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September | First day of the school year | Gates open at 8:40am |