



# The Palmer Academy Newsletter

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## Sea explorers! – Victoria & Samuel (Year 4)



On the 21st September we went to the London Sealife Centre in London. The first thing we did was we walked on water then we saw anemones after we saw an Octopus that was sticking to the glass. When we entered the room with the stingrays the stingrays faces were very funny. Then we touched a starfish it was slimy and spiky. After we entered the tunnel we saw a giant turtle and a school of fish. Next we went into the Amazon Forest area and saw calm Piranhas. THEN WE SAW PENGUINS!! Then there was an illusion of an orca and polar bears and the teachers got frapachinos thank you very much Miss Young and Miss Davies for an amazing trip.



## World War 2 comes to life... – Leah (Year 6)



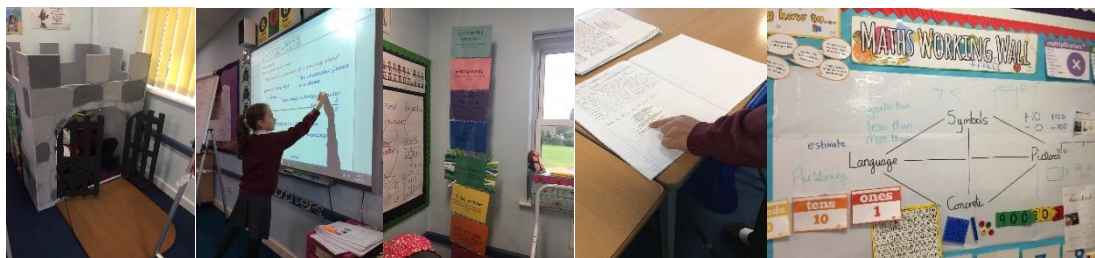
We got to do some amazing activities that people did during World War 2 - everyone in Year 6 found out a lot of information about WW2 when Lee come in looking like a ww2 man going to war. Lee showed us what they used to help people that were in danger or injured. Furthermore Lee showed us how to gently pull people out of a fire when there were incendiary bombs. We also got to see how to put a sandbag on a bomb to help the bomb not explode. Thank you Lee and Miss Davies & Miss Hand for organising it!

## Steel Drums & a family picnic for EYFS – Miss Harriss & Miss Kershaw



On Wednesday children in Nursery, Reception and Year 1 had a go at playing the steel drums in a specially arranged workshop. We started the year with a delicious family picnic where we enjoyed sandwiches, cake and the great music from our steel band musicians! Thank you to all the families that came!

## School Improvement Update – Mr Prendergast



The teachers are working hard to make TPA a great learning experience for all! We have been working hard on improving our displays and being clear about the steps for success for learning! Watch this space!

## Roald Dahl Extravaganza!

Pupils from around the school celebrated Roald Dahl day, his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday (had he still been alive). Why don't you celebrate at home by choosing your favourite Roald Dahl book to read at bedtime?



## Welcome Miss Noades – Mr Prendergast

Today we welcome Miss Noades, who is joining our EYFS team. Please welcome her to TPA and introduce yourself, especially if you have a child in Nursery! We look forward to working with you to provide the best possible education for all our children.

**Reading buddies gets underway!** – *The English Team (Miss Druce, Miss Hand, Miss Davies & Miss Caldwell)*



We're thrilled to report that reading buddies got underway on Tuesday – children across the school have a new buddy to share their favourite books and learning with this term. Would you like to share your favourite book or author? Why don't you offer to read a story at the end of the day to your child's class? Just speak to your child's class teacher!

**Cross Country competition** – *Mr Soares-Mistry*



Congratulations to all the Palmer runners who took part in our first sports competition of the year – cross country. In tough conditions the children competed with determination and wonderful spirit. It was a pleasure to represent the school. We don't yet know the result so we'll publish this in a later newsletter! Look out for more news about our great sporting achievements!

**Notices** – *Mr Prendergast*

1. We have outsourced school uniform to Stephensons from the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016 [www.stevensons.co.uk](http://www.stevensons.co.uk) where uniform can be ordered by telephone, online and in-store at Market Place, Reading Town Centre. However, we still have stock available to purchase from the school office.
2. CYCLING ON SITE – this is a reminder to all children and parents that cycling on the footpath into school is forbidden and everyone should dismount and walk their bikes/scooters down the path. Similarly, for safety reasons, we ask all pupils and parents to dismount anywhere on site.



Congratulations to our new House Captains. We look forward to working with you to make Palmer even greater! Good luck!

**Dates for your diary**

Date	Event	Times
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 3 trip to Windsor Castle	School day
	Year 6 Horowitz Class Assembly – parents welcome!	9:15am
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 2 Ahlberg Class Assembly – parents welcome!	9:15am
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 2 trip to Beaulieu Motor Museum	School day
17 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Year 6 Residential	
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Last day of Autumn 1	3:15pm
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Staff INSET	All day
	Year 6 Residential returns	TBC