



The Palmer Academy Newsletter

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This week's Newsletter has been produced and edited by Aglaya and Iman in Year 6

Kings & Queens of the Castle – Annali and T'naiah (Year 3)



We went on a green and white double-decker coach. The first thing we did was we saw the soldiers march for around 30 minutes. After that we went to the chapel which was a glass-built building and a lady taught us how to be a knight. We went to see the king's bedroom and loads more. Thank you to Miss Thomassen, Miss Jackson, Mrs White, Mr Clark and Miss Asquith!

Horowitz Class Assembly – Aglaya (Year 6)



The year 6 Horowitz assembly was so successful - thanks to all of the children and all the parents and carers who attended! Our war topic was so fun and the assembly reflected it. Well done to all the children who tried their best and put in a lot of effort for that amazing play. A big thank you to Miss Hand who helped out in the whole play! We all hope that you enjoyed watching it.

Maths Challenge – Samuel (Year 4)

On the 30th September 2016 we went to Crossfields School to do a maths challenge we had to make 24 using certain numbers and we had to make shapes using different shapes; we also had to make an amount for a vegetable using the alphabet in the end it was amazing.



An African Drumming masterclass – Miss Harriss and Miss Kershaw

Zoha said that she, "Enjoyed being a musician and drumming away in her own music world. It was so much fun and I'd like to do it again!" She stated that she peered and played with a partner. All the children did not stop talking about this spectacular experience. We are all hoping they can do it again!

Forest School – Megan, Matilda and Charlie (Reception)



The children said that they travelled on a big coach and put their seatbelts on. Matilda says, "We found clues to find the treasure (which was very bright)."

Charlie said that they, "even got hot chocolate."

Megan said that they, "looked out for colourful things."

Matilda said that she did, "lots of digging and found 15 colourful worms. We had so much fun! The best bit was following the blue line to the door! The outdoor teacher did lots of mud paintings Thank you to Miss Cooper and Miss Harriss."

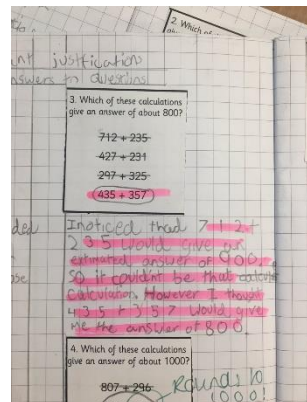
School Improvement Update – Mr Prendergast



Keep your eyes peeled when you enter the building – we have lots of exciting new displays showcasing some of the great work going on in and out of the classrooms at TPA. Well done to all the staff and pupils for the efforts in making the school look great.



In maths we are continuing to teach pupils and encourage them to use mathematical resources to support and challenge mathematical understanding. We are also encouraging the children to reason and talk about maths.



Piano recital at the University of Reading – Mr Bruce & Mrs Binks

The Palmer Choir had the privilege of attending a concert of classical music by acclaimed Japanese pianist, Ikuko Inoguchi. The children were enthralled throughout the performance of works by Chopin and Scriabin. A number of the audience commented on how well behaved the children were.

Next month we will be at a performance of Indian Classical Music.

On a different note, the Choir have been working hard preparing for the concert at the Hexagon Theatre in November. This show is a combined choir of Reading Schools performing songs based on the theme of “friendships” (so expect some well-known Disney and Pixar tunes!)



Year 5 Test Materials – Sophia (Year 5)



This week in year5 we had an amazing science lesson! We got to test what is hard, transparent, flexible, even, permeable and magnetic! It was an awesome experience and it was very fun. All the children loved it and so did I.

Mysterious creatures in Year 4 (and they're not the children this time) – Reece and Alisha (Year 4 Binch)



Year 4 have new class pets- hundreds of them! Because of our Blue Abyss topic we have now got some Brine Shrimp in our classroom. These creatures are often known as Sea Monkeys. In our science lessons we have been thinking of questions that we could answer over the next few weeks. At the moment the Sea Monkeys are very very small and some haven't even hatched yet! We will keep you updated with their progress!

Notices – Mr Prendergast

1. We have outsourced school uniform to Stevensons from the 1st November 2016 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.

Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Times
Thursday 13 th October	Year 2 Ahlberg Class Assembly has been postponed	Postponed
Friday 14 th October	Year 2 trip to Beaulieu Motor Museum	School day
17 th – 21 st October	Year 6 Residential	
Thursday 20 th October	Last day of Autumn 1	3:15pm
Friday 21 st October	Staff INSET	All day
	Year 6 Residential returns	TBC