



# The Palmer Academy Newsletter

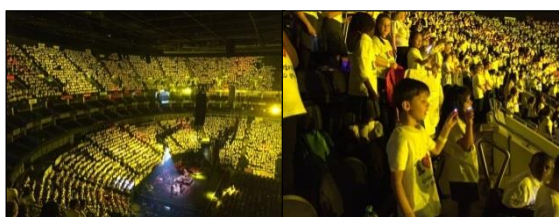
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## What an amazing half term! – Mr Wyld

Wow! That was quick! We've already arrived at the first half term of 2016 and now all have a few days to catch our breath and enjoy some time at home with our families. This half-term has been full of excitement and adventure and I'm sure many of you will have visited our Twitter feed and our new website to keep up to date with events! Below are some of the highlights of the past few weeks. Thanks for your continued support and we'll see you back, bright and early on Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February.



## The choir sings loud and proud at the O2 – Mr Bruce & Mrs Binks



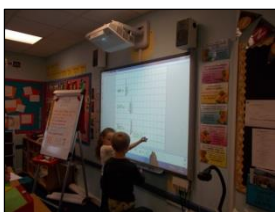
On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January the choir sang with 8000 children from across the country at the O2 Arena in London. It was an incredible experience and the children were a credit to The Palmer Academy! If you would like to find out more about Young Voices and the work they do with schools visit their website [www.youngvoices.co.uk](http://www.youngvoices.co.uk)

## Year 2 find Paddington Bear! – Miss Druce & Miss Young

Year 2 went looking for Paddington Bear this week in London. They travelled by train to Paddington station where they found him on Platform 1! The children saw some of the sights of London, including playing in the Princess Diana Memorial Playground in Hyde Park. We received many compliments about how polite and well behaved the children were, well done!



## Marvellous Maths! – Mrs Berry & Miss Harriss



**NSPCC Maths Day:** The whole school took part in NSPCC maths day on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February. Every pupil experienced maths in a new and exciting way, including: learning Aztec numbers, investigating fractions with toast and planning Mr Wyld's summer holiday! In addition to having lots of fun with maths the children raised £300 for the NSPCC. Thank you!

**Reading Girls School Maths Workshop:** Year 6 and some pupils from Year 5 partnered up with Year 10 from RGS to explore ratio, proportion, coordinates and money problems in real life contexts. The pupils and staff at RGS were bowled away by their mathematical language and understanding!

## The Edible Playground welcomes fruit trees and raspberries – Miss Fernandez

Our Edible Playground is growing! We now have raspberry shoots, which were planted by Cole class, and Binch class planted a new row of fruit trees along our espalier. The children worked together to prepare the ground, dig the holes and plant the shoots and roots in plenty of space. We look forward to our next planting day on the 8<sup>th</sup> March.



## Year 3 meet the mysterious 'Bear under the stairs' for a picnic – Miss Davies & Miss Thomassen



Year 3 took on the role of 'Katie' from the book 'Dear Bear' to thank the bear under the stairs for the amazing tea party. To our surprise, within a day, each child had been sent a personalised reply. After a week of writing back and forth we invited the bear under the stairs to a picnic. The children were just as intrigued as the teachers and didn't know what to expect! On the day we were pleasantly surprised when Year 5 turned up and shared our picnic with us. Thank you Year 5!

## The Sports Report - The P.E. Team

A squad of two teams represented The Palmer Academy at the Whitley cluster tournament. Team 1 didn't lose a game or even concede a goal. Team 2 also managed to play 5 matches without being defeated.



During the last week every class has participated in the PE house competitions where they either played Basketball or Endball. The winner for each year group is:

**Reception** – Jenner | **Year 1** - Anning | **Year 2** - Hawking | **Year 3** - Anning | **Year 4** - Turing | **Year 5** - Anning and Hawking | **Year 6** - Jenner | **Overall winner** - HAWKING

## Notices –

**Lateness:** it's great to see so many children arriving on time and ready to learn every day, thank you for your efforts in getting your child to school on time. It would be incredible to see ALL children in school at 8:50am every day next term!

**Parking:** please respect our neighbours when dropping off and collecting your children:

- Please do not park in front of garages behind the hairdressers on Northumberland Avenue.
- Please do not park in Ella Garrett Close, which is a private road.

**Lunchtime visits:** please avoid visiting your child during the school day by coming to the rear gates and waving.

## Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Times
15 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Half-Term	
2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Years 4, 5 & 6 cross country at Lily Hill Park (selected pupils)	Afternoon
2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Years 5&6 High 5 Netball at Kendrick School (selected pupils)	Afternoon
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Years 5&6 tag rugby tournmanet at Reading School (selected pupils)	Afternoon
4 <sup>th</sup> March	Years 3&4 tag rugby festival at Crosfields (selected pupils)	Afternoon
7 <sup>th</sup> March	Years 3-6 Key Steps Gymnastics at Reddam House (selected pupils)	All day
8 <sup>th</sup> March	Edible Playground Planting Day	All day
8 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent/Teacher Meetings	3:30pm – 7:00pm
9 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 INSIDE OUT trip (selected pupils)	School day
9 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent/Teacher Meetings	3:30pm – 5:30pm
10 <sup>th</sup> March	Years 3&4 tag rugby at Crosfields (selected pupils)	Afternoon
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Years 3&4 cross country at Crosfields (selected pupils)	Afternoon
16 <sup>th</sup> March	Years 5&6 football vs Alfred Sutton at Alfred Sutton (selected pupils)	After school
16 <sup>th</sup> March	Years 5&6 netball vs Alfred Sutton at Alfred Sutton (selected pupils)	After school
18 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2&3 trip	TBC
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Year 1 trip to Woolley Firs	TBC
23 <sup>rd</sup> March	End of Term	3:15pm