



The Palmer Academy Newsletter

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Happy 90th Birthday to Her Majesty the Queen



Art Quest – Miss Kershaw

Year 4 celebrated their Art Quest project with a performance at Reading Museum this week. The children should be extremely proud of their participation and performance. Congratulations to everyone who took part.

PTA Family Quiz – Vicky Scott (Chair) & Suzan Ferguson (Treasurer)

The Family quiz was a great success! Mr Wyld tested our knowledge about music, geography, celebrity faces and much more. Thank you for such an entertaining evening. We would appreciate volunteers to help plan and prepare two events this term:

Saturday 25th June – The Summer Fayre and Friday 8th July – Family Bingo Night

Please speak to us or Mr Prendergast if you would like to get involved.



A Magical Day Out – Miss E Davies

10 Year 5 pupils enjoyed a magical day out exploring nature, riding horses and using their imaginations to create tree spirits (see pictures). The final two groups will visit on the 18th May and the 15th June.

Edible Playground Planting Update –

Year 5 harvested our first crop from the Edible Playground last week. In collaboration with Year 2 pupils and guided by Mr Fletcher, a parent and governor, they created some tasty dishes out of the lettuce and kale which was shared with all pupils during lunch!



New Term, New Topics – Mr Prendergast

There's lots to learn and celebrate together across the school this term! Ask your child about their new topic, can you guess what any of the topics might be from these pictures?



A Willow Wonderland in EYFS – Miss Harriss



Pupils in EYFS have weaved and worked together to create an outdoor shelter made out of willow. The willow will grow over the coming weeks, months and years to eventually be entirely covered. It makes a great addition to our new outdoor learning area and we look forward to incorporating it into our daily learning.

Accelerated Reader – Miss Druce

A big congratulations to the pupils in Years 2 and 3 for winning Accelerated Reader prizes for their accuracy in reading! Accelerated Reader has now been introduced to pupils in Years 4 and 5 to help them make informed choices about the books they read. Good luck getting 100% in all your quizzes! #PalmerReaders



The Living Rainforest – Miss Patrick, Mr Thomas and Mrs Kimberley

Year 4 visited the Living Rainforest to explore the steaming layers of the rainforest. On our way we saw a family of marmoset monkeys, red bill toucan and dragon lizards. We even caught a glimpse of the elusive sloth. The children channeled their inner monkeys on the jungle gym and conquered their fears walking the high ropes.

Beat the Street – Mr Bruce

Beat the Street is underway! A fun, free game for the community of Reading to see how far you can walk, cycle and run around your area and into space. Beat the Street will run from Friday 15 April – Friday 27 May 2016. Lots of prizes up for grabs for individuals and teams. Every journey you make adds to your total! House points will also be awarded for lots of bet the street points!



Sleep Workshop for Parents & Carers – Mr Bruce

In 2013 “Parenting Special Children” launched a local Sleep Service for families in Reading, Wokingham, West Berkshire and surrounding area. The service offers school day Sleep Workshops helping parent/carers to understand the reasons behind night settling and night waking & the opportunity to learn new strategies for helping their child to sleep.



Friday 29th April 9.30 – 11am at The Palmer Academy

If you would like to book a place please phone Mrs Binks or call in at reception before Wednesday 27th April.

Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Times
3 rd May	Edible Playground Planting Out Day	All day
	Year 3 Benjamin lunch at Bella Italia	Lunchtime
4 th May	Year 3 King-Smith lunch at Bella Italia	Lunchtime
5 th May	SCHOOL CLOSED – Election Day	All day
9 th – 12 th May	Key Stage 2 National Curriculum Tests (SATs)	School day
17 th May	Chefs Adopt a School to work with Palmer Parliament	School day
25 th May	Year 3 pasta celebration for parents	2pm – 3pm
26 th May	Y1 Cole & Y2 Butterworth trip to the Science Museum, London	School day
27 th May	Y1 Donaldson & Y2 Ahlberg trip to the Science Museum, London	School day
	Children’s Take Over Day	School day
30th May – 3rd June: Half-Term		
7 th June	Lower School Showcase Event at Reading FC	School day
9 th June	Upper School Showcase Event at Reading FC	School day
23 rd June	SCHOOL CLOSED – European Union Referendum	All day
20 th – 24 th June	Science Week	School day
25 th June	The Summer Fayre	TBC
22 nd June	Edible Playground Planting Day and Celebration	School day
	Year 6 Science Event at Reading University	
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