



The Palmer Academy Newsletter

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Growing Together, Celebrating Together – Mr Prendergast



On Wednesday the school celebrated the first full harvest of our Edible Playground with a day of harvesting, planting, propagating, cooking and creating. The day started early with interviews of staff and pupils by Sue Kinnear from the BBC Radio Berkshire Breakfast Show – these continued until 10am (listen on BBC iPlayer!). Throughout the day pupils made scrumptious dishes and canapés, harvested some of our crops (lettuce, broad beans, strawberries and more) and worked with a professional chef. We had a special presentation by Danyl Johnson (2009 XFactor Finalist) on behalf of the People's Postcode Lottery. We were also honoured with visits by a host of VIPs and special guests including: The Right Worshipful the Mayor of Reading, Councillor Mohammed Ayub, Robert Wilson MP, Councillor Isobel Ballsdon, Dominic Chapman, Chef Patron of The Beehive (Dominic has adopted TPA as part of the Chefs Adopt a School programme and we look forward to working with him more closely) and Malcolm Fleming from the People's Postcode Lottery. We would like to thank the team from Edible Playground at Trees for Cities for their support and hard work: Jenny Hindson (who's been working closely with us throughout the year to make the Edible Playground a great success), Samantha Lagan and Isla Meynell. Finally, with the support of Dela Foster at School Food Matters, we are working hard to achieve our

Bronze Food for Life award by the end of the year – watch this space! Thank you to all the parents who came and supported the event – we hope we didn't spoil your dinner with all our delicious canapés and snacks! More photos can be viewed on Twitter and here: <http://ow.ly/S1M7301yitr> .



Race for Life success – Mr Soares-Mistry

All children in the school from Nursery upwards ran the Race for Life to raise money for Cancer Research UK. The children created a target number of laps and try to achieve that target, the highest number of laps was 26 in 15 minutes. Well done to all the children that took part. The total amount raised was £400.63, the second highest amount we've raised for charity, thank you for your generous donations.

Science Week – Miss Fernandez & Mrs James

This week we have been celebrating Science Week with workshops and activities for all the children all linked to the topic and theme of 'bridges'. Pupils in Years 1-6 all took part in architecture and construction workshops creating all sorts of structures including bridges, Olympians, pyramids and oscillating shapes. The children developed lifelong skills such as collaboration, communication, problem solving and creativity. The hall was also transformed today into a Planetarium for the children of Nursery and Reception. They were whisked off to far off planets and followed stars through imaginary galaxies as they explored every corner of the Universe. On Wednesday Year 6 enjoyed a science experience at the University of Reading, they learnt all about atoms and all the sciences.



Fruit kebabs in EYFS – Miss Harriss & Miss Kershaw

While children throughout the school were preparing canapés for you to try, the children in Reception created fruit kebabs as part their learning experience. Unfortunately they looked so delicious and healthy they didn't make it outside – we consumed them all! Sorry! However, we did learn about repeated patterns and had to use our observation skills to make sure they were accurate and we stayed safe! Why don't you try making fruit kebabs at home?





An Egyptian Museum in Year 3 – Miss S Davies & Miss Thomassen

This week Year 3 pupils were curators of a new TPA Egyptian Museum. Amazing products of their imaginations and creativity were put on display for all our parents to see. Take a look at some for yourself, what links can you make with Egyptian history and culture? Thank you for such wonderful support and attendance. Today the children took part in an Egyptian workshop exploring lots of artifacts and models all about the lives of the ancient Egyptians.

Year 5 go Inside Out – Miss E Davies

Year 5 went on their final trip of Inside Out on the 15th June. This has been a fantastic opportunity for the children to learn about the five keys to happiness and to ride a horse. The last group of children had a fantastic time (despite the rain!) and Mr Thomas even conquered his fear of horses. Well done to ALL of year 5 for taking part and being exceptionally brave!



Our future Members of Parliament – Josh Eddolls, Josh Benham and Dimitri Moldovan



On the 14th June we went to the Houses of Parliament in London to look at the history of the building and to meet Alok Sharma, Member of Parliament for Reading West. It was one of the most enjoyable experiences we've had and we were very lucky to have this opportunity. We got to ask questions to Alok Sharma along with other children from various schools in Whitley and Reading. We asked a question about taking holidays during term time if our attendance was high. He told us that if the rules were changed people would take holidays all the time and they would miss out on education.

The Sports Report – The P.E. Team



This term has been filled with lots of sporting events. The Yr 5/6 boys and girls cricket team took part in the Reading Quick Cricket tournament. They played extremely well displaying their batting, bowling and fielding skills. Both teams won one game and lost one game.

The Palmer Academy won its first sporting trophy as the Year 4 took part in the Hammerson Games. This involved the children taking part in six different sports. Mr Soares-Mistry and Mr Clark's group team won the trophy for accumulating the most points on the day. Well done to Year 4!!! The yr 5/6 children also took part the Reading Quadkids athletic tournament, this involves all the children in the team doing a sprinting, throwing, jumping and long distance event. The Palmer Academy came 9th out of 17 teams.



The Yr 4 and Yr 5/6 team took part in Netball games this week against New Christ Church. Both teams were victorious - winning by the same score, 4-0.



On Friday 24th the whole of Year 6 will going on a trip to the Olympic park in London as part of their Olympics topic. We look forward to sharing with you the experiences they have in the next newsletter.

Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Times
27 th June – 1 st July	Year 5 Residential at Ufton Court	
30 th June	Special visitor for Year 2...	School day
13 th July	TPA Change Over Day/ Transition Day	School day
14 th July	Sports Day	School day
15 th July	Year 1 trip to the Seaside	School day
22 nd July	EYFS Bug Roadshow	School day
26 th July	End of Term	3:15pm