

Palmerston Primary School

Head Teacher's Newsletter

'Together we will succeed'



Attendance:

Autumn 1 – 89.8%

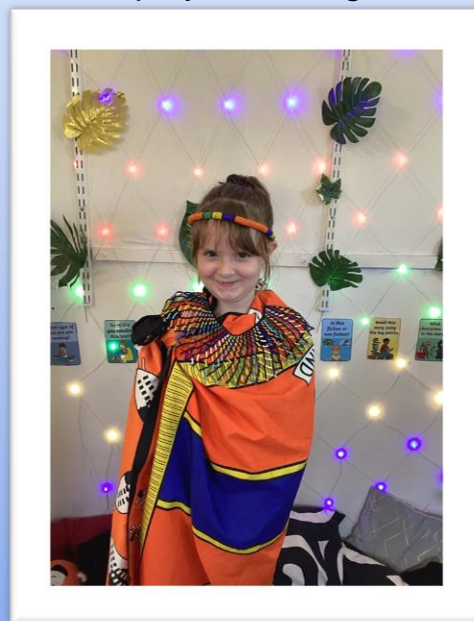
News this half term:

Dear Parent/Carers,

I wanted to take the opportunity to say thank you for all your support this term, the last eight weeks seemed to have flown by, and I am so grateful for your ongoing support.

There has been lots of exciting learning happening in school. Our youngest children, in Nursery and Reception, seem to have settled in well and quickly got used to their new routines. They thoroughly enjoyed their half-term enquiry, learning all about themselves and their families. The teaching team have worked hard to transform the outdoor area enabling the children to be creative counting using leaves and producing some beautiful art work.

Year 1 have worked hard learning all about Heros. The Doctor's role play area has proven to be very popular with the children and they loved making healthy apple juice potions. Our Year 2 children thoroughly enjoyed designing and making 'Team Year 2' T-shirts and learning about some amazing African artefacts and dances.



Our Year 3s have been discovering what 'belonging' means to them. I was lucky enough to be interviewed by the children. They asked me some really interesting questions all about our school community and what our motto 'Together we will Succeed' means to me.

A huge thank you to Year 4 who were quite brilliant performing their Harvest Festival Assembly. They taught us all about the traditions around the world and the importance of sharing and working together as a community. The children also shared their books with their families afterwards, celebrating all their wonderful work.

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A particular highlight in Year 4 this half term was the 'Palmerolympics' and our very own Mrs Hopkin bringing in a real Olympic torch.

Our wonderful Year 5s put on a brilliant family event. This included a fitness circuit which was run by some very enthusiastic children and was followed by healthy fruit kebabs. The Year 6 class ended their enquiry with a charity bench ball event which was well attended by families. They managed to raise over £90 for their chosen charity – Noah's Ark Hospital.

We have had many other visitors to school. These have included Bullies Out, PCSO Lloyd, Noah's Ark and some amazing Creative Practitioners who are currently working with Year 5. They are hoping to create their very own music album – I cannot wait to hear it. The fantastic Cardiff and the Vale College (CAVC) continue to visit us regularly and run excellent workshops for our families. If you have any ideas for future sessions you would like them to run, please let us know.

Our Pupil Voice Council have thought of lots of ideas to help further improve our school. They have been busy producing videos explaining how to make healthy meals and are intending to revamp 'homework'. In the meantime, I hope you and your families have a restful half term. Take care. Ms Cason.



Rights Respecting Article
Article 12 – All children have the right to have a say in all matters affecting them



Value of the Month

September – Resilience and tenacity
October – Self control



Dates for the diary

Start of half term – Monday 4th November

School Nurse (feel free to pop in) – Thursday 28th November

Last day of term - Friday 20th December

Inset day (school closed to pupils) – Monday 6th January

Start of Spring term – Tuesday 7th January

Inset Day (school closed to pupils) – Friday 24th January

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