

Palmerston Primary School

Head Teacher's Newsletter

'Together we will succeed'



Attendance:

Autumn - 90%

News this half term:

I wanted to reflect on all the wonderful experiences and achievements we've shared together this half term. Thank you for your continued support throughout the term - whether it was joining us for class assemblies, attending sharing days, concerts and family engagement days such as wreath making. Your involvement truly adds to our school community, and we are grateful for all you do to support our school.

This term has been full of creative exploration across all year groups. Our youngest children in Nursery focused on learning about day and night, and it's been wonderful to see how they are learning to develop life skills. They ended this year by sharing a wonderful version of the Nativity with their families. Our Reception children have loved being creative this term, exploring textures in their art and immersing themselves in outdoor learning. A huge thankyou to our Reception team for the effort they have put into improving the outdoor provision for our children. We were thrilled to welcome so many of our Year 1 families into school as they joined their children for



'Stay and Play' sessions. It was fantastic to see the children working alongside their families, learning together, and building stronger school connections. Thank you for your positive feedback on these sessions. Our Year 2 class focused on the Christmas story this half term, exploring their feelings and celebrating their understanding through art. They also enjoyed learning about

Picasso and celebrated their creations with an inspiring art gallery event.

Year 3 loved exploring the art of Van Gogh and took their learning even further by using databases to explore the wonders of space. I was delighted to receive their emails sharing what they had discovered - such a fantastic way to see their enthusiasm for learning in action. Another artist, Kandinsky, was the inspiration for our Year 4s. They linked his abstract art to their work across the curriculum in areas like maths, music, and ICT. They created a superb soundscape, blending these subjects into a creative project that captured their imaginations.

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Our Year 5s worked with creative practitioners and composed and performed their own original songs (scan the QR code to hear one of the tracks). It was exciting to see how the process of refining lyrics and experimenting with rhythm, rhyme, and spoken word (including rapping!) helped boost their writing and performance skills. We will share the rest of the tracks soon. The oldest pupils in our school, Year 6, had an interesting trip to the Senedd, where they explored the workings of the Welsh Parliament and discovered the building's sustainability. They also sketched Cardiff Bay landscape, which tied into their broader learning about the environment.



We are excited to continue our partnership with Cardiff and the Vale College, who work with families on Wednesday afternoons in the Oasis room. In January the theme is Fizzy Fun science Experiments. This is open to all families in Year 3, 4 and 5, so please come along and enjoy the opportunity of working alongside your child in school. To continue to develop our partnership with our community, Mrs Morgan will be our Family Engagement Officer from January, but don't worry, she will still remain working in the Reception class. We have also established an exciting link with Flying Start, so look out for a programme of events we will share with you in the New Year.

Families Learning Together
Cardiff and Vale College, Coleg Cymdeithiatol Ffrwd

Fizzy Fun Experiments
Location: Palmerston Primary
For family members of y3, y4, y5 pupils
Time: 1:00pm - end of day
Starts: 15th January 2025

Join the fun and unlock the secrets to boosting your child's education right from your living room!
Dive into a whirlwind of STEM-tastic activities that promise to be a blast—literally! Get ready for some explosive fun as you and your children embark on thrilling adventures together!

Contact us
families@cavc.ac.uk

A gentle reminder, please can everyone act respectfully when driving or parking around the school grounds. We continue to encourage families to consider walking to school where possible. Finally, we are committed to being a healthy school. We encourage students to bring water rather than squash to school and that snack is a single piece of fruit, unless there is an agreement between school and home. It is important that we foster healthy habits at a young age to support the health and well-being of our pupils. Wishing you the happiest of Christmas'.

Rights Respecting Article



Article 2 – All children should be treated equally.

Value of the Month



January – Enthusiasm
February – Gratitude & Kindness

Dates for the diary

Monday 6th January – Inset Day
Tuesday 7th January – School open
Wednesday 15th January – Fizzy, Fun Experiments for Year 3, 4 & 5 families
Friday 24th January – Additional Inset Day

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