

Palmerston Primary School

Head Teacher's Newsletter

'Together we will succeed'



Attendance:

Summer 1- 89.94%

News this half term:

As we come to an end of another half term we have so much to celebrate. Our first well done must go to our children who danced so brilliantly at the Memo in front of a huge audience. Their performance was full of energy, and it was amazing to be able to showcase two dance groups this year. A huge thank you to Miss John for creating such amazing choreography and to all the other staff involved. Congratulations to Mrs. Bev Hopkin who attended a garden party at Buckingham Palace earlier this week, this was in recognition of her services to Education. I am sure you are aware that Mrs Hopkin was awarded the BEM (British Empire Medal) in January. A big well done as well to our very own Tracy Smart who made it to the Wales Regional Final of School Chef of the Year.

We have had lots of visitors to school. Players from the Cardiff Blues gave our Year 5 and 6 children a fantastic inclusive experience as the children learnt how to play wheelchair rugby. Year 2 and 3 enjoyed a fantastic Eco workshop run by the 'Size of World'. The School Council also worked with them and have been very busy helping improve the school. For example, they helped relaunch our Play Pod,



have been promoting healthy eating and have chosen new house names. In September, our houses will be known as Pencoedre, Victoria, Porthkerry and Cosmeston. These were chosen because they reflect the community we live in. Year 1 have also been busy celebrating our community as they visited Palmerston Community Centre. They compared the similarities and differences between our current and old school. Our Reception children also enjoyed a fabulous trip Cefn Mably Farm and there are more trips planned across the school for next half term.



We ended our half term as we normally do with a fantastic class assembly – this time it was our amazing Year 2 who created a brilliant assembly on Oceans. Following the assembly

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the children shared their books with their families. They were so proud to celebrate their successes, recording them and their next steps to success on a 'proud cloud'. This half term's parent group run by Cardiff and the Vale College (CAVC) has been based on the theme – 'Play and Learn' and has focused on Nursery and Reception. A huge thank you to our parent volunteers who have been busy improving our Wellbeing area in our Sensory Garden. We are always looking to engage with our community. If you would like to volunteer or have any ideas or skills you would like to share with the school, please let us know.

Our Year 6s have a very busy and really enjoyable last half term ahead of them. I know they have already started planning their Leavers Assembly and transition days have been arranged by their respective future schools. Please have a look at the diary at the bottom of this newsletter these and other important dates. We also bid a fond farewell to our ITE students who have been working throughout the school on enrichment projects - these have included outdoor and enterprise projects. Please keep an eye out for the 'pop up' enterprise shop after school today as it will be selling smoothies, friendship bracelets, key rings and bookmarks.

As you know attendance at school is so important - there is lots of research and evidence that makes the link between good attendance at school having a positive outcome on future life chances. We are always looking at ways to improve our attendance and have made the decision to follow Vale of Glamorgan guidance, which means we will not be able to authorise any holidays during term time. We really appreciate your understanding in this matter.

I wish you all a relaxing half term and I have my fingers crossed for some sunshine next week.



Rights Respecting Article

Article 32 – The right to relax and play



Value of the Month

June – Respect

July – Sensitivity to global concerns



Dates for the diary:

Inset Day - Friday 14th June & 22nd July

Sport Days - Friday 21st June

Year 6 transition to SRG - Monday 24th & Tuesday 25th June

Back up Sport Day - Wednesday 26th June

Reception Class Assembly - Friday 28th June

Reception New Intake meeting - Tuesday 2nd July

Year 6 transition to Pencoedtre - Wednesday 3rd & Thursday 4th July

Yr6 Leavers Assembly - Wednesday 17th July

End of term - Friday 19th July

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