

Palmerston Primary School

Head Teacher's Newsletter

'Together we will succeed'



Attendance:

Summer 2 - 88%

News this half term:

Dear Parent/Carers,

As we approach the end of another busy and exciting year at Palmerston, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on some of the fantastic experiences and events that have taken place throughout the year. We are immensely proud of our pupils and grateful for your continued support. I wish all our Year 6 pupils a fond farewell and best of luck for the next stage in your learning journey. You have been a brilliant class and I am sure your new school experience will be as positive as Palmerston!

Firstly, we would like to commend our pupils for their enthusiastic participation in school trips. One of the highlights was our visit to Manor Adventure. Feedback from our staff and other schools was so positive and the children's manners and politeness were noted. A great time was had at Technquest, where everyone engaged in interactive and hands-on scientific experiments, sparking their curiosity, and fostering a love for learning. Similarly, trips to Cardiff Castle and Llancaiach Fawr allowed them to immerse themselves in the rich history and heritage of Wales, expanding their knowledge and appreciation for the past.

Sports Day was an incredible display of teamwork, sportsmanship, and healthy competition. Our students showcased their talents and skills, while also learning the importance of perseverance and determination. The event was a testament to their commitment to physical fitness and the joy of engaging in sporting activities. We are proud of our inclusive ethos and want to say thank you to all involved.

Our PTA Crafts sessions were a lovely way to bring out our creative side! We greatly appreciate the efforts of our dedicated PTA members for organising lots of memorable experiences and would like to thank Lisa and Amy who have dedicated years of support for the school to enable these events to run so smoothly. Thanks to you all for supporting our recent School Fiesta. The children developed their entrepreneurial skills by researching, budgeting, making, organising their products and we hope you enjoyed them as much as they did!



At Palmerston, we believe nurturing our core values, and this term, we focused on the values of humility, respect and sensitivity to global concerns. Through various activities and discussions, we emphasised the significance of treating others with kindness, empathy, and acceptance. We are proud of our children for embracing these values and learning to live by them both in and out of school. In September, when we return to school, our value will be resilience and tenacity. Our

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school has hosted several visitors, such as Spectrum Cymru and Bullies Out, who delivered impactful sessions on important topics. These engaging sessions helped raise awareness about bullying prevention, and mental well-being. We are grateful to these organisations for their valuable contributions in creating a supportive and inclusive learning environment. We also had lots of fun with a Welsh Wheelchair rugby session, beautiful singing and learning about Welsh culture from Barry Male Voice Choir and our local police officer to name but a few!

Outdoor learning has remained an integral part of our curriculum, and this term, our pupils have relished in the opportunities to explore and discover learning outside the class. We were lucky to successfully win a bid to improve our outdoor provision and we have more exciting plans for next year. Our school theme this term has had a Humanities focus and we have been exploring the local community and beyond as the children move through the school. When we return, we look forward to celebrating 'Team Spirit' and what this looks like when you work together as a team in school, sport and beyond.

We would really like to build on our growing links with our school community and next year Tea and Toast days will focus on different aspects of our curriculum and with your feedback we will explore topics that you would like to further explore. I would also like to take this opportunity to say thank you and farewell to Mrs Jo Ellis and Mrs Claire Jenkins who will be leaving us at the end of this academic year. Thank you for your dedication to our pupils and school community. We wish you well on your next ventures and will be dearly missed. We will also welcome some new members of staff to our school team in September. Mrs Sarah Jones is very excited to be part of the Year 3 Team. Mrs Louisha Morgan will be joining Reception, Mrs Izzy Esser will be part of the Year 6 team, Miss Gwen Davies and Mrs Shannon Rees will be supporting pupils across the school.

Finally, I would like to extend thanks to you, the parents and carers, for your support throughout this term. Your involvement in school activities, volunteering, and your dedication to your child's education have been invaluable. Together, we continue to create a nurturing and inspiring environment, helping them to achieve their full potential.

As we approach the well-deserved summer break, we hope that the memories created this term will stay with our children for years to come. We look forward to welcoming them back after the Summer on Tuesday 5th September, refreshed and ready to embark on new academic year. Wishing you a wonderful summer.

Sarah Cason



Rights Respecting Article



Article 28 – You have the right to an education

Value of the Month



September – Resilience and tenacity
October – Self control

Dates for the diary

Start of Autumn term – Tuesday 5th Sept

Half term – Monday 30th October

End of Autumn term – Friday 22nd December

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