



The Parkland Federation

Aim High, Work Hard, Dream Big

If you see someone without a smile, give them one of yours

25th November 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

We would like to say a huge thank you for your support with our Children In Need fundraising last week. Together, we raised over £600 and the children (and adults!) had a wonderful day - even the sunshine came out to support us! A huge thank you to all of the parents who made or donated cakes to ensure the cake sales at break were a roaring success. Do have a look at our Blog Post to see some photos of the children as well as some of the delicious cakes that we had on offer at playtime. What a treat!

[Children In Need Blog Post 2022](#)



EYFS



In Reception, we have been very busy learning all about postal workers and Veterinarians. The children were lucky enough to have a veterinary nurse come into school to explain her job role. They got to bandage up some fluffy animals, look for micro-chips and ask lots of questions to find out about their role. The children have also been delivering post this week. They have loved writing their letters and envelopes and adding their stamps to send their post off to their friends. In Maths, the children have been learning all about 2D shapes. The children have enjoyed learning all about their properties and identifying them in the provision. We even had our very own Shape Shop!

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week Elise & Evelyn (Kerr) and also to our Dojo winners Esmee & Amin (Kerr).



Year 1

Year 1 have been very busy learning about how windows, roofs and doors work and have even had a go at making their own in DT. The children have also been learning about anemometers and measured the wind speed over the days this week. They had a fabulous time at the cake sale last week, raising money for Children in Need and they even made their own Pudsey ears in the creative area. There has been some fantastic writing going on at the writing table where the children have been describing a setting from our book. Year 1 have also been incredibly busy rehearsing their nativity and they are so excited to be sharing it with you at the end of term!

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week: Tyger & George (Donaldson) & Rory and Molly (Blake) and also to our Dojo winners Jenson and Harry (Donaldson) & Joe and Aiofe (Blake).

Year 2

In Year 2, we have been writing a set of instructions. We have had fun adapting our instructions, with some children catching unicorns, dinosaurs and lizards! In maths, we have been adding and subtracting two digit numbers. We have used lots of resources to support our learning and have started to make a lot of progress. We will continue this learning next week. In Design & Technology, we have designed a puppet of a knight, princess or dragon. We will be learning how to sew over the next few weeks and will stitch our puppets together in class.

We have also started to rehearse our nativity - look out for the letter coming home with more details!

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week Kody & Ruby E (Beaty) and Rudy & Katie (Santat) and also to our Dojo winners Alex & Minnie (Beaty) and Disath & Honey (Santat)



Year 3

In Year 3, we have been working on using questions in a dialogue and practising using correct punctuation. The children have then included these in their own versions of the story 'The Great Kapok Tree.'

For art the children have been developing drawing techniques in the style of artist John Dyer. creating detailed rainforest scenes.

In science, we have been learning about the functions of the skeletal system, looking at how animals and humans have similarities and differences.

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week Lilly & Mason (Harrison) and also to our Dojo winners Siam & Caitlin (Harrison).



Year 4

During PE, Year 4 took part in the sport of Boccia. Boccia (pronounced Botcha) is a game where two teams compete to score points by placing a set of coloured balls closest to a target. The children started out with a few practise attempts, and then moved on to competing against one another. The children demonstrated fantastic teamwork skills, pushing one another on to their very best. 'Well done Year 4 for showing such a fantastic attitude towards this sport!' Year 4 also investigated how sound travels by taking part in a number of investigations to show how we hear sounds. They tested out their ideas by tapping a tuning fork and placing it in water, bending rulers and also by using a tuning fork to bat a ping pong ball! Congratulations to our Stars of the Week, Eric & Frankie (Blackman) Lilliana and Lucas (Walliams) and also to our Dojo winners, Indiarna & Kian (Blackman) and Isabella and Barney (Walliams).

Year 5

Year 5 have had a fabulous two weeks! We went on a very exciting trip to Herstmonceux Science Centre and were able to watch a special Science show, see a real telescope (it was huge!) and also explore different mechanical systems. Year 5 have also moved onto Fractions in Maths, and over the past couple of weeks, we have been so impressed with how much they have learnt. Year 5 have shown true resilience and determination and we are so proud! In Science, we have been learning about air and water resistance. We made parachutes of different sizes, and timed how long it took for them to reach the ground. We then made different shapes out of plasticine and tested to see which one sank the quickest in water! Congratulations to our Stars of the Week Lauren and Lincoln (5 Wilson) and Beth, Ethan and Aurelia (5 Zephaniah) and also to our Dojo winners Alexander and Brandon (5 Wilson) and Jack, Lilia and Aurelia (5 Zephaniah).

Year 6



Another two weeks have flown by and the children have been working extremely hard! To support the children's writing, they have been learning a story off by heart and they have been incredible! The voices and accents they have mimicked have been hilarious!



In Art, the children developed their skills by focusing on the subtle blending of colours. They created some wonderful silhouette pictures relating to The Blitz.



During our Geography lessons, the children have been locating countries across Europe as well as learning how to read 4 and 6 digit coordinates. They are becoming true geographical experts!



Congratulations to our Stars of the Week Neveah B and Sean (Rosen), Bezalel (Mian) and also to our Dojo winners Lewis (Rosen) and Kaydie (Mian)

This week's Attendance:

Excellent attendance at school allows a child to have the best possible start in life. All pupils should aim for at least **97%** attendance in order to ensure they do not miss out on their education.

Inkpen Class (YR) 93%	Kerr Class (YR) 94%	Blake Class (Y1) 96%
Donaldson Class (Y1) 95%	Santat Class (Y2) 95%	Beaty Class (Y2) 96%
Harrison Class (Y3) 95%	Woodson Class (Y3) 94%	Walliams Class (Y4) 95%
Blackman Class (Y4) 96%	Zephaniah Class (Y5) 95%	Wilson Class (Y5) 95%
Mian Class (Y6) 94%	Rosen Class (Y6) 95%	The Highest Attendance Award goes to Blake, Beaty and Blackman class. Well done!



Eco Committee

This week at the Junior School, we had a special assembly with Mrs Walker about the importance of **recycling**. Did you know that recycling one glass bottle can power a computer for 30 minutes or a television for 20 minutes? We looked at the symbol that can be found on different packaging that inform us that they can be **recycled**. Not only does recycling improve our energy usage, it will also help support our planet. Did you also know that most UK landfills are nearly full! Which makes you question - what will happen in the future?

Our **Eco tip** this fortnight is to **recycle** as much as possible at home! Don't forget to rinse out your bottles, tins and cans before putting them in your recycling bin. Together, we can make a difference!



School Council



Our Junior **Citizen of the Fortnight** this week is Evie in Harrison class for always being kind to others and helping those in need. Well done, Evie!



Our Infant **Citizen of the Fortnight** this week is Molly in Blake for always being a ray of sunshine around the Infant School! Thank you, Molly.

The Importance of Oracy

[Link to Oracy Video \(2 minutes\)](#)

At Parkland, we believe that equipping children with good oracy skills is a vital life skill. Having these skills support the whole child and has been proved to aid well-being as well as life opportunities. We will be developing Oracy in a range of ways across the curriculum, but for now, we would love it if you could spend a few minutes playing some of the following games each week with your child: The Yes/No Game, The Word Association Game, Last Letter, First Letter or Just a Minute.



Uniform Expectations

Don't forget to ensure that your child attends school in the correct school uniform (including footwear and PE Kits). The link can be found here: [Website - Uniform Link](#)

Please remember that children should not wear any jewellery other than stud earrings. Bracelets, rings and necklaces etc are not permitted for health and safety reasons.



Mental Health and Wellbeing Support



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on Safeguarding For Parents Curriculum Health & Wellbeing Remote Education

We know that many of our school community are concerned about the current energy and cost of living crisis and we would like to offer as much help as possible. Below are links to information that may support you.

[Help for Households](#) - This website offers information from the Government about financial support available.

[Do You Need a Hand](#) - This site offers information about the support available in East Sussex.

[Holiday Fun](#) - This website offers holiday activities to support children and parents during the school holiday.

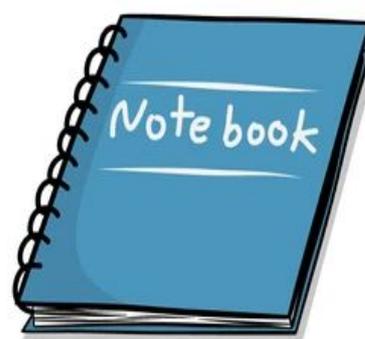
[Apply for Free School Meals Here](#) - Please use this link if you think your child may be eligible for Free School meals. If they are in Year R, 1 or 2, they automatically get Free School Meals. Applying for FSM officially will ensure they also get discounts for school trips as well as discounted trips.



Important Dates and INFORMATION

Diary Dates

Going up to Junior School?	Apply online by 15th January 2023
Starting School for the first time (Born between 1 September 2018-31 August 2019)	Apply online by 15th January 2023
Christmas Dinner in School	14th December - Please make sure you complete the Booking Form and book on Parentpay Christmas Lunch Booking form
EYFS Christmas Performance	Tuesday 13th December (morning) in school
Year 1 Christmas Performance	Monday 12th December (morning) in school
Year 2 Christmas Performance	Monday 12th December (afternoon) in school
Year 5 Christmas Performance	Friday 16th December (morning) at Kings Church



FREE ENTRY



**Sat 26th
November**

**1pm
to
4pm**

Christmas Fayre

WILLINGDON TREES COMMUNITY CENTRE

101 Holly Place, Hampden Park, Eastbourne, BN22 0UT
Tel. 01323 504438 eastbourne@sussexcommunity.org.uk



**Father Christmas
only £2 per child
(pre-booking
recommended)**



**Face
Painting**



Sussex
Community
Development
Association

**Mince Pies
& Mulled
Wine**

**Christmas
Crafts**

Name the Teddy



**Lots of
Stalls**

**Tombola &
Raffle**



FREE

Family First Aid

Willingdon Trees
Community
Centre

THURSDAYS
8TH & 15TH
DECEMBER
9AM-12PM

(2 X 3HRS
SESSIONS)

A free adult only course designed for you to gain knowledge and confidence in Paediatric First Aid. Come learn, feel comfortable and confident in dealing with first aid at home.

To find out more or to book a place either:
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