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The Parkland Federation Newsletter Also available on our websites Swale Academies Trust



Dear Parents and Carers,

A big thank you for your support this week following the closure of our Year 3 & 5 bubbles. Mr Wildman and Miss Shadwell have been teaching their classes online and are so pleased that they're able to carry on ensuring the children access their education. We've been so impressed with the standard of work coming in! Miss Sanders, Ms Castle-Mercer and Mrs Carver are also doing this from Monday. We know many of you will be



juggling home learning with work and other family commitments too, so please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher or school office if you have any issues. We are here to help.

Please can we remind all parents that it is **absolutely vital** that you adhere to the guidance for dropping off and picking up in order to protect our children, staff and their families. Please see the reminders below and thank you in advance for your cooperation:

- Please only arrive during your allocated time slot for drop off and collection. There should be no waiting
- Please keep a 2 metre distance between you and all other members of the school community whilst picking up and dropping off children
- Please can we now ask that all adults wear a face mask when dropping off and collecting
- Any member of the school community who tests positive must inform the school office immediately so that appropriate action can be taken swiftly
- Any households where there is a positive case of COVID-19 MUST isolate the entire household for the recommended number of days and SHOULD NOT attend the school site. All members of the household should be tested in order to ensure the school is correctly informed

- Please ensure that you are not waiting in the twitten (alleyway) as this is a thoroughfare. Waiting will mean people will need to pass you within 2 metres and causes unnecessary concern and risk
- Please be mindful that some members of our community have health concerns and the presence of COVID-19 amplifies these worries and increases risk. Please adhere to the above guidelines and recommendations to minimise this risk as much as possible.

#### **GOOGLE CLASSROOM - REMINDER**



If you need a reminder about how to access Google Classroom, please take a look at the video prepared by Mr Johnson at the start of lockdown. This video should answer any queries but if you do experience problems, please let the office know.

https://parklandjunior.theparklandfederation.org/guide-to-google-classroom/

#### PARENT INFORMATION VIDEO LINKS

Usually at this time of year we start to invite parents to information sessions that support our highly valued home school link. Unfortunately, we can not do this due to restrictions during the current pandemic. However, we do not want you to miss out! We will be bringing these to you virtually so you can become an expert in your very own time! The first two can be found below using the following links:



<u>https://vimeo.com/476402347/8918f1c55a</u> - All about PHONICS. How do we teach it and ways you can support at home. This is aimed at current Year 2 pupils and families as they will undertake a National assessment this month after missing it in Year 1. It's also suitable for anyone with an interest in how we teach phonics at school.

<u>https://vimeo.com/480740967/c4b3d6dc2b</u> - Welcome to our EYFS! Find out what goes on during the school day and how you can help at home to ensure the best possible education for your little ones! This video is aimed at our fabulous new EYFS families with children in Inkpen and Kerr Classes.



#### **PE KIT - COLD WEATHER**

Just a reminder that children should come dressed in their PE kit on the relevant days. Our PE sessions will take place **<u>outside</u>** as much as possible, so please ensure your child has a jumper and appropriate jogging bottoms during the colder months. A thermal vest is highly recommended as we will also continue to ventilate the school throughout the day.

#### WELCOME TO THE MAKATON SIGN OF THE WEEK

Each week, we will be bringing you a 'Makaton Sign of the Week'. Makaton uses signs and symbols to help people communicate. It supports the development of essential communication skills such as attention and listening, comprehension, memory, recall and organisation of language and expression. In school, we use a lot of Makaton when we sing and



when we talk to one another. In order to keep promoting and using Makaton, we will include a

Makaton Sign of the Week for the children (and adults!) to learn and use. The lovely Mrs Deaves will model it for you. This week's sign is **'later'**.



Hold up your non-dominant hand in front of you. Then, with your writing hand (dominant hand), hold up your first finger and put it in line with your non-dominant hand's first finger. Then move your finger in front of the other fingers round whilst saying "later".



#### **CHILDREN IN NEED 2020**

Thank you for your amazing efforts and donations for our Children in Need event. The children clearly enjoyed dressing up as their 'Role Model'. There were some fantastic outfits from across the Infant and Junior Schools, helping us to raise funds for this incredible charity. Across both schools we raised a grand total of  $\pounds190$ .





#### **EYFS LEARNING**

What a busy week in EYFS! On Friday we had a very special visit from P.C Cox! He explained all the different ways the Police can help us in our community and taught us all about his uniform, his police car and his different hats and helmets. PC Cox also asked us for our help in solving a crime! A sweet thief was on the loose and he needed help with the inquiries! This week, we searched for evidence, gave our fingerprints and wrote about our findings. Thankfully now, justice has been served and the sweet thief has been found! Well done to EYFS for all their hard work, Sussex Police were very grateful!



#### **YEAR 1 LEARNING**

In English, Year 1 having been exploring the book, 'Chalk'. We went outside to draw our own chalk drawings. The children drew dolls, rainbows, suns, postboxes, teddy bears and much more! When we arrived back after break time, the drawings had come to life! We could not believe our eyes! There was a giant teddy, a REAL duck, toys, a rainbow in the sky, a giant toadstool and lots of chocolate coins. Sadly, it rained in the afternoon and the drawings disappeared. The children did manage to save the chocolate coins, though. Yummy!



#### **YEAR 2 LEARNING**

Stomp! Stomp! ROAR! Year 2 has had an incredible week where we have been investigating all about dinosaurs! Our week culminated in a fun-filled Dinosaur Day, where the children have come to school dressed as scientists, explorers, palaeontologists and dinosaurs. We have enjoyed reading about dinosaurs and have created fact files with the key details. In English, we have been writing instructions. This has been lots of fun - especially when we tried following our instructions for making a jam sandwich! Well done for being such a hard-working year group!



## YEAR 3 LEARNING

What a busy two weeks Year 3 has had! We have been working hard in Maths, learning how to add and subtract three digit numbers! We have been using lots of resources as well as using the column method to help us. We have also been enjoying our Stop, Drop and Read session! We have the opportunity to pick up a book and make ourselves comfortable in the most unusual places

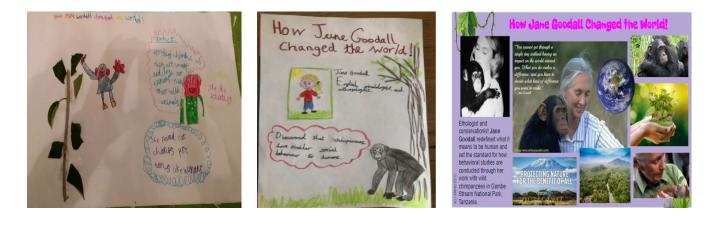
- including under our teachers desk! In Art, we have been learning all about the famous artist Leonid Afremov and we recreated one of his paintings. We loved being able to experiment with lots of different colours!



#### Home Learning in Year 3



We are so incredibly proud of our Year 3s and how quickly they have adapted to learning from home this week. We have been receiving some lovely work and messages from the children including research about our key figure - Jane Goodall. The children have also been working hard in solving the maths problems and practising their fluency in reading. What amazing children you are!



#### **YEAR 4 LEARNING**

Last Friday, the children dressed up as their role model as part of Children in Need. The children all donated £1 towards this fantastic cause. Here are some excellent examples from the year group with people dressing up as family members who inspired them, (Elsie, I will forgive you for wearing that rugby shirt! ;) ) as well as characters who acted as a role model to them. Well done, Year 4 for



your excellent choices and for sharing with us your inspirational people!

We also discussed why Children in Need was such an excellent cause. The children were so mature with their responses and said things such as Children in Need is important because it helps all children survive and have food and shelter. The children also talked about how unfair it is that some children don't have a good start in life and that this should be solved - let's hope that we can help all Children in Need this year.

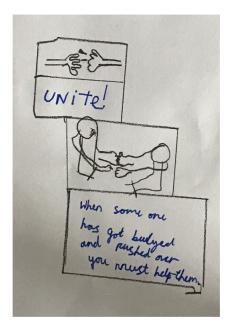


In Science, Year 4 has been testing out vibrations and how we can see them. In order to do this, we created our very own drums, using a bowl and cling film. Once we created our own drums, we then put some rice over the top of them and used a beater to create the vibration. We could hear the sound as a result of the vibration being from beater created the and subsequently saw the vibration as well with the rice moving. Well done Year 4 on an excellent Science investigation. We are very lucky in Year 4 to have so many fantastic talents, however, this one definitely merits sharing! Lovely Elsie in Walliams class made veggie

chilli, guacamole and nachos. She made me a shopping list and followed the instructions to help make it. Sounds and looks absolutely delicious - well done, Elsie - and thank you for sharing!



#### **ANTI-BULLYING WEEK**









Year 4 united against bullying with these fantastic posters as part of Anti-Bullying Week this week. Thank you, Year 4 for your fantastic responses during our sessions and for understanding why we do not tolerate bullying of any kind within our schools.

Wherefore art thou, Year 4? Year 4 has also been learning all about playscripts this week, practising lines for some very demanding roles from the text *The Egyptian Cinderella*. Some mesmerising



acting was displayed by the pupils - what fantastic talents! This led to some remarkable writing and planning of playscripts too. What a busy week!

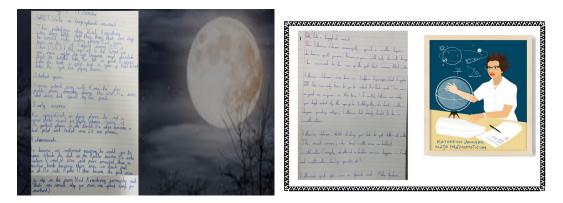






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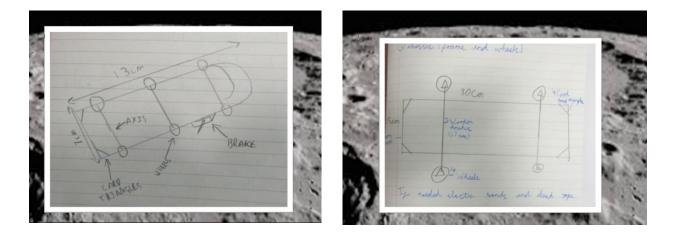
Being expert researchers was an essential skill for our Year 5 learners, as they created detailed biographies of key individuals in the historical era of the Space Race. We learned amazing facts about Neil Armstrong and Katherine Johnson. Our information was then used in a writing focus on connectives and chronological paragraphs. The children are so proud of their biographies.



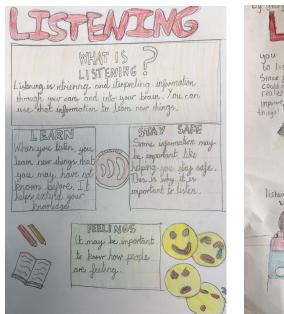
We also learned to present and develop our historical research in different ways. Puppet shows about Neil Armstrong's life and achievements were great fun!

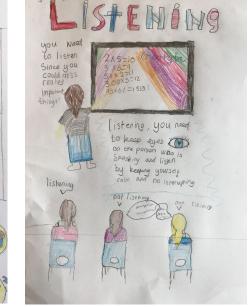


Not content with learning about space exploration, Year 5 have started a mission to design and make our own moon buggies in D.T. We will let you know how our project progresses ...



## **YEAR 6 LEARNING**





The children in Year 6 have been learning about the significance of listening. They have created some wonderful posters that will be displayed around the school to promote the importance of this skill. The children were also busy taking part in some mock SATs. This is such an exciting time as we prepare them for moving on to the next stage in their education. We have to say, we **EXCEPTIONALLY** were impressed with how hard they worked and the scores they achieved.

#### **INCLUSION TEAM**

At the end of Term 1, the Rainbow room celebrated the achievements of the group by holding a Graduation Ceremony. Each child graduated with a skill they had learnt over their time in the Rainbow Room and talked about how they would take this skill back to the classroom to develop their learning even further.



This term in the Rainbow Room, the topic is European coach trips. Each week the children will be exploring a different country. They will do this by cooking a traditional dish, learning a bit of the language and gaining some general knowledge about the flag and country.



#### Parent Support Virtual Meeting - 9th December 2020 10am-12pm



Grab a cup of coffee and join us for our first **Virtual Parent Support Meeting.** Nobody said parenting was easy! We want to support all parents with any concerns, questions or worries they may have. Dawn Wingett, Family Liaison Officer and Rachel Moran, Deputy SENCO, will be available to discuss any issues you may have around behaviour, routines and anxieties in the home environment.

There are limited spaces so please book early to secure a place, if the session becomes full we will hold names on a priority list for our next session. Please email Dawn on <u>dawn.wingett@swale.at</u> to secure a place and receive a link to join the meeting.



#### **TT ROCKSTARS - THE RESULTS**

Thousands of schools took part in this National competition. The scores for each player were totalled up and were averaged with the number of pupils in the school. We are really proud to say that The Parkland Federation came well within the top 375 primary schools in the whole country. **Also, out of over 20,000 classes, Mian Class** just missed out on being **one of the top 100 classes** in the country by one place! This is an amazing achievement and we are so very proud of all of you. It is only by cooperating together and working as a team that we have achieved these results. Certificates will be sent to our top players in each class very soon.

Year 2	Dahl, - Zachary, Rowan, Jayden, Indiarna, Amelia, Zara Santat - Benjamin, Oscar, Isabella, Millie
Year 3	Angelou - Alexander, Owen, Lilly, Lilly, Aurelia Jeffers - Joshua, Ruben, Stephan, Lauren, Mollie, Bella
Year 4	Blackman- Nathan, Jason, Bezalel, Laila, Rosie, Shasmeen Walliams - Tommy, Charlie, Kai, Neveah, Zahraa, Lilly
Year 5	Zephaniah - Joshua, Grayson, Coby, Sophia, Madeliene, Zara Lewis - Matthew, Jacob, Jacob, Lilia, Freya, Evie
Year 6	Mian - Naomi, Revathi, Luke, Owen S, Raphael, Chelsie Rosen - Phoenix, Oliver, Lennox, Besiya, Kayla, Chloe

#### **NEW TO RECEPTION AND YEAR 3 2021**

Although we are unable to offer our usual tours of Parkland Infant and Parkland Junior School this year due to current COVID-19 Safety measures, we have prepared Virtual Tours that are posted on our website.

Please do follow the link below and have a look at the schools and the exceptional learning that takes place each day. If you have any questions about securing a place with us, please do get in touch. We will be happy to help:

https://parklandjunior.theparklandfederation.org/welcome-to-the-parkland-federation/

#### **REMINDER - FLU VACCINATIONS - 27TH NOVEMBER 2020**

The flu vaccinations will still take place on **Friday**, **27th November for the Infant children and the Juniors for Years 4 and 6**. We have informed the Immunisation team regarding our recent Year group isolations and as soon as we know the new arrangements for Years 3 and 5 we will let you know.

## SCHOOL MEALS ARE NOW HOT LUNCHES

We have really enjoyed our school meals reverting back to hot dinners this week and the children have enjoyed them too! Please can we remind you that if your child does want a school meal, that you must book on parentpay. If we do not see your booking on parentpay then the office will call home

to check your child's meal requirements and to seek payment if you are KS2 and not Free School Meals. There are a few parents who have still not activated their parentpay account and it is important that you do so. Please do this as a matter of urgency, using the login information provided by the school office. This will save our admin team crucial time each morning.

#### EYFS VISION SCREENING AND YEAR 1 CATCH UP

Just a reminder about our Vision tests taking place soon. Information has been forwarded to you by email. For Reception children, the vision tests will take place on **Thursday**, **10th December in the morning**. For Year 1, there will be a catch up session on **Friday**, **11th December**.

If you do wish to opt out, then please see the information below:

## Opting your child out of the Vision screening

If you do not wish your child to take part in the vision screening programme, please inform us as soon as possible:









The School Health Service can be contacted Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 5pm. Phone: **0300 123 4062** Email: <u>kentchft.esschoolhealthservice@nhs.net</u> Web: www.kentcht.nhs.uk/essh

# **Congratulations to the following pupils**

# AWARDS OF THE WEEK AT PARKLAND INFANT SCHOOL

Class	Star of the Week and reason	Dojo Winner
Inkpen	Victoria - for following all the Rainbow Rules and working her socks off in phonics!	Aurora
	Gracie - for always being such a kind, caring friend and for always trying her best!	Nya
Kerr	Elizabeth - for her determination with the balance beam outside. I'm so proud of you Lizzy.	Rose
	Rudy - for his improvement in his writing. He works so hard on his letter formation and size at school and at home. You are a star Rudy!	Rogan
Shireen	Rafael - for trying really hard with his independent writing and with his sounding out! Super work!	Amelia
	Lola - For always trying her very best and being ready to learn. Such a fantastic listener!	Anabell
Donaldson	Madison - for always working her socks off! You are amazing!	Evie
	Daniel - for always listening so well and for trying really hard with his independent work	Jesse
Santat	Ava- for always doing the right thing and working hard on her careful counting	Aleksandr
Dahl	Romeo - For making such a huge effort with his learning this week	Serene
	Savannah - For using amazing scientific language in her explanations!	Zara

# AWARDS OF THE WEEK AT PARKLAND JUNIOR SCHOOL

Class	Star of the Week and reason	Dojo Winner
Angelou	Tommy - for his excellent maths and showing his working!	Phoebe D
	Ethan - also for his excellent maths skills and mathematical explanations in detail!	Arya
Jeffers	Alexander P - for his excellent effort with his spellings!	Annabelle
	Henry - for showing a positive attitude to his work.	Alice
Walliams	Jessica N - for her excellent writing - what fantastic progress!	Tommy
	Jack - for being an outstanding role model!	Riley M
Blackman	Tag - For his amazing work in all subject areas!	Angel
	Ebony - For her fantastic Maths work and stretch activities!	Shasmeen
Lewis	Oliver - For excellent work, especially in English! Gracie - For persistent hard work in every lesson and helping other children with their work!	Matthew Jayden W
Zephaniah	Annabelle- for excellent participation in all areas of the curriculum	Erin
	Sophia - for such excellent work in all areas of school life	Grayson
Mian	Preston for always helping his peers when they find tasks difficult.	Daniel
	Jacob for always being a kind and supportive member of the class.	Matthew
Rosen	Gaby C for always following the Rainbow Rules.	Besiya
	Leonardo R for your fantastic arithmetic results.	Phoenix

# WELLBEING FOCUS OF THE FORTNIGHT

Family life plays such an important role in the wellbeing of both children and parents. Parents spending good quality time with their children can be very effective in boosting wellbeing. Children's wellbeing centres on time with a happy, stable family, having good friends and plenty of things to do, especially outdoors. Developing a strong sense of wellbeing can help teenagers manage the challenges of the developmental years and be a protective factor against mental health issues. Wellbeing is important for the whole family to develop and is



something you can work on together. This is essential now more than ever. Our next recommendation is:

**LEARN A NEW SKILL:** Research shows that learning new skills can also your mental wellbeing by:

- 1. Boosting self confidence and raising self esteem
- 2. Helping you to build a sense of purpose
- 3. Helping you to connect with others

There are many ways you can bring new learning into your life:

- ★ Learn to cook something new be as experimental as you like!
- ★ Take on a new responsibility at work or step out of your comfort zone
- ★ Take on a small (or large) DIY project
- ★ Sign up for an online course at your local college
- ★ Get a new hobby. Could you take up a new sport or start writing a blog?

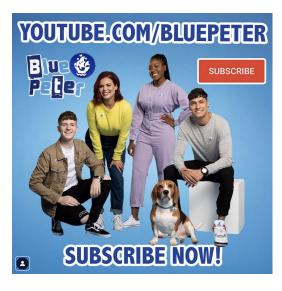
# **GIRLS FOOTBALL**

If your daughter is interested in taking up football as a hobby and would love to be part of a team, this information may be of interest to you. Please take a look at the link below.

https://girlsfootballinschools.org/-

## BLUE PETER ON YOU TUBE - FROM THE BLUE PETER TEAM

We have launched <u>Blue Peter on YouTube</u> at CBBC.



Blue Peter is the longest running kids TV show in the world and we are uploading videos to it that are suitable for 5-11 year olds. We have world record breaking challenges, arts and crafts, environmental videos, cooking and baking how tos, inspirational films, gaming, celebrity appearances, dance routines and music performances. We also feature ways of getting a Blue Peter badge, behind the scenes footage and extra content about our incredible presenters Adam, Lindsey, Mwaksy, Richie and Henry the Blue Peter dog.

If this is of interest to you please subscribe to <u>https://www.youtube.com/bluepeter</u> - (it's obviously completely free to subscribe!) and don't forget to watch the live programme on CBBC at 5.30pm every week, or on BBC iPlayer.

#### **PARENT SUPPORT**

Holding space is a local organisation that provides support to parents, families and children who are experiencing mental health issues. Parents can contact Holding Space directly for more information about their sessions which include walk and talk and weekly parent support group meetings.

