



The Parkland Federation

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29th April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome to Term 5. We can't quite believe we have arrived at the Summer Term already but we have certainly been benefitting from the warmer weather and sunshine. Children are now enjoying their morning breaks, lunchtimes and PE sessions on the field which have proved very popular. The llamas have also been enjoying the extra entertainment!

We would like to say a huge well done to our Year 6 Classes who will soon be sitting their SATs (W/C 9th May). SATs return nationally for the first time since 2019 and we can see how hard the children (and teachers) have been working in order to prepare. We all wish them the very best of luck!



EYFS



In Reception we have started our new topic "Down on the Farm!" Last week we had a very special letter from a Farmer who we asked lots of questions about his job. He also sent us a very special delivery of some chicken eggs to hatch ourselves! We are very excited to see our chicks being born. This week we have read the story, 'Egg Drop' and we worked in teams to build our own egg safety devices. Everyone worked together so beautifully and we had some excellent devices! In Maths, we have been learning about repeating patterns and have learned how to link it to the AB model. We have also begun learning about 3D shape this week and the children have practised naming and describing lots of them! Congratulations to our Stars of the Week - Tyler & Mason (Inkpen) Nate & Mason (Kerr) - and also to our Dojo winners - All of Kerr Class & Willow and Teddie & Tanci (Inkpen).

Year 1



Year 1 have had a great start to their new topic 'Into The Woods', focusing on their new book 'The Last Wolf'. This sees Little Red hunting for wolves but she ends up saving the forest because all the trees have disappeared! The children continued to learn about ways to save the planet after a special visitor from Greenpeace spoke to us about the impact of plastic and how everyone can get involved in the Big Plastic Count! Let's Get Cooking has started for half of Shireen class (thank you to our parent helpers!) and the children have been making some yummy food! Donaldson have been hard at work exploring moving pictures and even having a go at creating some of their own moving parts using sliders. Congratulations to our Stars of the Week: Disath & Matilda (Donaldson), Gracie and Teddy (Shireen) and also to our Dojo winners: Piper & Alfred (Donaldson) Logan and Minnie (Shireen) ,



Year 2

Our topic for this term is 'Where The Wild Things Are'. We have spent time listening to the story and learning all about Max's adventures. We have also been learning about using apostrophes for contractions too. Wow! We had great fun racing around the field trying to match up contractions with their formal form. In maths, Year 2 have been exploring money using different coins to make different values. We have enjoyed using plastic coins to improve our understanding of the value of the coins. In Science, we started to explore the habitats that living things live in and discussed why they live in certain places. The children also decided to look after the planet and collect rubbish from the field! We have been learning about the British seaside in History, comparing what we know about the seaside now to how the seaside was in Victorian times. We have found it interesting to compare the swimsuits of the two different times! Congratulations to our Stars of the Week Jesse & Lilly (Beaty) and Amelia and Nathan (Santat) - and also to our Dojo winners, Jesse & Trisha (Beaty) and Koli and Olivia (Santat)



Year 3

What a great start to the term! The children have started to learn about the Stone Age as part of our new topic, 'Bigger and Boulder'. In English, we have started to explore the story 'Stone Age Boy' using story mapping, sequencing and puppets to retell the story.

In art, we have started to explore cave art from the Stone Age. Watch this space for amazing clay sculptures!

As part of our history sessions, we are learning about how humans have evolved over time. We are comparing how people lived then with our own modern lives.

In Science we have been learning about magnets and having a great time investigating materials in the classroom that are magnetic.

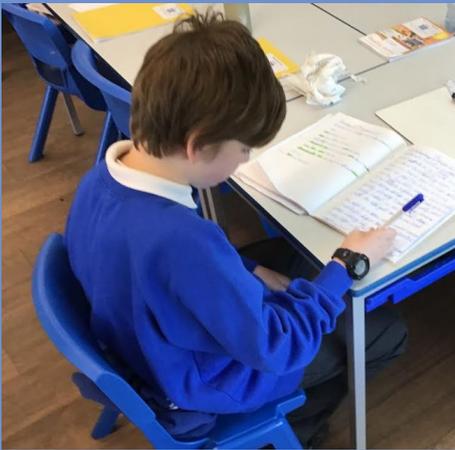
Congratulations to our Stars of the Week - Lola & Aleksandr (Harrison) Serene & Kian (Woodson) and also to our Dojo winners lyla & Sophia (Harrison) Natalya & Romeo (Woodson)



Year 4



Year 4 had a wonderful art session this week where they drew leaves using various mediums. Some sketched their leaves using pencil while others painted using poster paint. Some pupils also painted their design using water colours. The children had a fantastic afternoon sketching and really enjoyed taking part in this wonderful art activity! Year 4 have also been hard at work writing their very own descriptive stories. The children planned, edited and wrote like authors. We are so fortunate to have such a wonderfully talented group of writers within the year group - well done, Year 4 - and keep up the excellent work!



Congratulations to our Stars of the Week Oliver & Amelia (Blackman) Beth (Walliams) - and also to our Dojo winners, Brandon & Mollie (Blackman) Arya (Walliams)



Year 5

Year 5 have started this term by having a Greek introduction day where we began to find out lots about the Ancient Greeks and where Greece is. The children looked at architecture styles and made their own Greek temples. In Art, we have begun a project on the Sussex artist Eric Ravilious. We have looked at his style and interpreted this ourselves. We have been working really hard in maths, learning all about decimal numbers. We have been converting them into fractions using our place value grids and have also understood the place value of each number. We are so proud of your perseverance and impressive determination, Year 5!



Congratulations to our Stars of the Week: Darren and Tyler from Wilson and Elsie and Keira from Zephaniah - and also to our Dojo winners: Bezael and Logan from Wilson and Freya and Arthur from Zephaniah ,

Year 6



Year 6 started their new topic 'Heartbeat' last week and made their own model hearts using a variety of resources.

In science, they have found out why the heart is so important. They focussed on its function and have researched and labelled the different parts.

We have also been writing journalistic articles discussing the importance of free-time. The children looked at the features of newspaper articles and then planned, wrote and edited their own reports ready for publication. Bravo, Year 6!

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week: Kai B and Amelia P (Rosen) Brayden and Ebenezer (Mian) and also to our Dojo winners, Zara and Erin (Rosen) and Ethan and Lilia (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) 94%	Kerr Class (YR) 94%	Shireen Class (Y1) 93%
Donaldson Class (Y1) 94%	Santat Class (Y2) 93%	Beaty Class (Y2) 94%
Harrison Class (Y3) 95%	Woodson Class (Y3) 93%	Walliams Class (Y4) 92%
Blackman Class (Y4) 90%	Zephaniah Class (Y5) 91%	Wilson Class (Y5) 93%
Mian Class (Y6) 94%	Rosen Class (Y6) 91%	The Highest Attendance Award goes to Harrison class. Super! !

SCHOOL COUNCIL



School Council Update

The '**Citizen of the Fortnight**' at the Junior School is Arthur from 5 Zephaniah for being a fabulous role model and representative during the recent Football Event. Well done, Arthur! The '**Citizen of the Fortnight**' at the Infant School is Suzie from Beaty for being such a kind and caring member of the school. We are very lucky to have you! Well done!



Eco Committee Update

We celebrated **Earth Day** on Friday 22nd April by having a special assembly in our classes. We also had a guest speaker called Kiri in earlier this week from **Greenpeace**. The children learnt about the impact of plastic on our oceans and how supermarkets impact this greatly! We have been invited to participate in the **Big Plastic Count Campaign** next month, more details to follow...



As part of the **Keep Britain Tidy Campaign**, our Parkland Eco Team went on a litter pick through the streets of our local area and in Hampden Park. The children were very sensible using their litter pickers to pick up any rubbish they spotted and they definitely made a real difference to our local environment. What a wonderful team. Thank you! **Remember, if you're out and about and you can't find a bin, take your rubbish home and recycle it there. A huge well done to our Parkland Eco Team!** A very special thank you also to Mrs Staicu who has made some fabulous sculptures from old milk bottle tops - can you spot them around the school? What a great way to reuse something!



Mental Health and Wellbeing



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on Safeguarding For Parents Curriculum Health & Wellbeing Remote Education

A huge thank you to all parents and carers who filled out our recent survey about the provision we have for Mental Health and Wellbeing at Parkland. Your views really help to shape what we do, so please do continue to share your thoughts and ideas with us. As you may know, our provision was assessed this week by the [Wellbeing Award for Schools Assessment Team](#). The Assessor spent a day looking at responses from parents, pupils and staff and also talked to many members of the school community, including staff, parents, a governor and the children. The assessment included looking at planning, evaluations, the impact of our provision as well as a tour of the school site. We were delighted by the feedback which saw the school classed as having 'exemplary practice' with a recommendation that we share our work as 'a hub of good practice for mental health and wellbeing in primary education.' The assessor said that she 'could not have asked for more'. We would like to say a huge thank you to you as parents for your support, suggestions and feedback and also to the staff for the incredible work they do. Without their skills, knowledge and understanding, we would not be able to deliver this provision.

Thank You!

OUR RESCUED CHICKENS

You may remember that we rescued some ex commercial hens last year. The flock have gone from strength to strength and love the attention they get from staff and pupils. They have come a long way and have put on weight, regrown their feathers and are now happily laying eggs daily.



CLUBS AFTER SCHOOL

Now that the warmer weather is here, our after school sports clubs will be taking place outside in the playground and on the school field. Please can we remind parents to make sure they leave the premises swiftly after they have collected children so that we can close our gates and secure the site ready for our clubs to begin. Thank you in advance for your support.

If your child has been invited to an academic club after school, please do ensure they attend regularly in order to make use of the teachers' time and expertise. These clubs are the best way to ensure children catch up following school closures over the past two years and we would really value your support.

FOOTBALL FRIENDLY

It was wonderful to host a friendly match for Willingdon Primary School this week. Children from Years 5 and 6 showed real dedication and commitment to their games. They showed real spirit in their play. Throughout both matches, the team worked really hard and should be incredibly proud of their efforts throughout both matches. Well done, Year 5 and 6. We look forward to playing more matches over the coming terms!

If your child would like to become a member of the Parkland Football Team, please contact Mr Thrower and sign up for our Football Club.



YEAR 4 TRI-GOLF TOURNAMENT

On Thursday, pupils from Year 4 attended a Tri-golf Tournament at Ratton School. The children took part in a series of golf-related games.

All of the children performed really well and represented the school exceptionally. Lots of points were scored along the way, resulting in a fantastic third place finish out of 12 other local schools!

Congratulations Year 4 on a fantastic tournament. What stars you are!



YEAR 6 PROM

Year 6 teachers are beginning to plan the annual Year 6 Prom. This will take place on Friday 8th July. If you would like to help us organise this special event, please speak to a member of the Year 6 Team.



School Uniform

A gentle reminder that we expect all children to be in school uniform every day unless there is a Mufti Day or special event.

- A blue jumper or cardigan with the school logo.
- A white polo shirt (with or without the school logo).
Black/grey trousers or skirts/pinafore dresses.
- Blue summer dresses.
- Black/grey/blue or white socks/tights.
- Black school shoes. These should be plain, flat and have no logos. Please note, trainers are not permitted.
- Hair accessories must be minimal and in school colours only.
- No jewellery is permitted, other than plain, single stud earrings.



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