



# The Parkland Press!



The Parkland Federation Newsletter

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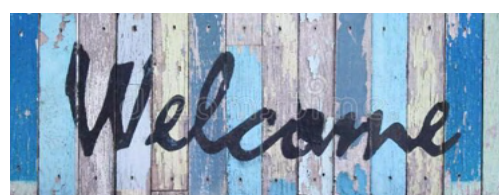


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11th June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been an action packed start to our final Term of a very strange academic year! We have had a visit from an Olympian as well as a Residential Trip for Year 6 pupils who are currently preparing to leave us for their next exciting chapter. We have also expanded our school community by welcoming **Star and Luna**. Star and Luna are Llamas and are both now one year old. We have gone through a lengthy adoption process and have been thoroughly vetted to ensure we have suitable space and the knowledge to take care of them. A massive thank you to Mr Anderson who erected their new stable and paddock and to Mrs Taylor and Miss Hollobone who have read countless books around becoming llama owners. We are also exceptionally lucky to have a team of very dedicated staff who share care at weekends and in holidays. We are proud members of The Llama Society and as with all of our animals, we work closely with the RSPCA. Star and Luna support our Pastoral Team in helping children understand how to care for animals as well as providing Animal Therapy. It is well known that children (and adults) are often calmer with a llama!



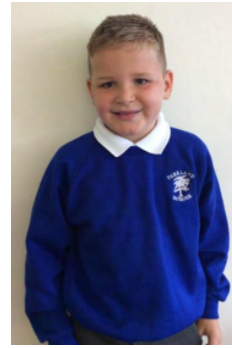
## MORE EXCITING ADOPTION NEWS



Another very warm welcome goes to this little group. We have hatched and kept ducks and chickens for several years now and last week, we helped rescue 10 ex-commercial hens that have had a difficult start in life due to maltreatment. We have worked with a charity to offer them a home at Parkland so that they will be rather spoilt and very well cared for in future. Welcome to the Team, ladies!

## TERM 5 - SPORTS PERSON OF THE TERM

Sports Person of the Term at the Infant School for Term 5 was Paige and at the Junior School, it was Cody. Well done and congratulations for all of your excellent work in PE. Not only have these pupils consistently demonstrated the values of our school, but they have gone above and beyond in this subject area, demonstrating leadership, sportsmanship and excellent teamwork skills. Congratulations, Paige and Cody - what stars you are! Enjoy the award!



## MISS GIBBS GOES SKYDIVING!



Last Saturday, Miss Gibbs went skydiving in order to raise money for The British Lung Foundation. She said 'it was an amazing experience and I would highly recommend it to anyone!' Bravo, Miss Gibbs. We are very proud of you! If you would like to donate to support Emily's dive, please use this link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/emily-gibbs3>

## BEING SOCIAL ONLINE: A PARENT'S GUIDE



Technology can provide new opportunities for children and young people but also present risks. [This Think U Know guide](#) for parents looks at how they can support their child to be safer online this season by focusing on 3 key areas: viewing, sharing, chatting and friending.

## 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: calm

**Put both hands horizontally in front of you and then rotate hands around each other slowly. Remember to say 'calm' as you sign.**



## SUN CREAM UPDATE

How lovely to be blessed with this lovely warm weather following all those rainy days! Please do help us to minimise the risk of sunburn by ensuring children come to school with sunscreen pre-applied ready for the day. Several shops supply an all day 8 hour sunscreen. We ensure that our children are only out in the sun for short periods at a time and are drinking water throughout the day, but this additional measure will be very supportive. We are lucky to have such beautiful grounds and want to make the most of the season. Please also remember to send your child in with a named reusable water bottle (no single use plastics, please) and a sun hat. Thank you!

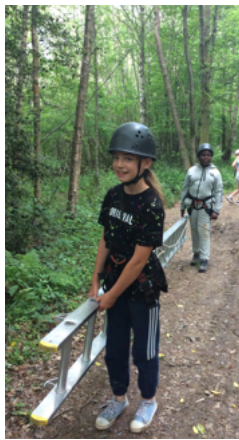




## YEAR 6 VISIT TO BLACKLAND FARM

We were incredibly lucky to be able to take our Year 6 pupils to Blackland Farm to enjoy a residential trip last week. The children took part in many fantastic activities that really challenged them and ensured they developed their ability to work in a team. A HUGE thank you to **Miss Williams, Mrs Carver, Mrs Loyburn and Mr Thrower**, who accompanied the children and gave up their evenings to ensure the trip went ahead.

A wonderful few days were had by all and the children will no doubt have memories that will last a lifetime. More photos will be shared as part of the Year 6 Leavers' Celebrations later in the term.



## OLYMPIC ATHLETE VISIT TO PARKLAND

Olympian Frederick Afrifa visited Parkland Infant and Junior School on Tuesday 8th June. Fredrick led the children in some circuit training which thoroughly put everyone through their paces - both children and the adults! During a special assembly, Frederick mentioned to the children that he had won 92 medals - an incredible haul and one that will no doubt inspire the pupils. Best of luck for the summer, Frederick! We will be cheering you on!

Please may we say a huge thank you to all the children that participated in the day and for all of the sponsorship money received for this special day so far. It's not too late to set up your sponsorship page if you have not yet been able to. Please follow the link below and help us raise as much as we can for a very worthwhile charity and to support the school in purchasing sports equipment: <https://sportal.sportsforschools.org/events/landing> We really hope that the children enjoyed it and felt inspired after Frederick's visit!





## ECO TIP OF THE FORTNIGHT

We learnt all about **World Ocean Day** during our Tuesday Assembly this week and we were shocked to discover how much plastic makes its way into our seas every day! So, our eco tip this fortnight is linked to the reduction of our plastic consumption - You can replace your plastic tupperware containers with glass or steel containers which are much easier to recycle and reuse.



## ATTENDANCE FIGURES THIS WEEK

Class	Percentage	Class	Percentage
Inkpen	96%	Kerr	97%
Donaldson	98%	Shireen	96%
Dahl	98%	Santat	97%
Angelou	96%	Jeffers	96%
Walliams	97%	Blackman	96%
Lewis	95%	Zephaniah	96%
Rosen	98%	Mian	96%

A very BIG well done to **Donaldson** and **Dahl** at Parkland Infant School and **Rosen** at Parkland Junior School for having the highest attendance  
**What superstars!**



## FACE COVERINGS

A HUGE thank you to all parents who continue to support us by wearing their face covering at pick up and drop off times. You will all be aware of a rise in COVID cases recently and it only takes one positive case to disrupt the learning of an entire year group bubble. Please can we ask that you all support us by wearing your face mask during this time. Thank you In advance for your support in helping us stay open. We appreciate it very much!



## CHANGE TO UNIFORM PROVIDER



Please be advised that Price & Buckland will be our new uniform provider, as of **Monday, 14th June**. We copy below a link so that you can see the different items available and prices. You will be able to order directly with them. The home screen on the link below will inform you how to set up an account and order.

**Please find link below.**

**[www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/parkland](http://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/parkland)**

## REMINDER - TO REDEEM YOUR HUGGG VOUCHERS



Please make sure you redeem your Huggg vouchers - the office reminders to you if you have a voucher outstanding. They expire on 30th June unless you turn into a gift card. If you need assistance please contact the school office with the name of your preferred supermarket.

## REMINDER - EYFS HEIGHTS, WEIGHTS & MEASURES - 30TH JUNE

Just to confirm that the Health Team will be at the Infant School on **Wednesday, 30th June 2021** to take the EYFS heights, weights & measures. Please check your emails for full details as these were forwarded to you by email. The Health Team have had to change the date to 30th June.

If you wish to opt out of this, then you have to contact the School Health Team on **0300 123 4062**  
or email: [kentchft.esschoolhealthservice@nhs.net](mailto:kentchft.esschoolhealthservice@nhs.net)





## EYFS LEARNING

The week before half term was a very busy one for EYFS! We had our very sunny school disco on the field where fun was most definitely had by all! We were so impressed with the children's moves! We also had some French food tasting on French Friday - ooh la la! We tasted brie, french bread, madeleines and crepes. We were so proud of the children for trying it all, even the brie! Tres bon!



This term we have started our new and very exciting topic of 'Under the Sea'! Our classroom has been transformed into an ocean experience, and the children are absolutely mesmerised by everything aquatic! We have been focusing on the story of Commotion in the Ocean and learning lots of facts about sea creatures. The children are fantastic at this and have certainly taught us a few facts we didn't know! We also had a visit from the olympic athlete, Frederick Afrifa! He really put us through our paces in a circuit of athletic activities. Great fun!

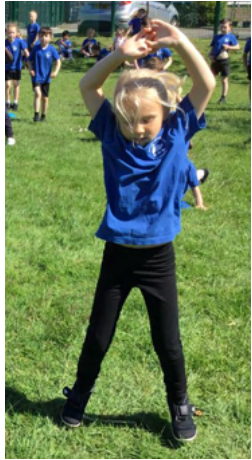






## YEAR 1 LEARNING

Making the most of the warm weather, our lovely Year 1s have enjoyed the outdoor learning opportunities. We are practising counting to 50 and learning about place value. Working as a team, the children were able to order the numbers. We also enjoyed some quiet reading time relaxing amongst the cool of the trees.



Earlier this week we met the Athlete Frederick Afrifa who was very encouraging and the children were very motivated to complete the fitness circuit!



Getting ready for our trip to Lewes Nature Reserve next week, our key text is 'In the Pond'. Through story mapping, sequencing and retelling the story we are learning about life in the pond and the life cycle of a frog.



In Let's Get Cooking this week, we had Fun with fruit! This week was fruit tasting, smoothie making and fruit kebabs. A fabulous healthy treat to enjoy!



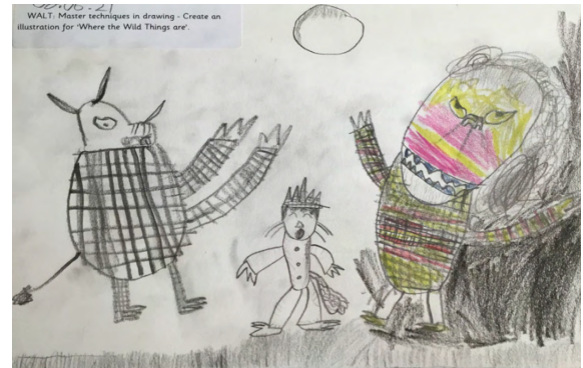


## YEAR 2 LEARNING

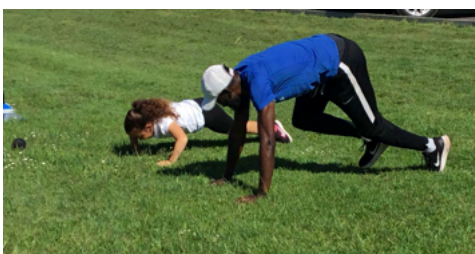
Welcome back to our final term! We have had such a wonderful week of learning with the Year 2 classes. In English, we have been reading 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' and have discovered that it is not only Eastbourne's seagulls that are pesky! In maths, we have been revising our basic skills to ensure that all of the children have mastered these concepts as we reach the end of the year.



Our art sessions have resulted in some beautiful sketches for 'Where The Wild Things Are' with the children demonstrating a good understanding of pattern and texture.



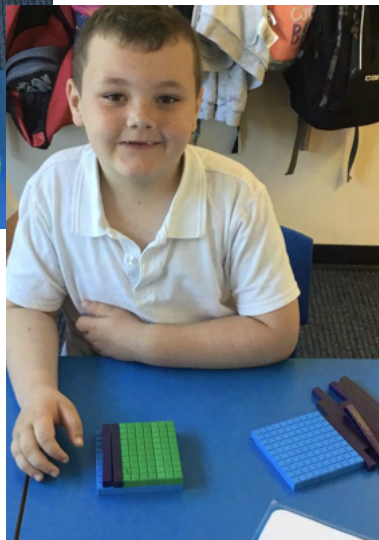
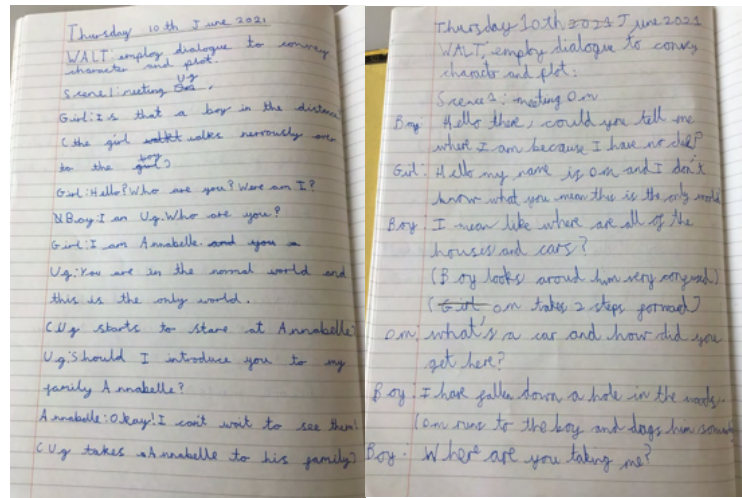
We were absolutely delighted to spend a morning with Frederick Afrifa - a gold medalist from London. The athlete taught us some great activities and we had such a fun session training with him, followed by a special live assembly.





## YEAR 3 LEARNING

Year 3 have had an excellent start to the last term of the year! We have moved onto a new genre in writing and are learning all about play scripts. We have watched a play and discussed what we thought the script would have said to make the actor behave in a certain way. We have written sentences to help us when it comes to writing our final draft and have learnt how to accurately use punctuation and stage directions!



This term, we are revisiting our previous learning in Maths and making sure we fully understand concepts, ready for Year 4! We have been using lots of resources to help us and have learnt lots of different representations that we can use in Maths! We especially enjoyed being able to prove what we have learnt and show our understanding!

In Science, we are learning about light and dark. This week, an object was hidden under a tray and rather than seeing the object, we had to feel around and try to guess what the object was. We had great fun revealing the objects and seeing if we were correct! We then learnt that dark is in fact the absence of light and that without it we would find it difficult to do day to day tasks!





## YEAR 4 LEARNING

The Parkland Federation were put through their paces by budding Olympic athlete Frederick Afrifa. Year 4 were put through their paces by Frederick in a circuit training session. The children were then treated to an assembly which inspired and engaged them to go and follow their dreams.

Thank you so much Frederick for visiting us - we hope you had a wonderful day! Please enjoy these photos of the children taking part in their circuit training session and the assembly.



Decimal Drama! Year 4 worked really hard on identifying the value of decimals. Using a range of resources, they were able to add decimals together and find the value of tenths. Here are some photos of a session that the children really enjoyed taking part in!





## YEAR 5 LEARNING

This week we have welcomed back Mr Jackson. He is impressed at how much the children have matured in just a term. We are so proud of their achievements!



Our new focus in Skills Builder is Creativity. Before we launched into learning skills linked to this important area, we explored what creativity means to us. The discussion was exciting. We can't wait to learn more and will let you know how we get on.



### Year 5 Chess Tournament

The tension is rising! We are delighted that so many children entered the competition.

This week, the quarter-finals have taken place. Congratulations to the following children who made it to the final eight:

- ★ **Phoenix and Ethan**
- ★ **Mason and Matthew**
- ★ **Grayson and Elliott**
- ★ **Ana and Devon**

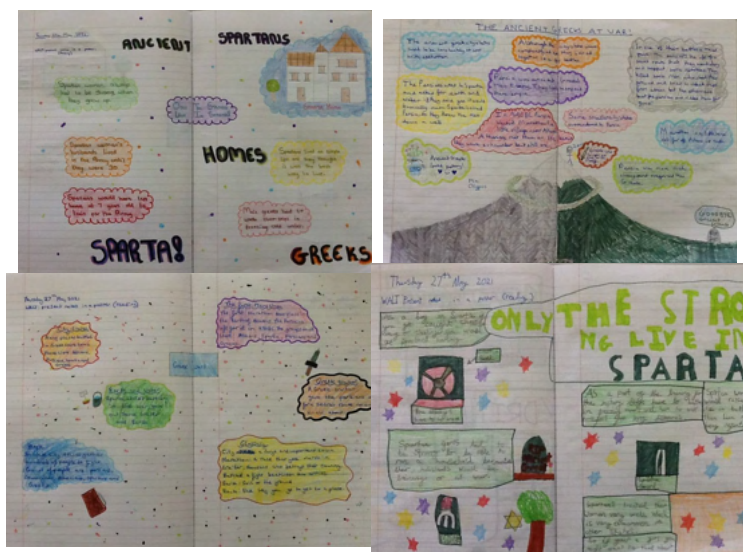


### Telling the time

Thank you so much for helping your children with telling the time. Please continue to support your child, especially with identifying the minutes to the hour.

### Reading and History

Our reading has been linked to our History topic - A Greek Odyssey. The children have been working hard on their note taking skills, and developing ways to present their ideas and their learning. They have created some fantastic pages, using a variety of information texts to support their work.





## YEAR 6 - NON RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL ACTIVITY DAYS

Those children not attending the Year 6 Residential also had a rather action packed few days at Parkland. The children had an absolute blast!

On Wednesday, they had great fun learning new games such as table tennis, bench ball, boules and quoits. They also had a well deserved visit from the ice cream van and a drumming workshop.

On Thursday, they spent the day putting up tents (and testing them out), making pizza - and eating it. One child commented, 'I thought we were going to get a slice but this is so enormous even I can't eat it all!'

On Friday, they finished off the week by designing and making their own boxes, taking part in a scavenger hunt and using chromebooks to complete a programming task. What superstars!

Thank you to all of the adults who supported these days.

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## Congratulations to the following pupils

### AWARDS OF THE WEEK AT PARKLAND INFANT SCHOOL

Class	Star of the Week and reason	Dojo Winner
Inkpen	Ava - for working super hard on her phonics and reading! We are so proud of you!  Ruby - for being so kind caring with the chicks!	Maisie  Alastair
Kerr	Darcy - for working her absolute socks off this term! She has made a huge improvement in Phonics and reading and we couldn't be prouder of her! Well done Darcy.  For being such a pleasure to teach. Alfie always brightens up my days and is always aiming high, working hard and dreaming big! You are a star, Alfie.	Aurora  Daisy
Shireen	Lillie-May - For settling in well to Shireen class, quickly making friends and following our Rainbow Rules.  Nyla - for her fabulous cooking and being brave and tasting all the different fruits in Let's Get Cooking!	Katie  Melody
Donaldson	All of Donaldson Class for working so hard in Term 5! Well done!  Skye - for always working her socks off in all that she does and for being an amazing role model for her peers.	Harlie
Santat	Emelia - for her incredible attention to detail and being so on the ball  Ava- for her spectacular work over the last couple of weeks and for trying her hardest	Logan  Iyla
Dahl	All of Dahl Class for having a positive attitude to learning on their first week back!  Archie - for making me say "WOW!" every day this week with his hard work in English!	Isabella  Zak



## AWARDS OF THE WEEK AT PARKLAND JUNIOR SCHOOL

Class	Star of the Week and reason	Dojo Winner
Angelou	Oscar- for having a great positive attitude towards his english work and producing some superb play script work!	Emilie
Jeffers	Brooke - for having some really positive days.  Matthew - for his hard work in maths and trying his best to complete the stretch tasks.	Finley  Noah
Walliams	All of Walliams Class - for their excellent performance in the Year 4 show!  Tommy - for being such a fantastic role model to others in class. Elsie - For her amazing work all of this week!	Phoenix
Blackman	All of Blackman Class - for their excellent performance in the Year 4 Production!  Mya - for an amazing first week at Parkland Junior School!	Jason  Poppy
Lewis	Maddison - For her amazing hard work and focus Jayden F - For challenging himself and working hard in all areas, especially English.	Matthew Emily
Zephaniah	Lewis - for being such a dedicated learner Coby - for an outstanding effort in increasing writing stamina	Ana Ted
Mian	All of Mian class for working so hard during Term 5 and being very mature in the SRE lessons.  Ellis for providing such great entertainment at Blackland Farm - Group 4 will never be forgotten!	James
Rosen	All of Rosen class for your hard work and attitude during Term 5 and your mature attitude during our SRE lessons.  Jessica for being a true superstar at Blackland Farm. Summer, Besiya and Gaby C for being true Year 6 role models.	Brady



## PARENT SUPPORT

Recently a booklet was given to every child in both the infant and junior schools, providing details and advice from the local mental health and wellbeing charity Holding Space. (Supporting both adults and children.)

I hope you found the activities and advice useful.

If you have any queries regarding the pastoral care of your child, please contact me at

[alison.das@swale.at](mailto:alison.das@swale.at)



**WALK AND TALK**

*An informal, chatty, safe, confidential space for Parents and Carers to chat and be supported (and to get some fresh air too!)*

Every Friday @1pm  
Meeting on the Beach  
(outside The Fishermen's Club)  
Royal Parade, Eastbourne BN22 7AA

PLEASE GET INTOUCH FOR MORE INFO:

✉ [contact@holdingspace.org.uk](mailto:contact@holdingspace.org.uk) ☎ 07922 851207  
🌐 [www.holdingspace.org.uk](http://www.holdingspace.org.uk) 📺 @EastbourneHoldingSpace

*\*Social distancing and government guidelines will be adhered to\**



**Toolkit for Parents with an Anxious Child (aged 7-13)**

**Is your child experiencing anxiety?**  
**Would you like strategies and skills to help them and you manage their anxiety.**

With funding from Uni Connect and Sussex Learning Network, we are offering a free 6-week programme specifically designed to empower Parents/Carers with the skills they need to help their anxious child.

The sessions will be facilitated by Annabel who has extensive experience as a teacher, trainer and therapist using Cognitive Behavioural Therapy and Somatic techniques with children. Her expertise is in supporting parents and children with anxiety.

Places are limited. For further information or to book an exploratory telephone conversation, please contact us at:

[contact@holdingspace.org.uk](mailto:contact@holdingspace.org.uk)



**PARENT & CARER COFFEE MORNINGS**

PRINTERS PLAYHOUSE | 49 A GROVE ROAD | EASTBOURNE | BN21 4TX

**Are you caring for a child who is struggling with their mental health? You are not alone. Please join us for our monthly coffee mornings.**

**This will be a relaxed group offering a safe, confidential space; time to chat, connect and share with one another.**

We will be running coffee mornings on the following dates **10am-11.30am:**

Thursday 20th May  
Thursday 17th June  
Thursday 22nd July

07922 851207 [contact@holdingspace.org.uk](mailto:contact@holdingspace.org.uk)

