



Newsletter: 6th October 2017

Site Safety

We would like to remind everyone that if children are bringing bikes or scooters to school, they should make sure that they are not riding them in the school grounds, as it can be very busy at the beginning and at the end of the day. Please walk your bikes or scooters to the gate. If you are riding beyond the gate, please be careful to make sure that you are being safe with the roads and with others using the pavements.

Bringing a bike or scooter onto the school grounds requires sensible behaviour at all times. Children seen riding or scooting within the school will no longer be able to bring them in. Thank you, in advance, for your co-operation.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to all of you who came to the coffee morning last Friday, it was a huge success! The children had a fantastic time making their cakes and biscuits, and were able to learn about food hygiene and measuring at the same time!

We raised a lot of money, the figure will be confirmed shortly. Thank you for your support in making it a great event.

Parent Consultation Evening

This takes place on Wednesday 11th October, in the school's main hall, as usual. The consultation slots commence at 1:30 p.m. although school will still finish at the normal time of 3:15 p.m. Teachers will all be available from 1:30 p.m. but Mrs Horgan and Mrs Oppe will not be available to speak with parents/carers until after 3:30 p.m. as they will be teaching in classes. Mr Lucas will be available for the entire period.

Parents/carers are welcome to bring siblings to the consultations and complimentary refreshments will be available from the dining hall in the usual way. Although this is the first parent consultation evening of the academic year, the children have already worked so hard since September that we recommend parents/carers taking the time to look through their children's books (which the teacher will have) while they are speaking with the class teacher. Parents/carers who book a slot before 3:15 p.m., and wish their child to join in the consultation, will be able to request it at the time and their child will be brought down to the hall by a member of staff. We look forward to seeing you all on the day!

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Attendance

The last week has seen a notable drop in attendance due to a sickness bug that has led to several pupils being away from school for the required 48hrs. Lateness has also started to creep up again, which impacts on children's learning. Please ensure that children arrive at school on time each day and also that they are collected promptly, to avoid unnecessary upset to the children at the end of the school day. As regards sickness, if children are genuinely ill, the school understands the need for absence. Whenever possible, however, it is important to send children in to school. We have well-trained medical staff and we will contact parents immediately if we feel that a child is unwell enough to be sent home.

Parent Consultative Group (PCG)

The school has now selected the PCG for 2017—many thanks to every parent who put themselves forward. As soon as the school has received confirmation that each parent is happy to undertake the role, the school will publish the names of the representatives and their assigned year groups. If parents have any ideas, suggestions, comments or questions that they would like presented to the Trust via the PCG, they should speak to the named PCG parent for their child's year group, or any member of the PCG where the query is more general.

Reception

It has been an exciting fortnight in Reception. We have been learning to retell the story of The Three Billy Goats Gruff. We also have been learning to count and recognise numbers to ten and beyond. This week we also made jam sandwiches for our snack, which the children really enjoyed! We have been very busy learning our letters in phonics and are all keen to show our knowledge.

Year 1

We have had a very busy couple of weeks in Year One! We are now learning the story of Little Red Riding Hood. We have been doing lots of drama and role play, which the children really love. We have made biscuits with Mrs Tuvey, to sell at the Macmillan Coffee Morning; they were delicious! We have also been learning about repeating patterns, and have made our own ***Autumn leaf prints using paint!***



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Year 2

Year Two are being Estate Agents this week! We are learning all about persuasive writing in order to write an advert for a new house that is for sale! In maths we are learning new methods to add numbers and next week will be learning how to subtract two digit numbers. Also we have been learning about animal habitats and have continued this theme by looking at the artist Andy Goldsworthy, who creates artwork using only natural materials, such as those found in animals habitats. We had a go at using natural materials to create our own works of art!



Year 3

Year Three have had a very successful two weeks. We have been working on writing instructions and learning about 'How to Trap a Water Troll'. We have been enjoying using the column method for addition and subtraction and using our reasoning skills for this. In Science we have continued to be 'Rock Detectives' and have learnt all about the properties of various rocks and about permeability, durability and density. We have been showing a very positive attitude towards our learning and using our Growth Mindset to help us listen and learn effectively.



Year 4

Year Four have enjoyed getting to grips with our times tables in maths this week. We have been focusing on our 6s, 7s and 9s. Some of us were even able to use a few tricks to help us with our 9s. In English we are learning to be newspaper reporters, reporting on stolen gladiator weapons and rat infestations in Ancient Rome. We have been coming up with really imaginative witness statements and are looking forward to writing the final articles!



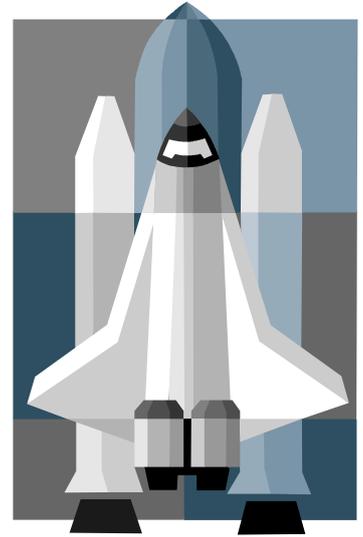
Thought for the week:

**“Education is not the filling of a pot but the lighting of a fire.”
— W.B. Yeats**

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Year 5

This week Year 5 have continued learning about Space. We've been giving our opinions on whether we think the Earth is flat or spherical and are using scientific evidence to back up own opinions. In History, we've been focusing on the Cold War and the Space Race. Ask us about Sputnik - I bet you'll be amazed by our facts! Miss Newman is super impressed with our attempts at writing a Science Fiction story, we've been working hard to include a range of sentence types and vocabulary. We're now moving on to writing a biography about Tim Peake and are looking forward to visiting the Science Museum next Thursday (12th) to help us with this writing!



Year 6

Year 6 have had an exciting and busy couple of weeks. In PE we have been learning some bike racing skills and the rules of some races. So far we have learnt and participated in the team race, which has been tiring but fun! We have also taken part in a 'Show Racism The Red Card' Workshop, where we have learnt about racism and prejudices and the impact that these can have on people's lives. And finally, boys and girls, along with a couple from year five, have represented the school in football tournaments with the boys finishing 11th out of 20 teams and the girls finishing 7th out of 11 teams. All children were fantastic and were great ambassadors for the School.



Nursery

It has been an exciting couple of weeks in been cooking with us and we all took turns to far we have made biscuits and fairy cakes, eating at snack time.

We have also been using 'size' language when talking about things; we made a height chart and measured each other to see who is taller and who is shorter.



Nursery. Mrs Tuvey has chop, mix and mould. So which we have enjoyed



Friends of Parkwood Academy

FAMILY BINGO NIGHT - 6TH OCTOBER 2017
Doors open at 6:30pm. Refreshments Available.

School Council



This week we have assigned our new school council representatives for this term and they have already had a meeting. The children had to prepare a short speech and talk about why they would be a good class councillor.

The elected members are:

Year 1 - Riley and Ayla Year 2 - Tegan and Paul Year 3 - Connor and Molly Year 4 - Meera and Shafwan Year 5 - Grace and Rushi Year 6 - Thomas and Lili



Star of the Week

Frankie B, Harrison E, Zac G, Alfie F, Grace B, Sasha P, Sonny F, Paul Z, Tyrse C, Fathemi S, Demi M, Archie B

Well Done!!

Stars will attend a special free school lunch on the Monday after the certificates have been awarded. The children will have an adult sitting with them.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 6th October - Fiends' Bingo night

Tuesday 10th October - Flu Immunisation (Reception-Year 6)

Thursday 12th October - Year 5 London Science Museum Trip

Friday 16th October - School break up for half term.

Monday 30th October - School return from half term.

Wednesday 1st November - Individual photos (All years)

Tuesday 3rd November - School Disco. Nursery and KS1 - 2:00pm - 3:30 pm. KS2 - 4:00pm - 5:30pm.

Reminders from the Office

Parent Mail

If you are not currently set up on ParentMail, please speak with the school office and we can set you up with an account.

Polite Notice

When parents/carers request to use the staff toilets, our safeguarding procedures require us to accompany you. Unfortunately, due to the high number of requests we now receive each day, the staff toilets will no longer be available for parents or their children to use. Please ensure your child uses the classroom toilet before leaving school. Thank you for your understanding.

Certificates

Reader of the Week

Riley C, Jordan W, Daniel M, Tony C, Mercedes W, Samantha FCU, Lucas H, Bob G, Scarlett L, Ava F, Chanelle B, Ellie-May Z

Writer of the Week

Ayla C, Piper JR, Jack J, Meera S, Tia K, Marley C, Tommy R, Jack B, Stella DL, Taymour B, Sai A, Lily B

Maths Award of the Week

Jayden D, Daisy J, Abbie M, Yasmin C, Rushi P, Oliver J, Lenni-James C, Jessica P, Gibbeh T, Shafwan M, Tiffany B, Thomas S

Friendship Frog

Skye S, Bob G.

Well done to these classes for best attendance of the week .

Week ending 29/9/17 Year 2 with 98.3%

Week ending 6/10/17 Year 6 with 97.7%

Menu

Week beginning 9/10/17—Menu week 3
Week beginning 30/10/17— New Menu. This will be updated and on the school website ready for the new term.