

Newsletter: 21st November 2017

A huge **THANK YOU** to all of the parents/carers and guests who came along on Friday 17th November to share the afternoon with the children.

It was a fantastic turn out and the children really enjoyed being able to work with the adults on creative activities. The MP was delighted to be able to share the day with us too and went away knowing that Parkwood Academy children are all amazing!

As you are aware, the day celebrated our recent GOOD judgement at OFSTED and staff are all working very hard to make sure that the improvement accelerates further. We expect Parkwood Academy to become an OUTSTANDING primary school by the time we have our next inspection. Thank you all, as always, for your continued support.

Reception

Over the past two weeks Reception have been reading stories about dinosaurs and learning lots of facts about them. We have been enjoying designing our own dinosaur. In Maths we are learning to recognise and use 2D shapes. We have also been learning about Guy Fawkes and firework night. We have been learning to mix paint to create our own firework pictures and the children have very much enjoyed being creative and exploring colour.



Year 1

This half-term in English we are looking at repetitive stories, starting with The Little Red Hen. We have been acting it out in small groups, and performing to the rest of the class! In Maths we have been working on addition, as well as our usual daily Maths session where we practise the days of the week, months of the year, telling the time, counting forwards and backwards, and 2D and 3D shapes. In RE this week we have been talking about how we can make someone feel special, and we had fun designing our own birthday cakes! Our topic for this half-term is Recycling, so we will shortly be looking at materials and their properties, and how we can recycle to help save the environment. We will also be learning about the senses and writing some poetry.



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We include everyone, We look after school property, We listen carefully.**

Year 2

In Year Two we have been busy this week learning the songs for our upcoming Christmas play. We've also been learning a dance based on our winter theme to perform at the KS1 dance competition in a few weeks time! In English we have written our own stories about Arctic animals and in maths have started to learn about multiplication. As always we have been working hard and enjoying our learning. We have been incredibly busy doing a wide range of activities. Last week some of us even represented our school in a football tournament!

Year 3

Year Three have had a brilliant start to the half term. We have been learning the story of 'The Tortoise and the Hare' and using this in our reading sessions. In Maths we have been working hard being able to add 3-digit numbers in our heads. Lastly, we have had a positive start to our new topic 'Mighty Mountains' and learnt how to use an Atlas to locate Mountain Ranges on a map.



Year 4

Year Four have been learning about what foods they need to eat to stay healthy. We have been designing our own pizzas which we are then going to make from scratch! We have also been working very hard in our Maths and English lessons, practising our estimating skills, and beginning to write our own chapters for 'The Twits', where Mr Twit gets revenge on Mrs Twit.



Thought for the week:

“Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery. Today is a gift. That’s why we call it ‘The Present’.” – Eleanor Roosevelt

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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 Sci Fi 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 another great week and have worked incredibly hard in all their lessons. They have really impressed us with their understanding of long division and are continuing to show a growth mindset in all areas of the curriculum. Our science topic this half term is light and year 6 were asked to model how light travels and reflects off objects. They worked really well in their groups and challenged themselves by adding more mirrors for the light to reflect off. We have also been learning about the Blitz and this week they created comic strips on scenarios that have/could occur during the attacks. They look fantastic and will be on display outside our classroom.



Nursery

Nursery children have been talking about their own experiences celebrating Halloween, Trick or Treating and Bonfire Night. We have made our own rockets and firework pictures. The children have enjoyed using different materials and each child has added their own ideas to make it unique.

We have started to use Jolly Phonics to help us recognise letters and sounds. We have already learnt the letter 's' and we are now learning the letter 'a'. We are very good at recognising the letter at the beginning of our name and some of our friend's names too.



Friends of Parkwood Academy

Wednesday 22nd November—Friends Coffee Morning

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 21st November—Year 1 and Year 2 Cathedral Visit
Wednesday 22nd November—Reception and Year 6 Height and Weight
Thursday 23rd November—Reception Stay and Play (8:45 am-9:30 am)
Thursday 23rd November—Reception Coffee Morning (9:30 am-10:20 am)
Friday 24th November—Non-uniform day
Friday 27th November— Year 3 and Year 4 Cathedral Visit
Friday 1st December—Christmas Fete (PM)
Tuesday 12th December—Nativity Performance (KS1 and KS2)
Wednesday 13th December—Nativity Performance (KS1 and KS2)
Monday 18th December—School Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 20th December—School break up for Christmas (1:30 pm finish)

Reminders from the Office

Our office opening hours are from 8:30-3:45 daily.

Late Collection Fee- £3.00 for the first hour, £5.00 after this.

Please remember to book Tea Time Club by 12:00 pm and Nursery Lunch/Nursery Lunch Sessions by 9:00 am that day. We cannot guarantee a space will be available after these times.

Menu

Week beginning 20/11/17—Menu week 1
Week beginning 27/11/17— Menu week 2