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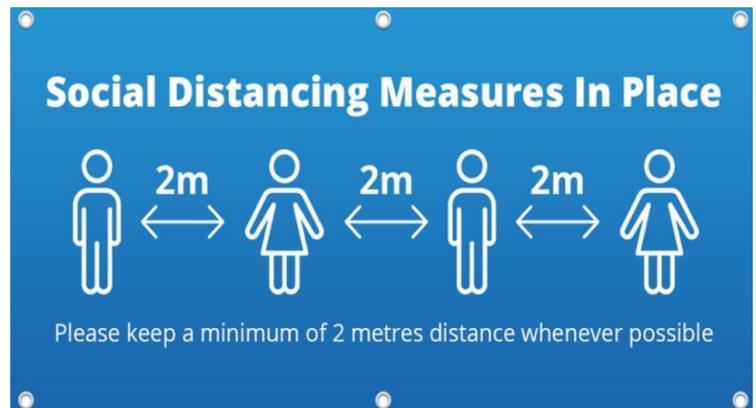


Parkland Infant & Junior Schools' Newsletter
Also available on our websites
Swale Academies Trust



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of Term 1, we would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who has supported us in ensuring the provision of a safe environment for our school community to learn in. We have been absolutely delighted that we have ended the term with no positive COVID-19 cases and no need to close any of our learning bubbles. We have also finished the term with attendance across both schools above the usual National Averages. This is a real credit to school staff, children and parents. Thank you!



Thank you also to everyone for adhering to our new entry and exit routines. It really does support us in keeping everyone as safe and healthy as possible. Please could we gently remind you for Term 2 to:

- ★ **Arrive ONLY between your designated gate entry times.** This gives everyone a 5 minute window to get through the gates safely before the next bubble entry. There should be no need for any waiting outside of the gates in the mornings.
- ★ Ensure you walk your child up to their classroom (infants) or to the adult directing junior children. This ensures adults are not walking back into people behind them and applies to all year groups.
- ★ Do not block the twitten by waiting there. This route should be clear at all times.
- ★ Wait on the left hand side of the gate for your child at home time. Please do not congregate outside the gates or wait on the right hand side. Those leaving the site require space to do so.
- ★ Do not wait in the road.
- ★ Be considerate to residents living around the school.

- ★ Consult the school website if you need any guidance on symptoms or getting tested for Covid-19

MEET OUR NEW STUDENT TEACHERS

At Parkland, we pride ourselves in supporting the development of aspiring teachers. We would like to introduce our new student teachers who will be working across the schools this year.



Miss Message

Miss Message is a Sussex University student who will be working in Donaldson Class in Year 1. She has a degree in Music and is a very talented singer. Miss Message is passionate about helping children learn and has already settled into the Year 1 team very well. Welcome, Miss Message!



Miss Cumaio

Miss Cumaio is a Sussex University student who will be working in Blackman Class in Year 4. She is currently completing her PGCE and is a creative and enthusiastic addition to the class! We are very excited to welcome Miss Cumaio to our team!



Mrs Walsh

Mrs Walsh is a Sussex University student, who is in her third year of her BA (Hons) Primary Education degree. She is joining Year 2 in Dahl Class. She will be a familiar face to many of you as she completed her second year placement at Parkland Junior in Year 3. Mrs Walsh is already a big hit with the children and has been working hard with improving the reading in our class. We are so excited to have her with us!



Miss Weston

Please also give a huge welcome to Miss Weston, who will be working in the Year 4 team in Walliams class. Miss Weston is a student from the University of Sussex and has been doing a fantastic job with the children in Year 4 over the last fortnight! Miss Weston has a real passion for learning and has a fantastic rapport with the children across Year 4. Welcome once again to Miss Weston!



ONLINE SAFETY

If you have any safeguarding concerns about online safety while your child is online, please report this by either using the link on our school website or by emailing the school office.

BEAT THE STREET

Beat the Street will finish on **Wednesday 4th November 2020**. There are Beat Boxes all over Eastbourne ready for you to join in. Simply swipe your green fob or your card at any of the contactless boxes to earn points for our schools. As always, points mean prizes! For more information, to create your account or to see the Beat the Street map, please visit <https://www.beatthestreet.me/eastbourne/>. Let's get moving!



HARVEST DONATIONS

A very big **thank you** for your kind and generous support with our Harvest collection this week! All donations will be going to the Eastbourne Foodbank to help our local community. The children have been busy learning some songs and poems about harvest time and talking about how important it is to appreciate the food we have



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 **'same'**.

Put your index finger and middle fingers together on both hands. Put your hands together and say "same".



MAKATON TUTORIALS ONLINE

If you have an interest in using makaton signs at home, there are some useful tutorials online. The following clip supports the development of useful signs around the classroom. Do take a look and practise them at home with your little ones. They will become experts in no time! :

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qWtS8jmwV34>

EYFS LEARNING

In EYFS this week, our learning has focused on one of our favourite stories: Owl babies! We have worked on some beautiful writing about how the Baby Owls must have felt, and we have made some very feathery owls using Autumn leaves. In Maths, we have been exploring the words, "more" and "fewer" and finding fun ways to compare groups of objects. Our garden has been Harvest themed this week, with lots of pumpkins, acorns and other Autumn objects to explore! We have been extremely proud of our children and how well they have learnt our Harvest song too, we cannot wait for you to see it in our Harvest Video! Watch this space!



YEAR 1 LEARNING

The Year 1 classes have had a very special delivery ready for their new learning. It was a red London bus from the story, Naughty Bus. We have had lots of fun retelling the story and practising our writing skills. We have also been learning about how people communicated in the past and present. We practised writing our own telegrams and our names in morse code. We have been practising our drawing skills and developing our detail using line and shape. We have also been very impressed with how quickly the children have learnt their class harvest poems and songs ready to perform for our special harvest video.



YEAR 2 LEARNING

Over the past two weeks, Year 2 has been working tirelessly practising for our Harvest festival! We learnt two songs, one with fabulous dance moves and the other with Makaton. We are working on our Autumn scenes and discussing what harvest really meant. In Santat class, we have been learning about Martin Luther King, Mary Seacole and Harriet Tubmann and discussing why these people are important and why what they did was life changing. We have created fantastic 'I have a



dream' posters with our very own dreams for the world. In Dahl class we have been learning about Rosa Parks and learning all about Pevensey Castle too!

YEAR 3 LEARNING

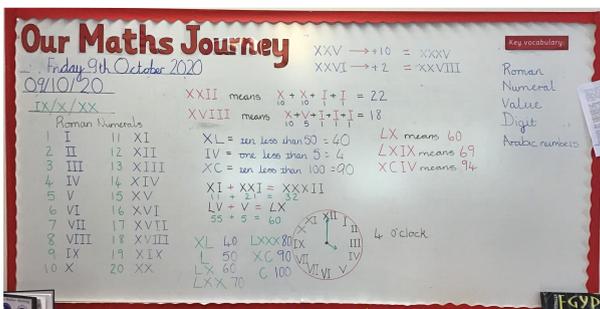
Over the past two weeks, Year 3 has been working very hard practising for our Harvest festival! We learnt two songs, wrote acrostic poems and created a fabulous oil pastel pumpkin art piece as well as painting an Autumn scene! We have been learning all about the Rainforest in our History and Geography lessons and even pretended to be explorers! We wrote a postcard and we compared similarities and differences between the climate here at home and in the Rainforest. In Jeffers class, we too learnt all about Black History month with a special focus on Dr Martin Luther King. We learnt all about his early life and the impact that he has had on the world. We created posters about him and wrote our very own dreams. We are so impressed with the attitude and learning from Year 3. Well done, Jeffers and Angelou!



YEAR 4 LEARNING



Year 4 has been working hard on their multi-skills in PE, developing their teamwork and fundamental skills using a range of games. The children have made fantastic progress in developing these skills and have worked really hard together. Well done, Year 4 - for all of your excellent work!

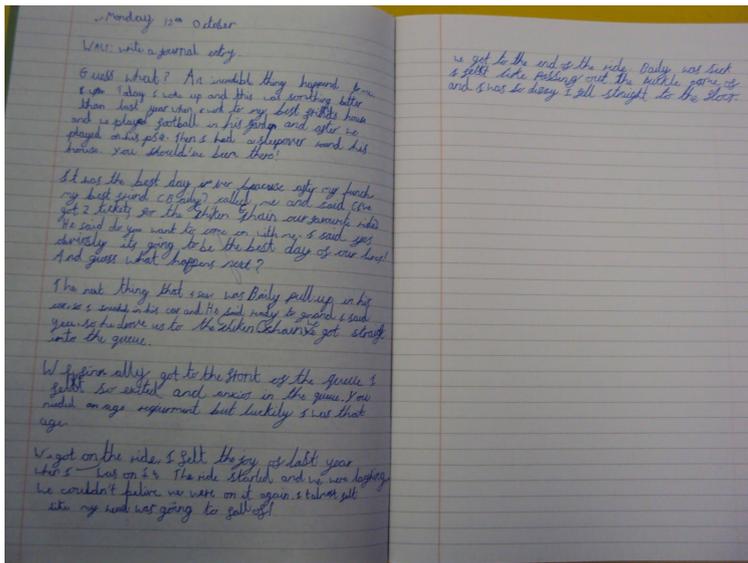


Year 4 have also been working exceptionally well in their Maths and have made some fantastic progress whilst learning all about Roman numerals up to 1,000. Many historians will be proud of the efforts that the cohort (and the legion) have made - Well done indeed!

We have also noticed what bright speaks Year 4 are! The year group did exceptionally well in making their circuits light up using a range of conductors! The children investigated which materials were good conductors and why, with some very interesting outcomes!

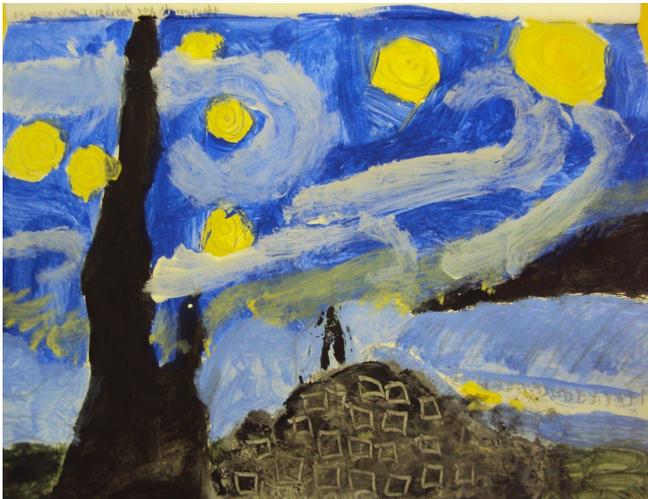


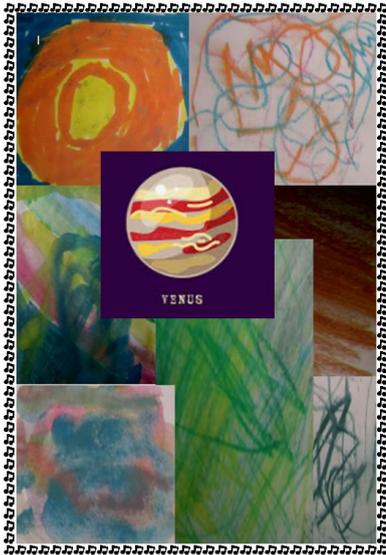
YEAR 5 LEARNING



Year 5 has been working really hard, looking at journal and diary style writing. They have continued to read 'Cosmic', and based their journal entries on the book, pretending they had been on a world famous roller coaster! There were some fantastic uses of hyperboles and exaggerations!

In art, they have continued to look at the work of Vincent Van Gogh. They have recreated their own versions of 'A Starry Night' and these all look brilliant!





As part of our whole-school focus on listening skills, we treated Year 5 to extracts of Holst, The Planets. They thought carefully about the patterns, images and colours that the music reflected and came up with some fabulous work. What budding artists we have here at Parkland!

YEAR 6 LEARNING

Year 6 has continued to work hard on their WWII topic. They have found out about the World Leaders and their roles during the War. They have produced some beautiful art work in the style of Henry Moore, looking closely at detail and using a variety of media. They also carried out a science investigation to find out how shadows change when a light source is moved closer to an object.



THE INCLUSION TEAM

This term the theme in the Rainbow Room is 'Space'. The theme is integrated into the Thrive sessions that the children have. Thrive sessions focus on building skills needed to help the children become more emotionally resilient. This term the children have made paper mache planets, rockets, bread planets and alien pizza. Through these sessions they are learning about opinions, turn taking, sharing, working as a team, exploring their different senses and how these skills can help them in the classroom. What stars they are!



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.

Holding Space
PLEASE CONTACT
US AT 07922851207
TO PRE-BOOK

WALK AND TALK
EVERY THURSDAY
EASTBOURNE

1ST OCTOBER: HAMPDEN PARK CAFE (9.15AM)
8TH OCTOBER: GILDREDGE PARK (9.15AM)
15TH OCTOBER: SHINWATER PARK (9.15AM)
15TH OCTOBER: HAMPDEN PARK CAFE (3.30PM)
22ND OCTOBER: HOLYWELL CAFE (9.15AM)
29TH OCTOBER: FISHERMEN'S CLUB (9.15AM)
29TH OCTOBER: HAMPDEN PARK CAFE (3.30PM)

YEAR 6 PUPILS APPLYING TO SECONDARY SCHOOL



We are aware this is an important time for our Year 6 pupils, who will be applying for their Year 7 place. Your child will have brought home a leaflet setting out the process. **The deadline for applications is 31st October 2020** so please make sure you meet this deadline and submit your online application indicating your three preferences before we return for Term 2.

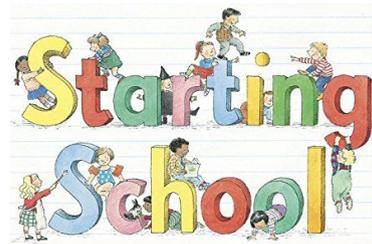


You will find schools in Eastbourne are offering virtual tours of their schools.

The Eastbourne Academy and Causeway School will also be visiting the children in school during the next two weeks to explain and discuss all about what these schools have to offer.

NEW TO RECEPTION AND YEAR 3 2021

We understand that Information about Reception 2021 Intake will be available from October/ November 2020. 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 will be preparing Virtual Tours that will be posted on our website early in Term 2.



EYFS CLASS PHOTO

Our FOPS representative, Mrs Wilcox, will be outside the Parkfield Gate between 8.50am - 9.10am tomorrow (Wednesday) if you wish to purchase a copy of the EYFS 'starting school' class photo that will be appearing in the local newspaper soon. The cost is £1.00 for a photo 7 x 5" print.



HOME READING - URGENT APPEAL

We are delighted that the children are still able to take books home and are sensibly returning them to the "quarantine boxes" in each class. However, it has become very apparent that many of our reading books have gone missing. We would be really grateful if you could check at home for any books that were borrowed last year, before Lockdown. Thank you so much!

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER - VAN COLS - START OF TERM 2

Just a reminder that our school photographers will be with us at the start of Term 2. The Infant school will have individual photos taken on **Monday, 2nd November** and the Junior school individual photos on **Tuesday, 3rd November**. Please ensure your children are dressed smartly in their school jumper/'cardigan. If they have PE on this day, please bring their PE kit to school in a named PE bag. This will come home on the same day. As advised, we will be unable to take family photos this year in light of covid-19.

REMINDER - FLU VACCINATIONS - 27TH NOVEMBER 2020

The whole school flu vaccinations will take place in Term 2 on **Friday, 27th November**. If you do still have a Consent form outstanding, please return to the school office as soon as possible. These forms will be collected in the very near future so that the Health Team is aware how many vaccines are required. We thank you for your assistance.



YEAR 4 - ANCIENT EGYPT DAY



Just a reminder that our Year 4 children have an exciting Ancient Egyptian day on **11th November**. Please ensure you have made your payment of £7 on parentpay so that your child can take part with all the interesting activities. The children can come dressed in Egyptian costumes to help make the day as memorable as possible.

GOODBYE AND FAREWELL TO MR WRIGHT

Sadly, we say goodbye to Terry Wright, our Premises Manager, who is leaving us to fulfill his dream to become a long distance lorry driver! He will be greatly missed by staff and parents and we wish him all the very best as he takes on his exciting new venture.



PREMISES MANAGER VACANCY - THE PARKLAND FEDERATION

We are recruiting for a full-time Premises Manager as from 1st December or earlier by negotiation. If you would be interested in taking on this role please visit our website on www.theparklandfederation.org for full details of the role. The closing date is Tuesday, 3rd November 2020 and interviews will take place on Thursday, 5th November.

If you have an interest in our school, ensuring it is safe, clean, well maintained and have basic training in plumbing, general and ground maintenance, electrical/building maintenance, heating systems and decorating, then we would love to hear from you.

AWARDS OF THE WEEK AT PARKLAND INFANT SCHOOL

Congratulations to the following pupils

Class	Star of the Week and reason	Dojo Winner
Inkpen	Tyler - for being such a kind, caring friend and a fantastic role model to the rest of the children.	Mia
	Maisie - for always trying her best and for always following our Rainbow Rules	Mackenzie
Kerr	Daisy - for her incredible writing all about 'My Mum'. I'm so proud of you!	Mikey
	Clara - for always listening to constructive feedback and using it in her writing. You are amazing Clara!	Alfred
Shireen	James - for working so hard everyday and always trying really hard with his presentation. Amazing handwriting!	Olivia
	Billy - for coming into school every day this week with a big smile, ready to learn and always happy to have a go at new learning!	Phoebe
Donaldson	Lilly - for working her socks off in phonics. We are so proud of you!	AJ
	Kayden - for his amazing Naughty Bus writing this week. You are a superstar!	Mason
Santat	Mia - for finding her voice in class and adding to class discussions	Iyla

	Ruby - for her fantastic commitment to our harvest festival song	Alfie
Dahl	Amelia - For having an excellent attitude to learning. Zak - For his enthusiasm in learning the Harvest Festival Makaton signs. Louis - For being a fantastic role model to his classmates.	Zak Isabella

AWARDS OF THE WEEK AT PARKLAND JUNIOR SCHOOL

Class	Star of the Week and reason	Dojo Winner
Angelou	Bobby - For working hard at his writing and giving things ago without any fuss. Lily - For having the correct attitude to learning and showing great progress in every lesson.	Archie Oscar
Jeffers	Cody - for always following the Rainbow Rules and for having the confidence to try new things! Stephan - for always listening and trying his hardest in everything he does.	Bella Lauren
Walliams	Lilly - for taking such care and attention over her learning - what a superstar! Jesse - for always working hard and being a fantastic pupil!	Bobby Jayden
Blackman	Laila - For the fabulous effort she has put into her Maths and writing! Tommy - For considering ways to improve his writing and develop his ideas!	Logan Bezalel
Lewis	Jayden F - For super writing and trying so hard in every lesson! Lily-May - For her "can-do" attitude to work!	Ronnie Harlow
Zephaniah	Kai - for fabulous work and asking intelligent questions Grayson - for always working so hard	Maddie Mason
Mian	Revathi A - always working hard and following the Rainbow Rules. Scott - for always doing the right thing and having a great sense of humour!	Luke A Abbie F

Rosen	Kayla- for your super attitude to learning. Nathaniel - for being so polite and always trying your best.	Samuel Frankie
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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL STAR ATTENDERS:

Infants: Donaldson - 99%

Juniors: Rosen - 97.7%



Please be aware the target for attendance is ABOVE **97%** for all pupils. Our attendance officer will be in touch if we have any concerns over your child's attendance. Attendance information for all pupils is sent to East Sussex County Council regularly. For more information or to view our attendance policy, please visit the school website.

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. In each newsletter we will bring you a new idea to support wellbeing at home. The first is:



Connect: Eat meals together and talk. This is so important without the distraction of the TV or ipads/phones. Discuss the day - elements that have been positive and any that have caused issues. Discuss ways to improve situations that are causing worries and celebrate any successes too.



Willington Trees Community Volunteers

Coronavirus Help Point

Are you self-isolating and need help?

- ARRANGING DELIVERIES
- PICKING UP SHOPPING & MEDICATION
- A FRIENDLY PHONE CALL
- POSTING MAIL
- URGENT SUPPLIES
- HELP TOPPING UP ELECTRIC OR GAS KEY

Our team of volunteers are here to support you!

Telephone: 01323 504438

Text: 07796869347 or 07920526216

E-mail: eastbourne@sussexcommunity.org.uk

Willington Trees Community Centre, 101 Holly Place, Eastbourne, BN22 0UT



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