

Parkside Community Primary School



News on the Ninth



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Message from the Headteacher:

We got off to a great start in June with Wonder Week. Parkside has been buzzing with children and staff learning about different countries of the world for our Passport to the World theme. There will be an exhibition of the children's work from Wonder Week on display for in the School Hall on 15th and 16th June.

This half term for PSHE we are looking at the topic 'Changes'. The children will learn to cope with changes, develop strategies and be positive.

We have had some lovely weather. Please send children to school with a hat and sun-cream to keep them sun-safe.

Please avoid term time holidays. The attendance figures for some classes are low. We must make a real effort to raise attendance to at least 97% for each class.

Please encourage your child to talk about what they are learning at school and to read at home daily.

Some of the children have had questions about the recent terror attacks in Manchester and London. We have followed Herts advice on dealing with the incidents through assemblies and PSHE sessions.

KS2 held a mock election. We teach the children to appreciate democracy as well as all the British Values.

June is going to be an exciting month with day trips, residential trip, assemblies and Sports day.

My special invitation to all fathers or male carers to attend school on 15th June to get involved in classroom activities with your child.

Best Wishes,

Mrs. Sarkar

Attendance

Attendance is currently at 95.2% for the academic year. Please see below for class attendance figures in May. We must make a real effort to improve attendance: it has a direct impact on pupil progress.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Percentage</u> <u>May</u>
Nursery	91%
Reception K	95.6%
Reception T	94.3%
Year 1L	93.4%
Year 1W	96.6%
Year 2B	94.9%
Year 2W	95.2%
Year 3M	96.4%
Year 3Z	96.4%
Year 4D	92.3%
Year 4P	95.2%
Year 5B	95.9%
Year 5P	96.7%
Year 6J	96.1%
Year 6K	95%

Uniform Ordering

Make sure you don't leave it too late to order new uniform for September. Both Brigade and Tesco can become very busy during the summer months and recommend you order early to avoid delays.

Don't forget to write your child's name on every piece of clothing, even shoes! It is also a good idea to write your child's name on the inside of jumper collars using a permanent marker to make them easier to find if they go missing.

Parking near the school

Kindly refrain from parking dangerously when dropping off and picking up children. The police have expressed concerns and will be issuing fines. Please park safely on side roads and walk to school with the children.

Parkside's Wonder Week 5th – 9th June

Each year group chose a different country to celebrate our diverse world.

Nursery – Kenya

In Nursery we learnt about Kenya through a well-known children's book called 'Handa's Surprise'. We tried out different fruits from the story. Children made fruits from clay and painted them. They dressed up in African clothes. They had fun.

Reception – Brazil

Reception learnt about Brazil. We looked at the animals that live in the rainforest and made carnival masks. We have enjoyed the music of Brazil and the rhythm of the Samba.

Year 1 - Egypt

Year 1 enjoyed learning about Egypt. They have written instructions on 'How to make a mummy'. They made scarab beetles and canopic jars.



Year 2B - Oman

Year 2B have been learning about Oman. Lessons included locating Oman on a world map, looking at the geography, including deserts, desert animals and their habitats. Children have learnt to write in Arabic and translate simple sentences into English and vice versa. The children even played an Arabic game and produced a national flag of Oman using a paint program on the computer. In the art lessons, children sketched and applied colour to Henna patterns on drawings of their hands, solved Omani word problems in maths, and researched the life cycle of giant sea turtles.

Year 2W - Australia

2W have been learning about Australia. We looked at the different landmarks and geography of the country. We learnt facts about some of the strange and unique animals that live in Australia, such as kangaroos, koalas and echidnas. We researched facts about these animals and wrote non-chronological reports on them. We also looked at some aboriginal artwork. We created our own artwork based on traditional aboriginal designs using pencils and the computer. We then copied these designs onto our homemade boomerangs. We had fun wearing our cork hats to school when we dressed up for the day.

Year 3M – New Zealand

In 3M we travelled to New Zealand. We looked at the history and geography. We also learnt about some myths and legends. This inspired our artwork as we created our own Taniwha! A sea monster from Maori Myths and Legends.

Year 3Z – Israel

3Z spent Wonder Week learning about the country of Israel. They enjoyed researching facts about the Red Sea and the Dead Sea. They also learned some Hebrew phrases and to write their names using the Hebrew alef-bet. They enjoyed creating scenes of Jerusalem using different media in art, producing some fantastic pieces of work. On Friday, the children had fun learning a traditional Israeli folk dance.



Year 4 - China

Year 4 had a lovely week learning about China. The classes spent their time learning about the geography of China and learning about Chinese proverbs. The children made Chinese willow plates and learnt to use Chinese calligraphy and write their names.

On the final day, the children made fortune cookies and we had a 'chop stick' challenge. The children used chopsticks to move items of food from one bowl to another. It was lots of fun!



Year 5B - Greece

5B learnt about Greece. They found out that the Greeks started the Olympics. Greece is surrounded by Albania, Macedonia, Turkey and Bulgaria. Greece has a warm, sunny climate which attracts many visitors to the beaches. Some of the famous Greek food are Moussaka, Argolimona and Baklava.

Year 5P – India

5P learnt about India. They found out that the Taj Mahal is one of the seven wonders of the world. It was built by Emperor Shah Jahan. They created some henna patterns. Miss Patel treated the children to some samosas.

Year 6 – Iceland

Year 6 have been learning about Iceland. They enjoyed making 3D maps including the geographical features of the country. They wrote stories based on a traditional Icelandic tale and created some beautiful artwork. The children also put so much effort into their costumes and looked great!

Democracy and mock elections

At Parkside we held our very own general election. Children in Year 6 worked very hard reading the manifestos of the main parties involved and became representatives of their chosen parties. After a lot of debating, the representatives went out and began their campaign in Key Stage 2 classes. Children explained the main points of their manifestos and encouraged children to vote for them. The children in Years 3-5 voted for the party they wanted to win the general election in a secret ballot. The results were as follows:

Labour – 71
Liberal Democrats – 35
Conservative - 16
UKIP – 16
The Green Party – 3



Thank you to everyone who voted and thank you to all of the Year 6 party representatives for some very persuasive arguments!

Art Show

Please visit the Art Show to appreciate Parkside's art work on display:

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THE ANNUAL SCHOOLS ART SHOW

NUMBER 96

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Friday June 23rd	9-00 to 5-00
Saturday June 24th	9-00 to 5-00
Sunday June 25th	11-00 to 5-00

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Book Sale

The sale will be on Tuesday 27th and Thursday 29th June after school in the hall. We hope you can make it and pick up some summer reads for your children.

Dates for your Diary

- 19th -23rd June – Residential Trip Y5 +Y6
- 28th June – Year 5 Taster Day at Hertswood
- 30th June – Sports Day
- 5th July – Parents Evening
- 6th July – Reception to Year One Transition Meeting
- 6th July – Year 4 & 5 Singing at St. Albans
- 7th July – Reception Class Assembly
- 10th July – Nursery New Parents Meeting
- 10th July – Year 4 trip to Bhaktidevanta Manor
- 11th July – Reception New Parents Meeting
- 13th July – Year 6 transition Day – Hertswood
- 13th July – Changeover Day
- 19th July – Year 6 Leavers Assembly
- 19th July – Last Day of Term. Close at 1pm