



Parkside Community Primary School

News on the Ninth

June 2018

A Note from Mr Soyka

It is with great pleasure that I write to you as the new Interim Headteacher of Parkside Community Primary School.

It was lovely to meet so many of you last week and I look forward to getting to know many of you as possible over the weeks ahead. The children and staff have all made me feel very welcome and I have been extremely impressed with the way the children enjoy their learning. I am usually out on the playground at the start and end of the school day so please feel free to come over and introduce yourselves.

I will also be holding a special meeting on Monday 18th June at 9:30am for all parents by way of a meet and greet. Tea and coffee will be available, and I look forward to seeing you there. The school has been through various transitions over the past couple of years and I hope to bring some stability to the community of Parkside.

With every best wish

Charles Soyka

Interim Headteacher

TA Vacancies

We are currently looking for a Special Needs Teaching Assistant. If you are interested, please see the website below:

https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view,sen-teaching-assistant_48454.htm

Attendance

Monthly figures for May are below.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Nursery	75.2%
Reception F	92%
Reception P	96.6%
Year 1L	95.8%
Year 1M	92.2%
Year 2A	94.3%
Year 2W	93.6%
Year 3B	95%
Year 3E	97.6%
Year 4A	94.7%
Year 4R	94.7%
Year 5A	93.7%
Year 5C	95.4%
Year 6C	93.9%
Year 6O	93.5%

The attendance for the whole school is currently 93.7% which is lower than the national average of 96%.

Reminder – at the end of the Summer Term we will be holding a special attendance reward afternoon for all children (years 1-6) who achieve attendance above 96% and no more than 3 late marks per term. Reception and Nursery children will receive weekly stickers for good attendance and punctuality.

HAND News

The HAND newsletter is a free online newsletter for parents/carers of children with additional needs and disabilities. It has information about free courses for parents, inclusive activities for children, support groups and much more. Below is a link to the newsletter;

<http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/handnews>

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Science Week

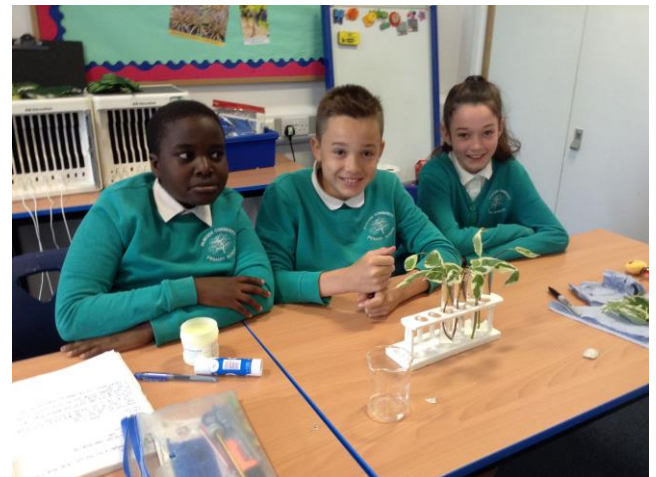
In the last week before half term, we had a Science Week for the whole school, focussing on different scientific areas in each class. The children enjoyed the practical aspect of their lessons and were able to carry out different experiments daily. A few classes have shared their experiments below;

Year 2 spent the week learning about different kinds of habitat and the animals and plants which live within them. The children looked at different food chains and learnt that plants are producers because they can make their own food. Consumers, predators and Apex predators eat animals or plants in their habitat. In order to illustrate their learning, Year 2 made pop up food chains and decorated the background to show the habitat of the animals and plants.

Year 3 learnt about the human body. We looked at nutrition, fitness and the skeleton. The children enjoyed recognising the changes in their bodies when they exercised; increased pulse, perspiration.



Year 6 learned about plants. They experimented with the rate that water is absorbed by leaves; they looked at photosynthesis in depth, recreating the organic structure of different elements. They enjoyed planting and caring for different plants.



Flip Theatre

The National Lottery has commissioned Flip Theatre to offer role-play workshops to local schools and Parkside has secured 4 days of workshops.

This is a unique project to highlight and address any issues young people wish to share giving them a platform and allowing them to have a voice and speak up about anything that is affecting them.

The classes taking part are 2 Willow, 4 Rowan, 5 Ash and 5 Cedar.

Dates for your Diary

- 13th June – New Parents Meetings
- 15th June – Bring Dad to School Day
- 22nd June – Reception Class Assembly
- 28th June – Nursery and Reception Sports Day
- 29th June – KS1 + KS2 Sports Day
- 4th July – Parents Evening
- 12th July – Transition Day
- 13th July – Year 6 Prom
- 13th July – Transition Meeting for Reception Parents
- 20th July – Year 6 Leavers Assembly + Picnic
- 20th July – Last Day of Term, Close at 1pm

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