

Parkside Community Primary School



News on the Ninth



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Message from the Headteacher:

This is the April-May newsletter edition as school was closed for the end of Spring Term. The term began with the excitement of the launch of the Parkside House System at a Special Assembly. Every child from Year 1 to Year 6 had the opportunity to choose a House based on mythical creatures. They also contributed their ideas to create these creatures. The children had a fun day supported by Game On sports coaches to participate with members of their House.

This half term for PSHE we are looking at the topic 'Relationships'. The children will reflect on various feelings and learn about self-awareness, managing feelings and empathy.

The Year 2 children will have the KS1 assessments during the month of May. Year 6 will take the KS2 tests between 8th and 11th May. Please join me in wishing them GOOD LUCK!

The attendance figures for some classes are quite low. My special request is for a real effort to raise attendance to at least 97% for each class.

I hope the new off-street waiting area next to the Aycliffe Road entrance has added to safety and convenience.

I am very proud of our team for securing the 2nd place in the Girls Football Tournament and for displaying excellent skills and attitude.

Please support your child with daily ready, spelling, timetables and homework activities. Please see the classteachers if you have any queries.

Please do come and say hello to me. I will try and be outside at the beginning and end of day.

Best Wishes,

Mrs. Sarkar

Bring Mum to School Day

It was lovely to see so many Mums, Aunts, Sisters and Grandmothers at our annual Bring Mum to School event. There were so many different activities to do and everyone looked like they were having a great time! There was a real buzz!



House Points System

A new behaviour system has been set up this term and is off to a great start! The children have all selected houses represented by mythical creatures and earn points for their houses. The system was kick started with a games tournament and any points collected were added to the total. The children are able to earn house points for good behaviour, by working hard in class, displaying good manners and being helpful.

Last week the Hydras won the competition for house points. The battle is on for the winners. Will it be the Centaurs? Pegasus? Phoenix? Gryphons? Dragons? Or the Hydras again? All children (and staff) across the school are very excited and full of enthusiasm towards this system, and are looking forward to the new challenge.

School Council

The School Council will be meeting to review the House system and discuss the rewards system.

Attendance

Attendance is currently at 95.3% for the academic year. Please see below for class attendance figures in March and April. We must make a real effort to improve attendance: it has a direct impact on pupil progress.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Percentage</u> <u>March</u>	<u>Percentage</u> <u>April</u>
Nursery	91.3%	91.3%
Reception K	93%	94.4%
Reception T	89.9%	95%
Year 1L	92.3%	93.6%
Year 1W	94.6%	92.2%
Year 2B	93.7%	92.7%
Year 2W	95.5%	95.7%
Year 3M	94.3%	93.3%
Year 3Z	98.2%	98.4%
Year 4D	94.8%	97.1%
Year 4P	93.5%	96%
Year 5B	96.3%	93.2%
Year 5P	96.3%	97.9%
Year 6J	92.1%	84.4%
Year 6K	93.6%	96%

Borehamwood Girls Football Tournament

The Girls' Football Team played against 6 other schools in the tournament and went on to the finals by defeating Saffron Green in the Semi-finals. On 27th April at the finals, they came in second place! This is a fantastic achievement for the team and the

girls were thrilled with their medals. They played with great determination and strength. Well done to Jane, Kathleen, Abigail, Layla, Lucie, Mia, Jada, Katie, Dani and Mrs Lunniss for all their hard work this year and for making this team the most successful one to date.



The Spring 2 Moon Landing Party

The winner of the Rocket Chart from each class for best attitude to work and exemplary behaviour won a spot at the moon landing tea party. Congratulations to Arthur, Faith, Charlie, Daniella, Oliver, Martyna, Amy, Delia, Eddie, Angelina and Denisa.



Red Nose Day

A huge well done to all those who helped raise money for comic relief. With the sales from red noses and the non-school uniform day our total donated was £504! Thanks to the Office Staff for organising the event. In Assembly we talked about how the money helps the less fortunate.



Blue Whale Challenge

Hertfordshire Police would like parents to be aware of a new internet based game called the Blue Whale Challenge which encourages children to self-harm. More information can be found on the link below;

<http://www.hertfordshiremercury.co.uk/hertfordshire-police-issue-blue-whale-challenge-warning-to-schools/story-30290522-detail/story.html>

Free Online Course

Families First are offering a free online course to parents titled 'Talking to your children about emotional resilience and self-harm'. The course can be accessed using the link below

<http://www.hertfordshirefamiliesfirst.org.uk/april-2017/learning-development/talking-to-your-children-about-emotional-resilience-and-self-harm-free-e-learn>

Staffing Update:

Office Manager: Sandie Blackwell took retirement after working at Parkside for 27 years. Her retirement event on the last day of term was a celebration of her contribution to the school. She will be sadly missed. Liz Allpress from Herts for Learning is working with us till a new School Business Manager joins us.

Year 3: Ms. Darglish is the new teacher for 3M and is being supported by Ms Zrihen and the Year 3 staff.

Leaving: Mrs. Bhandal is moving to a new job nearer her home. She kindly stayed on till the Year 6 SATs. She has been working at Parkside for 8 years and supporting children to make progress in Maths and English. She will be greatly missed. Please join me in saying a BIG THANK YOU and GOOD LUCK to her.

Maternity: Ms Ntow will be going on leave at half term to have her baby. Please join me in saying GOOD LUCK to her.

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.

Dates for your Diary

19th May – Year 1 Class Assembly
29th May – 2nd June – Half Term Holiday
12th June – Year 5 Class Trip
16th June – Bring Dad to School Day
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
7th July – Reception Class Assembly
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