

Parkside Community Primary School



News on the Ninth



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Winter is here! The Second half of the autumn term started with the excitement of Science Week! A BIG thank you to our Science Leader, Mrs. Zrihen for organising a whole week of investigations. Please read the write ups from each year group.

The cold weather has taken us by surprise. Please check that your child has their clothes, coats, hats, scarves and gloves labelled with their names. If they are wearing boots or trainers to walk to school, they need to bring a change of footwear to wear indoors.

Thank you to all parents and carers for attending Parents' Consultation meetings with the teachers. If you have not, please try to arrange a meeting as soon as possible. These meetings are very important for children's learning, progress and well-being.

Thank you for giving your views on what the school is doing well and your wish list. Please send in the sheet if you have not already done so.

We have a fun packed term so please check the Dates for your diary.

A Special Visit

Borehamwood FC kindly brought the FA Cup to school last week to show the children. They had been given it to look after as they played in the first round last Sunday. It was a big hit with the children and staff! Thank you Borehamwood FC



Book Fair



We will be holding another Scholastic Half Price Book Fair this month. The sale will be on Thursday 24th and Friday 25th November from 3.15pm in the dining hall. This was a huge success in the summer and with prices starting from £1.49 it's the perfect opportunity to buy some stocking fillers for Christmas.

Moon Landing

Congratulations to Naveed, Michael, David, Kieron, Chrysoulla, Ethan, Tyler, Lenny, Elham, Emmie, Andrea, Kathleen and Jane who joined me for the moon landing tea party at the end of half term. This was in recognition of their hard work and outstanding behaviour. Well done!



Cultural Food Afternoon

Children in Reception Classes enjoyed a cultural food tea party last month. Parents brought in food specific to their cultures and it was shared between the classes. Some children even dressed up and performed a special dance. Thank you to all the parents who participated and helped make the event such a success.



Attendance

Attendance is currently at 95.9% for the academic year. Please see below for class attendance figures in October.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Nursery	92.6%
Reception K	94%
Reception T	92.1%
Year 1L	95.1%
Year 1W	96.3%
Year 2B	95.4%
Year 2W	98%
Year 3M	95.3%
Year 3Z	98.9%
Year 4D	96.4%
Year 4P	92.9%
Year 5B	97.7%
Year 5P	96.3%
Year 6J	95.7%
Year 6K	96.4%

Remember children should be in school and on time everyday unless genuinely unwell. Last year the average national attendance rate was 96%. In order to achieve this, your child should have no more than 8 days absence during one academic year. Please avoid term time holidays.

Class of the week and Muffin Monday winners

Week commencing	Class of the Week	Muffin Winners
10 th October	5P	3Z
17 th October	4D	5B
24 th October	Half Term	Half Term
31 st October	2W,5B & 6J	5B

Congratulations to these classes whose attendance, behaviour and attitudes to work have been exceptional.

Science Week 2016

The first week back after half term has been a Science Wonder Week with the theme ABCDE. Each day had a different theme. Monday was Amazing Experiments Day, Tuesday was Brain and Body Day, Wednesday was Construction Day, Thursday was Develop a Product Day and Friday was Environment and Pollution Day.

A great many exciting activities were carried out across the school, from making bath bombs (in several year groups) to the construction of a human cell with all its components represented (Year 6). **We look forward to showing off the results of this eventful week on Friday 11th November at 2.45pm in the school hall.**

Science Week in Year 1

In Year 1 we made a new invention! Fruit and vegetable ice lollies. We also looked at how freezing liquids works. The verdict on the Mango and Carrot lolly: "It was delicious!"



Science Week in Year 2

This week we have been having fun taking part in Science Week. We have linked it to our 'Fighting Fit' topic and have been learning how to look after our teeth. We know that we have 4 types of teeth and their jobs. We also carried out an experiment to see how fizzy drinks can affect our teeth by putting an egg in some coke. Over the week the egg shell went brown and yucky.



Making lava lamps.



Learning about teeth.

We also made petal bath bombs which fizzed and bubbled in water to help us smell nice. This was our favourite activity because we get to take them home and use them in our baths!



Sniff!Sniff! Bath bombs!

Science Week in Year 3

We have had a busy week in Year 3 completing scientific investigations daily. We began the week by making our own lava lamps. We put oil and water into a bottle and found that the two liquids do not mix, but separate into their own layers. It was very exciting to see the effect of Alka Selzer tablets put into the mixture.

We carried out three more investigations during our Amazing Experiments Day. On Tuesday we used our bodies and brains to carry out experiments – it was very funny testing Mrs Zrihen about unusual facts that she had to learn upside down.

On Wednesday we designed boxes for the bath bombs that we were going to be making on Thursday. Making bath bombs was great fun, but very messy!

It rained on Friday and we had to be birds collecting straw and twigs to make nests. We also found out the London Plane tree in the meadow is 73 years old, but the Pear tree by the school hall is only 37 years old. In the afternoon we learned about oil spills, then we put oil on feathers and tried to wash it off using soap. Sarayah has loved science week – she wishes we could do science all the time!

Science Week in Year 4

During science week, Y4 have been learning about a variety of topics ranging from understanding the human body to observing how oil affects the environment. In the picture, we have captured a perfect moment where one child recoils in disgust. The children loved the experiments and understood very quickly how our sense of smell is essential in helping us avoid dubious or dangerous things!



Science Week in Year 5

We have explored how our heart rate increases when we exercise. We measured our resting heart rate and compared it to what it was like after different exercises. It was an exhausting experiment! Come to the exhibition on Friday to see our results!



Science Week in Year 6

During science week, Year 6 have been learning about a range of topics. We have; designed and tested different fairground rides and understand how speed, distance and time are connected to each other; created booklets on the human body and made a model of a cell using hair gel. We also invented products we would like to see in the future and created a report on pollution in the local area by carrying out a survey during a local area walk.



Dates for your Diary

11th November – Year 5 assembly
11th November – Science Week Display
15th November – Year 2B Class Trip
22nd November – Year 2W Class Trip
24th November – Book Fair
25th November – Book Fair
7th December – KS1 Christmas Performances
13th December – Reception Class Performances
15th December – Christmas Lunch Day
16th December – Christmas Jumper Day
16th December – Nursery Performance
19th December – Y 3 and 4 Carol concert
21st December – last day of school - school closes at 1.00pm