



The Parkland Federation

Aim High, Work Hard, Dream Big

Grazie - Thank you in Italian



11th February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the final edition of our Newsletter for Term 3. We are very pleased to have seen a decline in Covid Cases across the school this week and hope that this trend will continue when we return after the break.

Infant families will already be aware that our Ofsted Inspection Report was published recently and can be found using the following link: [Parkland Infant Ofsted Report](#) It can also be viewed under the Federation tab on our school website. We were delighted with the inspection findings and the feedback from the inspector, who said that Parkland was a 'unique' school. A huge well done to all of the staff for their dedication and commitment to ensuring that pupils get the very best education, and also to the children who work so hard each day, always aiming high with a smile! A huge thank you to all of our lovely parents too. Your positive feedback to the inspector was very much appreciated.

We hope that you found the Parent Consultations this week supportive and look forward to welcoming you in to school to look at the children's work in Term 4. In the meantime, please enjoy the newsletter updates. We wish you all a happy, healthy and restful half term break.





EYFS

We have had an incredibly busy couple of weeks in EYFS! We celebrated Chinese New Year last week where we made Chinese lanterns, Chinese dragons and we tasted some Chinese food. We also had a very special visitor called Pi-shu the Panda who travelled all the way from China to tell us about Chinese New Year! This week we have read *The Elves and the Shoemaker*. We have designed our own magic shoes, made clothes for the elves and written about where our magic shoes would take us. We also thoroughly enjoyed Numbers Day and the children were incredibly proud of their costumes! We hope you all have a wonderful half term break and a well earned rest,

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week - Harry and Summer (Kerr) and Rory and Henry (Inkpen)) and also to our Dojo winners - Milo and Scarlett (Kerr) and James and Jaxson (Inkpen).

Year 1

Year 1 have been busy again these last few weeks. They had a great time on Numbers Day doing maths activities and exploring how we use numbers everyday outside of the classroom. The children have also produced some wonderful penguin paintings using tints and shades. They have been learning about transparent and opaque materials and using their knowledge of these to design a shelter for Eli the Explorer during Science as well as learning how to count up to 10 in French. We hope the children have a fantastic break - they really deserve it after all of their hard work this term!

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week - Rogan & Daisy (Donaldson), Kitty & Minnie (Shireen) also to our Dojo winners - Darcy and Aurora (Donaldson), Maisie & Maya (Shireen)

Year 2

Happy half term from all of us in the Year 2 team! The children have had such a busy end to Term 3. We have been writing a diary entry for The Great Fire of London, using our imagination to capture the sights, smells and feelings of that fateful day in 1666. In Science, we have been learning about healthy eating and we designed a healthy lunchbox - hungry work indeed! All week, we have been focusing on our mental wellbeing and have engaged in a range of activities designed to improve our mental health. Beaty class had a very relaxing hour sewing ourselves a bookmark, whilst Santat class focused on creating dream catchers and meditation skills.

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week Jack & Luca (Beaty), Amelia & Neve and Nathan (Santat) - also to our Dojo winners, Jesse & Mason (Beaty) James F and Lola (Santat)



Year 3

What an exciting end to the term! The children have finally finished their amazing volcano creations! Such detail and thought has gone into their art!

We have had a great time in Maths learning how to use money. We have practised using our skills in shop roleplay to find totals and give change from notes.

The children were so brave and a credit to the school during their first swimming session! We look forward to watching them develop these crucial water skills over the next few weeks. .

Congratulations to our Stars of the week Ellie & Millie (Harrison) and Archie & Raiden (Woodson) - also to our Dojo winners Brody & Frankie (Harrison) and Louis & Kian (Woodson)





Year 4

Year 4 has been hard at work solving a range of mathematical problems involving number. Thank you so much for all of your support with our fundraising for the NSPCC. Our Numbers Day also helped develop the children's calculation skills - well done everyone!

Following on from our Revolutionary Romans topic, Year 4 have been busy creating their very own mosaics. They planned, designed and made them, drawing inspiration from designs from thousands of years ago. Wonderful!

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week: Finley & Oscar (Blackman) Phoebe D, Archie and Toby (Walliams) - also to our Dojo winners: Lauren & Amelia (Blackman) Ethan, Owen and Henry (Walliams).

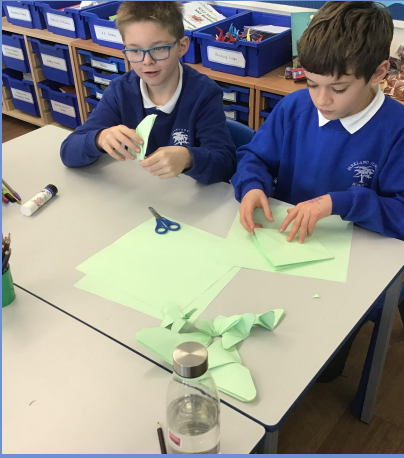
Year 5

What a busy two weeks Year 5 has had! We had a wonderful day on Numbers Day, There were so many brilliant outfits which resembled numbers - we even had a sudoku board outfit! We worked hard during our Maths and in the afternoon we were able to play some mathematical games to utilise our sharpened number skills!

We have also been making some fantastic dragon eyes out of clay. We loved being able to experiment with the different patterns and mark making during our art sessions - aren't they super!

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week Lacey & Kaelen (Wilson) Lewis and Freya (Zephaniah) - also to our Dojo winners Bridie & Poppy (Wilson) Jesse and Jessica S (Zephaniah)

Year 6



Year 6 have worked hard over the last two weeks and thoroughly enjoyed both Numbers Day and the Wellbeing Activities during Children's Mental Health Week. On Numbers Day, the children solved a variety of challenges including 'Buddy's Key' and playing 'Countdown'. They showed what great mathematicians they are becoming. They also took part in the TT Rockstars competition and **Mason in 6 Rosen** was the school champion. A great achievement!

We have enjoyed many different activities for Children's Mental Health Week, including lots of painting, origami, making sugar skulls and bookmarks - all of which have supported our understanding of strategies that support good emotional health.

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week Sophie, Alfey I (Rosen) Ronnie, Megan (Mian) also to our Dojo winners, Lottie, Maddie (Rosen) Jayden F, Jamie (Mian)

This week's attendance:

Excellent attendance at school allows a child to have the best possible start in life. All pupils should aim for at least **97%** attendance in order to ensure they do not miss out on their education.

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| Inkpen Class (YR) 95% | Kerr Class (YR) 95% | Shireen Class (Y1) 92% |
| Donaldson Class (Y1) 93% | Santat Class (Y2) 93% | Beaty Class (Y2) 94% |
| Harrison Class (Y3) 95 % | Woodson Class (Y3) 94% | Walliams Class (Y4) 91% |
| Blackman Class (Y4) 90% | Zephaniah Class (Y5) 93% | Wilson Class (Y5) 94% |
| Mian Class (Y6) 94% | Rosen Class (Y6) 91% | The Attendance Award goes to Inkpen, Kerr and Harrison class. Well done! |

SCHOOL COUNCIL



School Council Update

Our 'Citizen of the Fortnight' at the Juniors is Keira in 5 Zephaniah. She has won this award for always being kind and helpful on the playground and also for her positivity around the school! Well done, Keira!

Our 'Citizen of the Fortnight' at the Infants is Joseph R in Inkpen Class. We love how he always follows our rainbow rules and is becoming an upstanding citizen. Well done, Joe!



Eco Committee Update



Our **Eco tip** this fortnight is to **reuse** any glass jars as containers. You can decorate these so they look fabulous as storage containers. They can also be used as a pencil pot! You could also pop some soil into a jar and **plant** a bulb or some seeds. We had a **virtual Eco Committee Meeting** this week and discussed the three areas of our action plan. Thank you so much to the teachers, parents and children for joining us. The children were able to share their ideas to support being a litter free school and this has clearly been a focus. Linked to this we are planning a community '**Litter Pick**' in March and would love for everyone to be involved with this! We are currently in the planning stages, however it will be part of the **Keep Britain Tidy: Spring Clean Campaign**. More details to follow, but if you would like to know more about this campaign, then here is the link: to use: [Keep Britain Tidy!](https://www.keepbraintidy.org/)



Children's Mental Health Week



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on Safeguarding For Parents Curriculum Health & Wellbeing Remote Education

Did you know:

- ★ 1 in 6 children aged 5 to 16 were identified as having a probable mental health problem in July 2020. This figure is likely to have risen following the pandemic.
- ★ Less than 1 in 3 children and young people with a diagnosable mental health condition get access to NHS care and treatment.
- ★ 1 in 3 mental health problems in adulthood are directly connected to an adverse childhood experience.

Being mentally healthy during childhood means reaching developmental and emotional milestones and learning healthy social skills as well as how to cope when there are problems. Mentally healthy children have a positive quality of life and can function well at home, in school, and in their communities. We have been working extra hard across the schools this week to promote the importance of looking after our mental health. Children have been busy developing a range of strategies to support them as they grow up. We look forward to seeing these in practice!



CHILDREN'S
**MENTAL HEALTH
WEEK**

7-13 FEBRUARY 22

If you require any support or advice about pastoral support, please contact Mrs Alison Das at alison.das@swale.at

E-Safety Day (8th February)

On Tuesday this week we had an E-Safety Day at Parklands. This involved an assembly from Mr Johnson and lots of class discussions around E-Safety and how students deal with E-Safety. This year's topic was exploring respect and relationships online. This was really just an extension of the work that the students are currently doing in class.

We have covered a variety of topics. With the help of DigiDuck, reception have been looking at how true information is (or isn't) online. Year 1 have been looking at what they should and shouldn't share. Year 2 have been looking at keeping your personal information safe. Year 3 have looked at how to deal with strangers online. Year 4 spent some time learning how games are rated. In one of the Year 5 lessons they debated how social media affects us and Year 6 have been looking at copyright law!

In addition to all of this, some of our amazing digital leaders were quizzed by a selection of Governors and Mr Johnson. It is safe to say they blew the Governors away with their extensive knowledge!



Sports Person of the Term

Congratulations to our outstanding sports people of the term! A huge well done must go to Daisy from the Infant School and to Seraina from the Junior School. Both children have consistently demonstrated all of our school values during PE sessions and have proved themselves to be exceptional team players! Well done!



Congratulations!

Scientist of the Term



Huge congratulations to our Scientist of the Term - Louis from the Infant School!

He has been given this special certificate and award in recognition of his curiosity, courage, patience, creativity and persistence during science sessions as well as in the wider curriculum. We are very proud of him! .

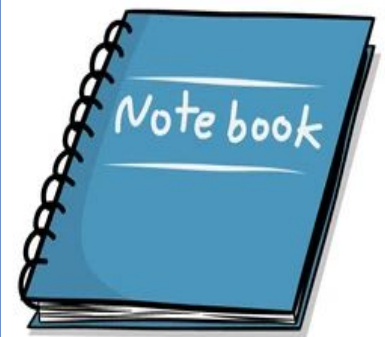


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Important Dates and INFORMATION

Diary Dates

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| 21st February 2022 | First day of Term 4 |
| 22nd February 2022 | Final day of our twos day challenge! How much has your class raised? |
| 24th February 2022 | Year 6 weights, heights and measures (NHS) |
| 3rd March 2022 | World Book Day - Dress as your favourite Book Character |
| 14th - 18th March 2022 | Science Week |
| 18th March 2022 | Comic Relief |
| 1st April 2022 | Last day of Term 4 |



Thank you!



CHECK IN WITH YOUR FRIENDS

If one of your friends doesn't seem OK, checking in on them can make a huge difference. One in every five children struggles with their mental health, so let's make sure we support each other through any difficult times.

**BE A GOOD
LISTENER**

**ASK HOW
YOU CAN
HELP**

**SHOW
EMPATHY**

**SEND A
NICE
MESSAGE**

BE KIND

**★ BE ★
SUPPORTIVE**

**IF YOU ARE WORRIED ABOUT A FRIEND
TELL A
TRUSTED
ADULT**



**I SAW THIS AND
THOUGHT OF YOU!**



**WANTED TO LET YOU
KNOW I'M THINKING
OF YOU!**



**I'M HERE WHEN YOU
NEED ME.**



**MISSED YOU AT
SCHOOL TODAY.
EVERYTHING OK?**

