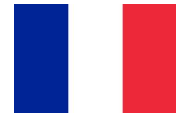




The Parkland Federation

Aim High, Work Hard, Dream Big

Bonjour (Hello in French)



28th September 2021

Dear Parents and carers,

We have been incredibly lucky with the weather during the start of term 1, allowing the children to embrace our wonderful school site on a daily basis. You may have noticed our new running track which was installed over the summer. We are also in the process of developing a Year 3 outside area to aid transition between Year 2 and Year 3. This will soon be covered so that we can use it once the Autumnal weather arrives. Other projects underway are our After School Club/Breakfast Club area (now called The Dahl Studios) and the development of a lovely outdoor learning space at the back of the field. It's certainly an exciting time at Parkland! We have also been promoting our school values regularly within the classroom and during assemblies. These were chosen by the school community in 2019 and help us promote our school motto *Aim High, Work Hard, Dream BIG*.

**Honesty Aspiration Resilience
Positivity Co-operation**





EYFS

In Reception, the children have really knocked our socks off with how beautifully they have settled with all of their new classroom rules and routines! Our learning has focused on a story called, "All my treasures", and the children have all shared wonderful treasure chests with their most special items from home inside. What a treat! We have also been learning how to count in Maths and we have been learning lots of new sounds in Phonics too.

What absolute superstars!

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week: Forrest and Tanci (Inkpen) and Lily and Idris (Kerr) and our Dojo Winners: Tyler and Hayden (Inkpen) and Harry and George (Kerr)!

Year 1

What an exciting time it has been in Year 1! The week started strong with our very first Superhero Day! We found out what it means to be a superhero and that not all heroes wear capes. The children got the chance to design their own shield, draw themselves as superheroes and not forgetting their training to complete the ultimate superhero obstacle course! The Year 1 children truly are superheroes, not just on Superhero Day!

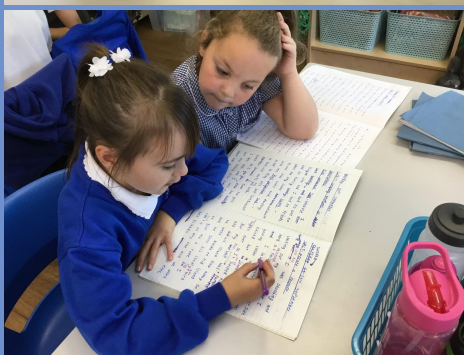
Congratulations to our Stars of the Week: Olivia (Donaldson) and Tyler (Shireen) and our Dojo Winners: Piper (Donaldson) and Connor (Shireen)



Year 2

We have had a Dino-tastic day in Year 2! We had such great fun in our fantastic dressing-up outfits and enjoyed lots of creative activities. We became palaeontologists and enjoyed excavating some dinosaur fossils before reassembling the bones to create a baby T Rex! We have enjoyed learning about Pevensey Castle and the role it has played in protecting Eastbourne for hundreds of years. In maths we have been developing our understanding of place value.

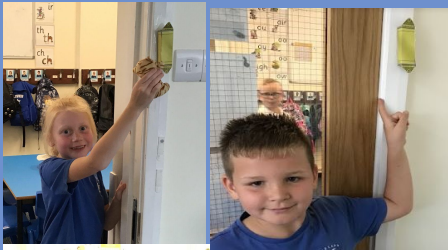
Congratulations to our stars of the week; Bailey (Beaty) & Athena (Santat) and our Dojo Winners: Arthur & Skye (Beaty) & Ivan (Santat)



Year 3

What an amazing group of creative writers we have in Year 3. The children have been writing recounts for a short animation called 'Adrift'. We have been very impressed with the mature vocabulary used. For our topic 'Dangerous and Deadly', we have been using an atlas to locate the Rainforests of the world and are beginning to learn about the animals, including the diets of those who live there. In RE the children have been learning about Hinduism and the importance of Diwali. Using puppets the children were able to retell the story of Rama and Sita. This week was the first session of our music lessons for learning how to play the recorder, we are very excited about this!

Congratulations to our stars of the week; Ava (Harrison) & Paige (Woodson) and our Dojo Winners: Faith (Harrison) & Savannah (Woodson)



Year 4

Mezuzah-ful! Year 4 have been learning all about mezuzahs in RE, finding out how they remind Jewish people that God is always with them. We made our mezuzahs, and just like those who follow Judaism, we put them on the right hand side of our door frame and touched them as we exited the classroom! We also spent an exciting afternoon creating our very own timelines of events and organising various events in history. The children showed excellent collaboration skills and good historical knowledge! Congratulations to our Stars of the Week - Amelia & Annabelle (Blackman) & Phoebe D and Lilia (Walliams). Well done also to our Dojo winners, Mollie & Stephan (Blackman) & Daniel and Oscar (Walliams).



Year 5

Year 5 are continuing to learn about space and the solar system. This week we mapped the solar system on a toilet roll! Each sheet represented 30,000,000 km. Neptune was on sheet 76 - now how many km is that? Teachers absolutely loved engaging with the artwork this week! We were able to experiment with a range of colours and mix them together. We learnt about complementary and contrasting colours, what was meant by warm and cool colours and then created our own colour wheel! Congratulations to our Stars of the Week Rosie (Wilson) and Jack and Jessica S (Zephaniah) and our Dojo Winners Jay (Wilson) and Elsie and Phoenix (Zephaniah)

Year 6



Year 6 have been researching how Anderson shelters were used and their importance during World War 2. They also designed and made their own version of the Anderson Shelter. Some designs were so well made and sturdy, they survived the Year 6 bomb drop (1 kilo weights)!

The children have also been finding out about the world leaders during World War 2 and which countries were on the Axis or Allied forces.

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week - Lilia and Phoenix (Mian) & Lottie and Coby (Rosen). Well done also to our Dojo winners - Matthew and Ebenezer (Mian) & Maddie and Grayson (Rosen)

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.

Inkpen Class (YR) 97%	Kerr Class (YR) 97%	Shireen Class (Y1) 97%
Donaldson Class (Y1) 97%	Santat Class (Y2) 98%	Beaty Class (Y2) 96%
Harrison Class (Y3) 97%	Woodson Class (Y3) 96%	Walliams Class (Y4) 97%
Blackman Class (Y4) 93%	Zephaniah Class (Y5) 95%	Wilson Class (Y5) 92%
Mian Class (Y6) 97%	Rosen Class (Y6) 94%	The Highest Attendance Award goes to Santat



School Council Update

All classes have now selected their School Council Representatives (EYFS to Year 6) and Eco Committee members (Years 2 to 6). They have been given their special badges and we have our first meeting in the diary. We look forward to working together on different projects this year and can't wait to get started.

An important date for your diaries... We will soon be collecting food/toiletry donations in order to celebrate Harvest. The dates for this will be **Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th October**. All donations will be going to our local Food Bank. More details to follow early next month. Thank you in advance for supporting us.

Eco Committee Update

Our Eco Committee will be working towards gaining our **Green Flag Award** this year. We will update you with our progress and any dates for your diaries every fortnight. We will also continue to share our eco tip of the fortnight as we all work together to be kinder to our planet.

On Wednesday 22nd September, it was World Car free Day! There were several roads closed around Eastbourne to celebrate this. So our **eco tip** this fortnight is to walk, bike or scooter around when possible. **Less cars** on the road means **less pollution!**



PARKLAND GOES VIP!

Mrs Das and Mr Thrower embarked on an adventure of a different kind, as they were invited by our good friends at Albion in the Community to be VIP guests at the Brighton & Hove Albion v Leicester City match on Sunday 19th September. A fantastic day was mirrored by an eventful 90 minutes on the pitch, which included much drama, three goals, a penalty, two disallowed goals and Jamie Vardy NOT having a party! A huge thank you must go to Dan Garrett and his superb team at Albion in the Community for allowing Parkland to be represented at the fabulous Amex stadium. A thoroughly good time was had and we cannot thank Albion in the Community enough for the fantastic job they do for our school and the wider community.



PARKLAND RUNNING TRACK

Now that the running track has been built, staff at Parkland have been making the most of this opportunity with the establishment of Parkland Pacers! Every Tuesday and Thursday evening, members of staff try and achieve their personal best by running as many laps around the track as they can. An impressive 5k has been recorded by Ms Castle-Mercer, who is the early pace setter (alongside the llamas)! We are hoping that the construction of the running track will inspire the pupils to achieve their best and we will be reintroducing The Daily Mile soon. It has been worked out that 5 laps is equivalent to one mile. Teachers across the federation have been incorporating the new running track into their PE sessions too





Morning Routines

A gentle reminder that school gates open at 8.40am and will remain open to Parkland pupils until 9am. Junior pupils should aim to be on site by 8.50am and Infant pupils by 8.55am. After 9am, pupils running late will need to buzz the Brassey Avenue entrance so that they can be signed in by the school office. The one way system is in place in the mornings to allow a calm flow through the school and allows the best possible start to learning. Year 6 pupils may now walk to and from school independently in preparation for Secondary school **ONLY** if written permission has been provided by parents. Teachers will be available at the end of the day to chat to parents, so please give early morning messages to a member of the team on gate duty or email the school office who will pass these on. Thank you in advance for helping us ensure teachers can start lessons calmly and swiftly.



We Are Here to Help

A huge thank you to everyone for all of your support since our return to school after an exceptionally difficult year. We understand that regular changes to routines and guidelines have not been easy to navigate but your patience is very much appreciated. Staff at Parkland are incredibly dedicated to providing the best possible education and care for all children that attend the schools, so please do remember to treat them with the respect that they deserve. If you have any questions or concerns, please do come and chat to us.

“A little Consideration, a little Thought for Others, makes all the difference.”

Winnie the Pooh
by AA Milne

Happy to help

Science at Home



Go on a spider safari around your home! Carefully explore where you live looking for spiders. If you find one draw what it looks like. You could also try and identify what type of spider it is. A free spider ID guide can be downloaded from:

<https://www.uksafari.com/spiders.htm>

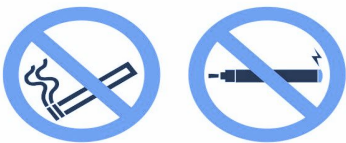


WHAT DO YOU NOTICE? Things to talk about: How many types of spider did you find? Which type of spider was most common? Where do spiders like to live? What do spiders eat? Can you find spiders anywhere else, e.g. a shed, garage, garden? Did you find any baby spiders? Or spider's eggs? Do the babies look like the adults?

Health and Safety

A gentle reminder that there is a strict no smoking or vaping policy on our school premises.

We also operate a no dogs except guide dogs policy at pick up and drop off times in order to keep the children safe. A huge thank you in advance for your cooperation. It is very much appreciated.



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THANK YOU!
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FAMILY LIAISON OFFICER

Our Family Liaison Officer (Dawn Wingett) currently has a limited number of spaces available. She can offer advice and guidance to parents and carers in areas such as:

- ★ Listening and talking to children and parents about any concerns or queries they have within the family or school.
- ★ Promoting conversations between parents and their children through family mediation.
- ★ Attending meetings with you, for moral support or to take notes.
- ★ Helping complete forms/paperwork.
- ★ Liaising with other professionals with/for you e.g. school nurse, social workers.
- ★ Helping you understand and manage any referrals.
- ★ Offering a home visit to talk at home about any concerns you have.
- ★ Supporting with transition into EYFS and onto secondary schools.
- ★ Family breakdowns and separations
- ★ Bereavement
- ★ Benefits and housing advice
- ★ Supporting behaviour management, sleep and healthy eating/exercise.

Please contact alison.das@swale.at if you feel Dawn may be able to help you.

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Support Available to You

Further advice and support for parents can be found on the following links :-

[Open for parents - support in Eastbourne](#)

Please ensure that if you are signing up your children to outside clubs/activities such as gymnastics, you check that the company or individuals running the clubs have full DBS checks. This is vital to ensure all children are properly safeguarded.



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Community Events for Your Diary



Friends of Parkland Schools (FoPS)

Come and join us for the...

PARKLAND COLOUR RUN & MINI FAIR

Candy Floss

Drinks

Bottle Tombola

Child Tombola

FRIDAY, 1ST OCTOBER

3.20PM - 5PM

Hot Dogs

**D.J.
Cakes**

WILLINGDON TREES CENTRE
101 HOLLY PLACE
EASTBOURNE

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

Disco and Games
Face Painting
Stalls & Tuck shop
31st October 2021
4-5.30 PM
Child £3 Adult £1

Wriggle Bee Events
Bringing Local Events Near You

Parent Governor Vacancy



We are looking to recruit a Parent Governor to join the Local Governing Body of Eastbourne Swale Primaries. If you would be interested in applying, please call into the office to pick an Application pack. A governor must be able to:

- raise questions and take part in discussion and decision-making
- be discreet, open minded and fair
- be a source of ideas and a good communicator
- be enthusiastic about the work of the school
- be prepared to work as part of a team
- attend 6 meetings a year early evening (these are virtual meetings at present)
- commit to completing Governor training, relevant to the role

Applications should be submitted in a sealed envelope to the Infant Office, addressed to the Clerk to the Governors by **15th October 2021**

School Calendar Change

Please be aware that the last day of school for pupils for this academic year is **Wednesday 20th July 2022**. An additional Bank Holiday has been added to the school calendar, to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee (3rd June 2022). Please take a look at the website which has the school calendar with our term dates. INSET days for the rest of the year are:

Friday 22nd October 2021

Monday 1st November 2021

Thursday, 21st July 2022