



The Parkland Federation

Aim High, Work Hard, Dream Big

If you see someone without a smile, give them one of yours

14th October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome to our final newsletter of Term 1. We are really looking forward to our Harvest celebrations next week and supporting the Foodbank charity in Eastbourne. A huge thank you in advance for supporting us with donations of dried and canned foods. It has been so lovely to walk around the schools over the past few weeks and listen to the wonderful singing about Autumn and giving thanks for what we have. We hope to start our Choir Club in Term 2 and there are certainly a lot of talented singers across both of our schools. Further details about our Harvest Celebrations can be found in the school Council section.

A special Parkland welcome to Miss Abbie Cole who will be supporting in Beaty Class. Miss Cole is training to be a classroom teacher alongside Mrs BT this year.



Harvest





EYFS

It has been another busy fortnight in EYFS! We have been learning all about the numbers 2 and 3 and have started to compare quantities using 'more,' 'fewer' and 'equal to.' In English, we have been reading a new book called 'Owl Babies.' The children have loved exploring all the owl activities in the provision. We have also continued to work on our single sounds in phonics. This week, we have learnt 'k,' 'u,' 'b' and 'f.' Yesterday, we held our first Stay and Play and welcomed the children's adults into our classrooms. The children loved showing their adults around our inside and outside areas and enjoyed playing with them. Thank you to all those who attended!

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week Hudson and Theo (Kerr) and Ned & Xayah (Inkpen) and also to our Dojo winners Elizabeth & Hudson (Inkpen) and Peyton & Luke (Kerr)

Year 1

Year 1 have had a very busy week. We have been learning about addition in maths and have enjoyed reading our core text 'Juniper Jupiter'. The children have loved learning about the incredible 'Louis Braille' and how he invented the Braille system for blind people. We made our names in Braille using paints and the 6 dot system. We have also looked at how the length of the day varies during the different seasons. Fascinating!

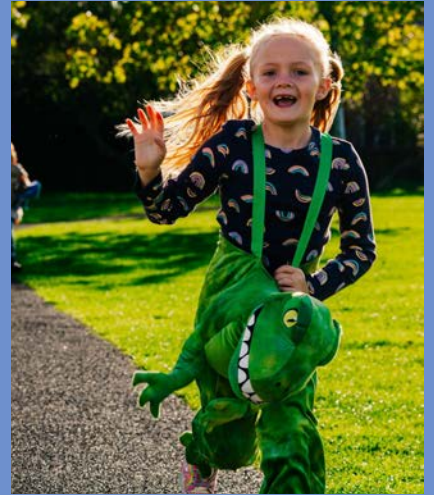
During our Art lessons we have started to create our final piece of work for this term. We have drawn our favourite toy in the style of Andy Warhol. They look absolutely fabulous!

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week Frankie & Nate (Donaldson) and Abigail & Mason (Blake) and also to our Dojo winners Milo & Loxley (Donaldson) and Sam & Arlo (Blake)

Year 2

Our last two weeks have been DINOTASTIC! We had a fabulous day of learning during Dino Day and we loved seeing the fabulous outfits that the children wore. The school llamas, Luna and Star enjoyed watching us do a couple of laps of the running track, though they did get rather over-excited when a whole pack of T-Rexes came running towards them! We have been continuing our research into the artist, Paul Klee, this week - using 2D shapes to recreate his famous painting 'Castle and Sun'. We are looking forward to painting this with bold colours next week. During Geography, we have started to learn about the continents and oceans of the world using catchy songs to help us memorise the names. We will be making our own map of the world in our next lesson. During this week, we have been doing our best to learn our Harvest Festival songs ready to celebrate Harvest next week. The children have done a fabulous job of learning their words - we are so proud of them!

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week Cody A & Teddy (Beaty) and Holly & Lizzy (Santat) and also to our Dojo winners Gracie x2 (Beaty) and Yasmin R & Olivia (Santat)



Year 3

We are so lucky to have some amazing ICT equipment at Parkland. This week we got to use the VR headsets to transport us into the rainforest. We were then able to use this to help us with our rainforest descriptions. We have started our recorder lessons with our specialist music teacher too! The children all have their own recorders to practise with each week and were very excited to learn. They have already started to learn two notes and are beginning to read music. We have also been busy practising for our Harvest Festival, including some lovely singing and art work. We can't wait to share these with our families at the church next week.

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week Arthur & Siam (Harrison) & Olivia & Neve (Woodson) and also to our Dojo winners Sienna & Daniel (Harrison) & Rhylei & Koli (Woodson)



Year 4



Year 4 Square! Mrs Das has taught us an old-time classic game '4 square' which was thoroughly embraced as we had some time playing it. The aim of the game is to volley the ball between 4 players and to return the ball as many times as possible. Players are out if the ball cannot be returned or if a player hits the ball out of play. A lot of fun was had by children and adults! We have also been busy with art straws as we learnt all about Roman numerals. We found out about the main Roman numerals with the fabulously random mnemonic I Value Xylophones Like Cows Do Milk, denoting the numerals 1, 5, 10, 50, 100, 500 and 1,000. The children showed great determination in learning about this wonderful ancient way of counting! Congratulations to our Stars of the Week - Zak & Sophie (Blackman) Lola & Danny (Walliams) and our Dojo winners - Zachary & Oti (Blackman) Alannah & Mia (Walliams)

Year 5



A huge congratulations to Mollie in 5 Wilson! She had a gymnastics comp this weekend in Milton Keynes and got gold for bars, floor and vault and also received the highest points scored in her category, receiving a fabulous trophy!



Year 5 have had a fantastic two weeks! We enjoyed our wellbeing afternoon where we made glitter calm jars and dreams catchers to forever see positive and inspiring thoughts. We enjoyed our science lesson where we learnt different phases of the moon with oreos! We very carefully carved the cream from them to show the different phases of the moon and labelled them for our books!



Congratulations to our Stars of the Week Bella Pal and Annabelle (Wilson) and Lily Fe, Alyssa and Owen (Zephaniah) and also to our Dojo winners Alice and Mollie (Wilson) and Oscar and Aurelia (Zephaniah).

Year 6



As ever, Year 6 have been busy working away. On World Mental Health Day, the children made calm jars and managed not to make too much mess with the glitter! Bravo!



Our Science experiment this week involved spaghetti and torches. The children used spaghetti to show how a shadow changed as the light source got closer to it. Very exciting!



During our DT day, the children created Anderson shelters, making sure that they were strong enough to protect those inside. The results were very impressive!

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week Tag & Jay (Mian) and Mia & Kayden (Rosen) and also to our Dojo winners Jay & River (Mian) and Hanna & Keira (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) 95%	Kerr Class (YR) 96%	Blake Class (Y1) 95%
Donaldson Class (Y1) 97%	Santat Class (Y2) 96%	Beaty Class (Y2) 96%
Harrison Class (Y3) 96%	Woodson Class (Y3) 94%	Walliams Class (Y4) 96%
Blackman Class (Y4) 96%	Zephaniah Class (Y5) 96%	Wilson Class (Y5) 94%
Mian Class (Y6) 93%	Rosen Class (Y6) 95%	The Highest Attendance Award goes to Donaldson Class AGAIN!. Well done!

Parkland Infant School

Reception Stay & Play

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EYFS enjoyed having their parents in for a 'Stay and Play' session this week. The children absolutely loved showing off our lovely environment and engaging with their parents through numerous activities. It was a real treat to see the children be so proud of our school. We're incredibly proud of you all. Well done, Reception and thank you parents for making it a lovely afternoon.





Eco Committee

We were very excited to host our second 'One Tree day' today! Thank you for all of your donations, we look forward to letting you know how much we have raised and how many trees will be planted as a result! The children looked fantastic and it was great to see the sea of green supporting this event that is so close to our hearts! If you haven't already donated, it's not too late. Please visit your parentpay account where we would really appreciate a £1 contribution.



The Eco Committee met this week to complete the annual school Eco Review and decide on the areas for our action plan this year. The 3 areas that we will be focussing on are: **Water, Marine and Biodiversity.**



School Council

Our Junior **Citizen of the Fortnight** this week is Ruben from Wilson class for his initiative of looking after the environment at playtime. Our Infant **Citizen of the Fortnight** this week is Liz in Santat class for being a ray of sunshine at the Infant School.



The School Council is organising the food donations next week for the Food Bank as part of our Harvest Celebrations. If the following year groups could bring their donations on their specific day, that would be greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for your support and generous donations.



Reception and Year 6 - Monday 17th October
Year 1 and 5 - Tuesday 18th October
Year 2 and 4 - Wednesday 19th October
Year 3 - Thursday 20th October

Fundraising through Tesco

We are very excited to announce that The Parkland Federation has been accepted to take part in the blue token scheme in local Tesco stores. We are continuing to raise money for our Sensory Room to buy resources and equipment to further support our pupils.

To vote, you will need to make a purchase (within a store) of any value. You will receive one token per transaction. It's not necessary to purchase a carrier bag in order to receive a token. The project with the highest number of votes will receive £1500! Let's go, Team Parkland!

Participating stores include:

Eastbourne Langney Shopping Centre, Pevensey Express, Polegate Express, Seaside Express, Eastbourne Hampden Park and more!



Uniform Expectations

Don't forget to ensure that your child attends school in the correct school uniform (including footwear) from September. The link can be found here:

[Website - Uniform Link](#)

Please remember that children should not wear any jewellery other than stud earrings. Bracelets, rings and necklaces etc are not permitted for health and safety reasons and toys should not be brought to school.



School Drop off and Collection Etiquette

A gentle reminder that we have high behaviour expectations of all members of our school community at the start and end of the day. Please remember to enter the site respectfully every day and remember to park considerately of our lovely neighbours. Children should not be riding bikes or scooters as they enter or leave school for health and safety reasons and we do not open our vehicle access gates for safeguarding reasons.

Kindness

n. The quality of being generous, friendly and considerate.

We really appreciate your continued support with this.

New Intake Tours of PKI and PKJ for 2023

We are delighted to be opening our doors for pupils who will be due to start in EYFS or Year 3 in September 2023. Please visit our website for further information on dates and to book. Spaces are limited, so please book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

[Link to book New Intake Tours for admission in September 2023](#)



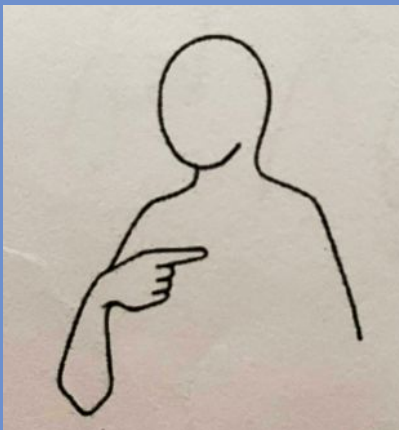
Welcome



At Parkland, we are always looking at ways we can be more inclusive and are always striving to ensure our pupils are prepared to be successful citizens in the wider community. To develop this further, we have started to teach Makaton to the children. Makaton is a unique language programme that uses symbols, signs and speech to enable people to communicate. Each week, the children will be taught 3 or 4 new signs and symbols and will be encouraged to use these alongside their communication. Here are some of the signs we have learnt over the last few weeks!

Click on the sign to watch a video that shows the sign in action.

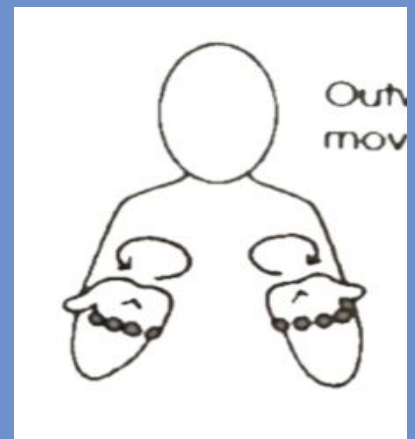
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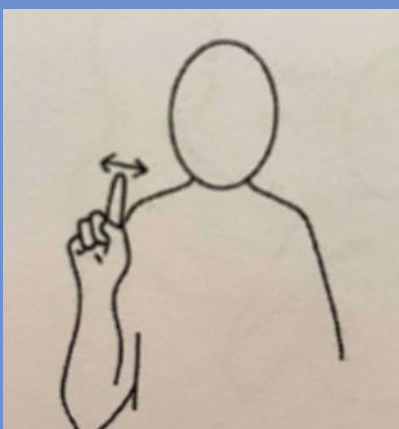
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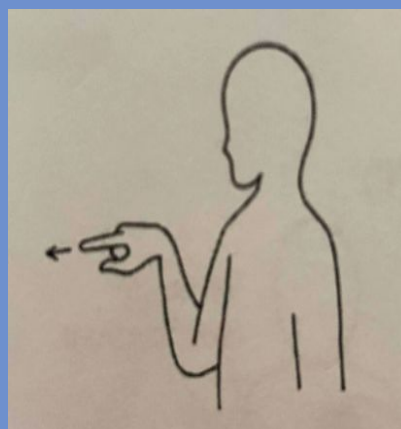
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Mental Health and Wellbeing Support



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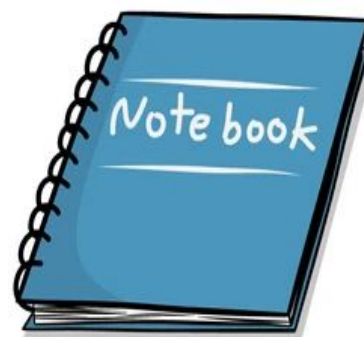
A huge thank you to parents and carers for supporting our Mental Health Awareness Day. It was lovely to see the children dressed in bright colours and completing activities to support their developing awareness of how to ensure they look after their minds as well as their bodies. If you haven't already seen our Parkland 5 Ways to Wellbeing video, check it out using the following link: [5 Ways to Wellbeing Video](#) (You will need to scroll down the page)



Important Dates and INFORMATION

Diary Dates

W/C 17th October	Harvest Festival Week - collections for local Food Bank all week
18th & 19th October	Parent Consultations in school - Have you booked your time slot?
19th October	Whole School Flu Vaccines for those that have given consent on the Portal.
20th October	Year 6 Newhaven Fort Trip
21st October	Year 3 Harvest Celebration for Year 3 Parents at St Mary's Church - 11am start
31st October	Deadline for YEAR 6 parents to apply for a secondary school place
18th November	Children in Need - Mufti £1 Donation
22nd November	Van Cols - Infant pupil photos
23rd November	Van Cols - Junior pupil photos



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

FIFA 23

FIFA 23, like its many predecessors, is a massively popular football simulator featuring lifelike recreations of thousands of real-world players, drawn from teams around the globe. While the gameplay is subtly improved year on year, the publisher EA Sports' tweaks tend to focus on FIFA Ultimate Team mode, which can tempt gamers of all ages to spend real money recruiting better players for their side. With each new release of FIFA comes a host of new players to unlock – meaning that youngsters can feel pressured to keep buying to compete with their friends.



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

RELEASE RAZZAMATAZZ

FIFA 23 will be the last in the blockbuster series, before EA goes solo with its own football title next season. This 'end of an era' vibe – coupled with a huge advertising budget making the new release almost impossible to miss – will elevate FIFA 23 into even more of a 'must have' for football-mad young gamers, no matter how minor the updates are on last year's version.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CHAT

Based on a popular sport which appeals to people of all ages, the FIFA franchise draws a huge audience of both children and adults. Communication is a key element, with many players enjoying in-game audio chat via headsets. With the mixed age range of players and a lack of regulation, however, chats can often turn offensive or toxic – especially in the heat of competitive matches.

IN-GAME PROMOTIONS

Unless precautions are taken, dedicated FIFA fans can spend significant sums when attempting to improve their Ultimate Team. Most top-level players can be unlocked by simply participating in matches, but some sought-after stars can be obtained more quickly in limited-time promotions which cost a large amount of FIFA points (the in-game currency, often paid for with real money).

CIRCLING SCAMMERS

The popularity of FIFA Ultimate Team (FUT) mode has led to online scammers convincing many impressionable gamers to pay real money for non-existent FUT coins and player cards, or directing unwary FIFA fans to phishing sites. If your child gives these individuals their login details, the scammers can access not only their carefully built team but potentially your payment information.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

One match on FIFA (usually around 15 minutes, but often lengthened by extra time and penalties) almost invariably leads to another. It can be a powerful temptation for young players, regardless of unfinished homework or an approaching bedtime. If the "just one more game" mindset starts to impact a child's daily routine, it could be a sign of gaming disorder: a recognised mental health issue.

GAMBLING-ADJACENT BEHAVIOUR

Ultimate Team has become a major feature in FIFA due to the revenues it generates. It can also be addictive, with children striving to earn coins and level up while swapping, selling and buying players. Spending FUT coins to open a player pack (which many experts have likened to gambling) is designed to be an exciting act – with bright lights, fanfare and attention-grabbing prizes.

Advice for Parents & Carers

BE SELECTIVE WITH CHATS

It's enormous fun for FIFA players to chat online with friends, even as their teams do battle in the game. It's probably the safest idea, though, to restrict contact with strangers. By turning off voice chat in FIFA and allowing cross-party chat in their device's settings, your child can speak to people who are already on their friends list but won't be able to talk to (or hear) strangers online.

STAY ALERT FOR SCAMS

There are some key things to remember about potential FIFA scams. Firstly, EA never contacts users via any method other than emails to the account holder (which may well be you). Neither will they ever ask for a player's username or password outside the game itself. EA's terms and conditions outlaw the buying of FUT coins, so anyone selling them should be treated as suspicious.

CONTROL SPENDING

If your child plays Ultimate Team mode on FIFA, ensure their account isn't linked to your payment methods – so they'll need your permission to make in-game purchases. Alternatively, you could use parental controls to limit spending – or set up a pre-paid 'allowance'. When excitedly clicking options on screen, it's easy for a young person to forget the real-world repercussions of online purchases.

AVOID 'EXTRA TIME'

If your child's spending a lot of time on FIFA 23 and seems less enthusiastic about other activities in their life, you could consider restricting how long they can play for each day with the parental controls in their device's settings. Even if they're not playing on their console or computer, there's a FIFA companion app for smartphones – but that can be limited through parental controls, too.

Meet Our Expert

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