

Parkland Summer (2) Newsletter

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Headteacher Message

I cannot believe we have reached the end of another academic year already!

It has been lovely to end this term welcoming so many parents, carers and grandparents into school for end of year events.



I hope that everyone has enjoyed the class assemblies in the new studio. Sports days were really fun and the sun shone for us. Well done to everyone who took part, we saw resilience, teamwork, sportsmanship and enjoyment! The Year 6 production was incredible and made us so proud of the year 6 pupils as they end their time with us at Parkland. The pupils and staff worked hard and put on a fantastic show. Thank you to everyone who came into school to see pupils celebrate and perform over the past few weeks!

It is great to be able to invite the community back into school and hopefully this will continue with more events next year.

We have had transition days and pupils are preparing to move to their next class. It is always an exciting but daunting time and we are here to support and help to prepare our pupils for the next stage in their education.

I would like to wish all our Year 6 pupils good luck as they move to their next school. It has been a pleasure to watch your progress during your time at Parkland and we know you will go on to an amazing future. It is always a sad time saying goodbye but it is also a time of excitement and anticipation.

Thank you to all the staff who have worked so hard this year to support all our pupils. At Parkland the team is very special.

I would like to wish you all a very safe and happy summer holiday.

We look forward to a new academic year full of new learning and fun activities.

Kind regards

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Mrs J Andrews Headteacher

Key Dates

AUTUMN TERM 2022/23

School Opens

Tuesday 30th August 2022

EYFS Mornings (8.40am-11.30am)

30th August—2nd September 2022

EYFS—Start Full-Time (8.40am-3.10pm) From 5th September 2022

Year 6 Residential Trip to Caythorpe

Wednesday 28th — Friday 30th September 2022

HALF TERM

17th - 21st October 2022

School Re-Opens

Monday 24th October 2022



Pre-School

It has been a very busy term and the children have worked so hard with the end of year celebrations, it was lovely to hear that the children had been practising at home too and I am sure you will agree that the practise paid off and they were all amazing! Alongside our rehearsals we have been building on the children's sound recognition, number knowledge and gaining a love of reading as well as lots of outdoor learning in the lovely weather we have had.



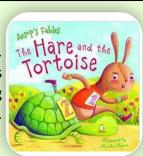
We would like to wish all our school leavers lots of luck in the next chapter of their learning journey and look forward to welcoming back the children who will enter their final pre-school year.

Once again, thank you for your support during the year.

Have a lovely summer!

Foundation

Our topic this term has been, 'Going for Gold'. We have been learning all about sports. Our literacy lessons have been focused on stories about sports such as, Mr Men Sports Day, The Hare and The Tortoise and, The Frog Olympics. We have been doing independent writing most days and we are getting very good at writing sentences. We remember to use capital letters, finger spaces and full stops!





In maths we have learnt about odd and even numbers. We have also been learning about doubles! We have used mirrors to help us see what doubles look like. We have been trying to remember the doubles for numbers one to five.

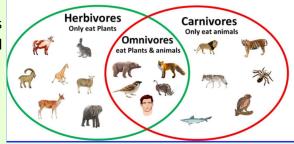
In PE we have been practising for our sports day. We have learnt how to do relay races and have been practising our throwing technique. We have also been practising for our class assemblies. We have worked hard to remember the lyrics and actions for some songs.

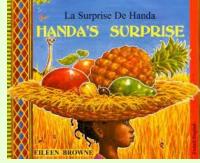
It has been such a fun half term in Foundation Stage!

Year 1

Year 1 have really enjoyed their topic Paws, Claws and Whiskers this term. We have been learning about the different animal classifications and their diets.

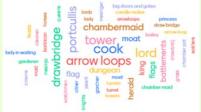
Classification of Animals based on Food Habits





In English we read the story of Handa's Surprise, the children enjoyed learning the story and creating story maps to retell and rewrite it. We used adjectives and adverbs to make our writing more exciting. In maths we have been learning about different areas of measurement: length, height, weight, mass and capacity.

Well done Year 1!



Year 2 have continued their "Towers, Tunnels and Turrets" topic through the second Summer term. They have shown great resilience when they designed, made and evaluated a flag for William the Conqueror! They had to use needles and thread to sew a line around the edge of the flag, before sticking felt pieces, cut out very carefully, into position.

They have also been learning about Healthy Eating and the importance of exercise. The children really enjoyed using Mentimeter to share how much they had learnt in the topic.

In computing the children have been using Scratch Jr to program their sprite to perform a variety of tasks. They have learnt how to make them move in different directions, re-size them, add speech bubbles and change backgrounds. They also learnt how to change different ways to start the program.

In maths it has been all about time. They made their own clocks which had secret compartments to help them with telling time to the nearest five minutes. They have just about got to grips with the terminology used. They have also been learning about position and direction, including how to describe movement and turns. Ask them to show you their trick to find their right and left hands!

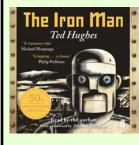
In English we have been writing a non-chronological report all about living in a medieval castle. They used their vast knowledge from their Learning Journey lessons to write about jobs in a castle, knight's armour, life in a castle and William the Conqueror. They have used commas in a list and apostrophes to great effect. The final report will adorn our classrooms soon!



We will miss them all when they move up to Year 3, but know that their new teachers are very lucky to have such a lovely group of children!

Good luck everyone! We will miss you!

Year 3



This term, our topic has been Mighty Metals. We have read the 'Iron Man' by Ted Hughes which the children have really enjoyed. We have debated whether the farmers should have trapped the giant Iron Man, discussing both reasons for and against. It has been interesting to see how passionate the children have felt about this.

In English, we have been learning to write a discussion text. We have written in a formal style, presenting arguments for and against a point using causal conjunctions and backing up our point to try and persuade others to agree with us.

Whilst in Maths, we have been learning about time. Looking at o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to. We have looked at minutes past the hour and to the next hour alongside digital clocks, am and pm. The children now need to tell us the time before they go to the toilet! We have been very impressed with all the children who have practised and learnt their times tables.

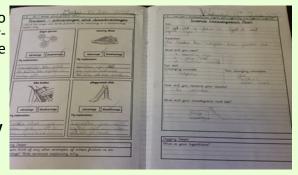
We have looked at forces in science. We have learnt about Sir Isaac Newton, gravity, friction and magnetism. We conducted a science experiment on friction and how different surfaces can have more or less friction.

Then it was time for designing our own 'protest art' piece linked to the Iron Man. Our ukulele learning is coming to an end and after performing in our class assemblies we are now looking forward to showing off our talents to staff and the Year 6 children!

Finally, as we come to the end of a fantastic year, we would like to wish the children all the best as they go into Year 4. We look forward to watching you all continue to grow and build upon the skills you have learnt this year.

Well done Year 3, we are very proud of you.

Finally, the Year 3 staff would like to take this opportunity to say what a wonderful year group you have all been and wish you all the best as you go into Year 4.



This term, Year 4 have completed their summer assessments are we are extremely pleased with each child's tremendous progress throughout the course of this academic year. They have also completed their MTC this term and again, we are amazed with their results!

In maths, the children have been undertaking a geometry unit where they have been studying angles, shape and measure. They are able to distinguish between properties of shapes, compare angles using mathematical vocabulary and complete word problems.

In English, the children have created a newspaper report on the Viking raid at Lindisfarne in 793 AD. They have applied all of their knowledge of this event and added many Year 4 writing features into their report. This has been their

publishing piece that was completed in the Autumn term. All we can say is, WOW!

During our wider curriculum lessons, the children have been learning about the Vikings. They are able to recall key historical events, Viking invasions in Britain and have studied Viking artefacts to make comparisons between modern day objects.

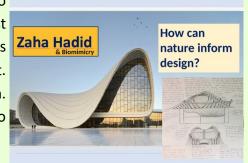
final publishing piece of the year and we have recognised the vast improvement since their

Miss O'Neill, Mrs Chaudhry and Mr Clothier would like to acknowledge the children's progression and hard work this year.

You have been a wonderful cohort to teach and we wish you all the very best in Year 5!

This term Year 5 have learned lots about the 'Amazing Amazon'. We have explored lifecycles of animals and plants. We have also investigated bridges. Did you know that Zaha

Hadid was the first woman to design a bridge? Her bridge took 7 years to construct and stands as a gateway into Abu Dhabi. She was also the first woman to win a Pritzker Award – which is awarded to honour architects whose work demonstrate a combination of talent, vision and commitment. Year 5 have constructed their own bridges after careful consideration. We analysed bridge designs and refined them before constructing. We also tested and evaluated our bridge design. This was great fun!





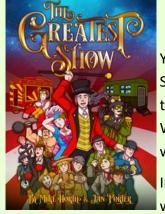
We have finished reading our class text 'Lost' by Tod Olson.

As a tribute to HRH Queen Elizabeth II, we wrote a story about a girl called Elizabeth who was stranded in the Amazon Rainforest. The children based the ending of their narrative on the class text. We then applied our learning about persuasive writing in a discussion about the Amazon Rainforest. Some of us discussed, 'Should deforestation be illegal in the Amazon Rainforest?' while others 'Should indigenous tribes be given a permanent right to live in the Amazon Rainforest?' We used blended learning to write our conclusion using Mentimeter.

In Maths, we learned about fractions, decimals and percentages, many of us were especially successful. We have also been practising our timetables on TTRS. We have explored identifying, measuring and creating angles. This was quite tricky as we sometimes forgot to line up our protractor correctly. Year 5 have learned lots of new mathematical vocabulary and we have practised explaining new terms to our learning partners.

It has been a busy and exciting half-term and we wish all of Year 5 a restful summer holiday!

Year 6 have been enjoying their final term at Parkland Primary School!



Year 6 have been working very hard this term on their production: 'The Greatest Show!'. We have been practising the songs and rehearsing our scenes; the Enterprise team have been busy backstage making props, making tickets and programmes! We hope you all enjoyed the performance and were as proud of the children as we were!

In English, we wrote letters to our new form tutors to introduce our selves and explain what we like and what our interests are. We have also written and recorded poems

based on the nonsense poem 'The Jabberwocky'!

The Year 6 teachers would like to say a big well done to all of the Year 6's for their hard work and resilience this year; you have been amazing, and we wish you all the best for High School!

Don't forget the Leaver's Assembly on Thursday 7th July, please make sure you book your tickets on the link sent





The Year 6 teachers would like to say a big well done to all of the year 6s for their hard work and resilience this year; you have been amazing, and we wish you all the best for High School!

We would also like to congratulate the Year 6's on their SAT's results, you are all amazing!

Well done Year 6, we will miss you all!

SPORTS

Girls Cricket

Girls cricket has been really popular this year with lots of girls excelling in the game during PE sessions and after school clubs. As a result, we put a team together to enter our local area competition at Countesthorpe Cricket Club. Considering none of the girls had played a competitive game of cricket against another school before, they were all outstanding! They grasped the rules quickly, bowling, fielding and batting really effectively and worked incredibly well together as a team. The girls performed so well that they have now qualified for the School Games Finals, which will take place next week at Leicestershire County Cricket Club. It'll be a great experience for all the girls and we wish them the best of luck!



Saffron Lane Athletics

One of our favourite events of the year took place at Saffron Lane Athletics Stadium in June. For the first time Year 3's joined pupils from Years 4, 5 & 6 to compete in a variety of athletics disciplines against other students from across Oadby and Wigston Schools. We had competitors entered into various sprints, long distance runs, throwing events and relay. We are always really proud of everybody who takes part in this competition as all the events require lots of practice, resilience and determination. Special mentions must go to all the athletes who qualified for the finals through the heat, particularly those who went on to win medals. Our relay teams deserve so much praise for the extra practices they've put in over lunch times to perfect their change overs, I'm sure those who were there to support would agree they raced brilliantly.

Congratulations to all of those who took part, and a massive well done to all our medal winners!

- Year 3 girls 50m Freya Ros (Silver)
- Year 4 girls 50m Desiree T (Gold)
- Year 5 boys 75m Oliver P (Gold)
- Year 5 boys throw Max W (Silver)
- Year 6 girls throw Ellie-Mae J (Silver)
- Year 3/4 girls relay team Freya Ros, Desiree T, Lanaeh S, Lacey W (Gold)
- Year 3/4 boys relay team Michael W, Max M, Keelan R, Luke S (Bronze)
- Year 5/6 boys relay team Duncan N, Oliver P, Max W, Travis W, Finley S (Silver)





Year 2 Multi Sports Festival



We took ten pupils from Year 2 over to South Wigston High School for a multi sports session lead by young sports leaders this week. This was a great experience for our younger pupils who got to see what a high school sports hall looks like! They took part in a carousel of different events and activities which focused on developing their fundamental movement and gross motor skills, whilst using a wide variety of different equipment. All pupils were a credit to Parkland and the sports leaders praised them for their listening skills and attitude.

Well done to all those who took part, you were fantastic!

Year 5/6 Tennis

Four pupils from Years 5 & 6 teamed up to take part in the Oadby and Wigston schools tennis championships at Oadby Tennis Club this term. **Oscar M, Isla P, William B** and **Theia D** played a number of singles matches against a variety of opponents from different schools. Their points were then added together to make a team total. All four really enjoyed competing on a proper tennis court, and showed great skill to strike the ball over the net and landing it inside the playing area. More importantly they all showed great sportsmanship towards their opponent and all matches were played in great spirit. **We hope they all enjoyed the experience and will continue to play tennis in the future.**

Sports Day

It has been lovely welcoming parents/carers in for our Sports Days which we've also had some lovely weather for! With the Commonwealth Games taking place in Birmingham this summer, this year we asked classes in KS2 to adopt one of the Commonwealth countries as their own and celebrate that country on the day. Classes have really embraced the theme this year, and we particularly enjoyed 3DR's interpretation of the Haka to represent New Zealand. We always strive to make our sports days as inclusive as possible, giving all of our pupils opportunities to succeed and do their best.

We are sure that you'll agree that all pupils have showed great determination and resilience throughout the week, and we hope that those who have been able to, have enjoyed coming back into school to watch pupils compete in these special events.







CLASS STRUCTURE 2022/23

FOUNDATION

Ash-Mr J Scarborough Beech-Mrs J Parnaby Oak-Mrs S Divers/Mrs S Walsh

YEAR 1

1SO-Miss S Owen 1AP -Miss A Parsons 1EH-Miss E Hand

YEAR 2

2LP-Miss L Pears 2PW-Mrs P Wilson 2MS-Miss M Smith

YEAR 3

3DR-Mrs D Raymond 3RD-Mrs R Durham 3TM-Mrs K Tuttle/Mrs E Marston

YEAR 4

4JC-Mr J Clothier 4NV-Mrs N Voigt 4ZC-Mrs Z Chaudry

YEAR 5

5AN-Mrs A Naseer 5NA-Miss N Akhter 5RR-Mr R Rowell

YEAR 6

6HO-Miss H O'Neill 6LG-Mr L Garner 6LW-Mrs L Williams

Other Staff Updates:

- Would like to take this opportunity to say goodbye and good luck to Miss Marvin, Foundation Teacher who has secured a position in anther school. You will be missed!
- We would like to congratulate Miss Taylor who will be getting married over the summer break, she will be Mrs L Williams from the Autumn Term 2022.
- Miss Watts and Mrs Gill are due to have their babies soon, we wish them all the best and look forward to seeing their new bundle when they arrive!
- Mrs Phillip's has returned from maternity leave and has resumed her position as Assistant Head.
- We have some new staff starting after the summer break; Mrs Parnaby in Foundation and Mrs K Tuttle will be joining the Year 3 team.



CONGRATULATIONS

233 children achieved target attendance of 96% or above 18 children achieved 100% attendance

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE 95.56%

Sadly, we have ended this academic year not having met our target attendance of 96%. This is due in some part to attendance for some children not returning to pre COVID levels.

Next academic year we will be following new Government guidelines, which instruct schools to monitor and action pupil absence more rigorously.

If your child is unable to attend school, or you are experiencing problems getting your child into school, please come and talk to us. Our Pastoral Team and Helen Brown, Attendance Officer, are here to help and can access many tools/organisations to help families.

School Office: 0116 2782142

Pastoral Mobile: 07709888001

We look forward to welcoming all children back to school on **Tuesday 30th August 2022** for the start of a new and exciting academic year.



If your child requires medication during the school day, please see the school office to complete a medical consent form. Please be advised that we can only administer prescribed medi-

cine if the label states that it is to be taken <u>4 times per day</u>. If you feel your child is well enough to come in to school but may require Calpol during the day, please ensure that you give them this medicine <u>before</u> school.

Can we also remind you that if your child suffers with a sickness bug **please allow 48 hours** after their last bout of sickness before returning to school.

Also if your child requires an asthma inhaler in school, please ensure that it is in date and that it comes into school in the prescribed box. Also please remember to bring in a replacement to the school office before the expiry date.

Thank you for you co-operation.

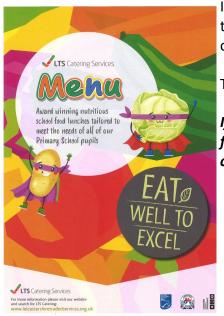


A huge thank you to those parents/carers who have kindly offered their time to help form a newly formed Parkland PTA.

They have come up with lots of exciting fundraising ideas , please look out for updates in the next academic year, !

We are always keen to have help from parents/carers – if you wish to be involved in the PTA then please pop into the school office and have a chat.

School Dinners



In the Autumn Term, there will be a new school menu, offering a choice of three delicious, healthy meals, Red (meat option), or Green (vegetarian), or Yellow (light bite).

There will also be a Halal menu as well. Special diets will also be catered for.

If your child has a dietary requirement, i.e. an allergy/intolerance to certain foods/ingredients, please contact the school office to discuss having a special diet

A copy of the new menu will be emailed soon and will also be uploaded to our website shortly.

All Foundation Stage and Key Stage One children are eligible for Universal Infant Free School Meals. Children in Key Stage 2 will need to pay for school dinners, this will need to be paid for on the day or in advanced, unless you are in receipt of Free School Meal.

Please note that the price of a school dinner, next academic year will be £2.40 (price increase 2022/23),

All school dinners will need to be paid though our online payment system ParentPay.

If you have not activated your ParentPay account, please contact the school office for a letter.

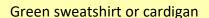
To check your eligibility for FREE SCHOOL MEALS, please visit

https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/social-care-and-supporting-families/free-school-meals

Uniform

In the new Academic Year, we will be expecting all children to come to school in the correct school uniform, and to wear their PE kit on PE days.

ALL UNIFORM SHOULD BE CLEARLY LABELLED WITH CHILD'S NAME.



White polo shirt

Dark grey /black trousers, knee length tailored shorts or skirt



DON'T MISS THIS OF SCHOOL OFF UNIFORM

20% discount off

Marks & Spencer's school uniform from Tuesday 7th July

(for a limited time only)

School uniform, displaying our school logo, can be purchased from Marks and Spencer.

Orders can be made online and items are delivered directly to parent's home addresses.

Plain school uniform can be purchased from high street shops and supermarkets.

www.mandsyourschooluniform.com

Wrap Around Care

At Parkland Primary School, we are pleased to offer an in-house wrap around care service for our parents and carers, Parkland Rangers Wraparound Care.

Providing your child, a safe, friendly and secure environment in which to they can take part in many different sports, activities and crafts.

<u>Please note there are limited spaces available.</u> All children must be registered to attend, by completing a registration form, this can be requested from the school office. All bookings and payments must be made in advanced via the school's online booking system, ParentPay. Places will be secured on a weekly basis, meaning <u>ALL sessions must be requested, paid for and confirmed prior to the start of the week.</u>

For more information, please call 07701331264 or email: parklandrangers@dsatparkland.org.

MORNING SESSIONS:

7:30am - 8:45 am (with light breakfast) - *£5.00 per session

AFTERNOON SESSIONS:

Early - 3:15pm - 4:30pm - *£4.50 per session

Late - 3:15pm - 5:45pm (with light snack) - *£7.50 per session

* Please note that the prices shown are from August 2022.



We are pleased to announce that the Discovery Camp will be taking place over the summer holidays w/c 18th and 25th July and w/c 2nd and 9th August 2022 at Parkland Primary School.

To book your child's place please click here

For more information please email: holidaycamps@discoveryschoolstrust.org or call Lee Gill, Extended Services Manager on 07961 600811



Summer Reading Challenge

Children aged 4-12 years can take part in Gadgeteers at all Leicestershire Libraries, an exciting free reading challenge from Saturday 2 July to Saturday 10 September 2022.

Children can join in the fun by reading or listening to six library books, eBooks or eAudiobooks throughout the summer and will be able to collect six special stickers - including some smelly ones - for their colourful collector's poster.

For this year's Challenge, The Reading Agency has partnered with the Science Museum Group to create 'Gadgeteers', inspiring children to use their curiosity and creativity to discover the science behind the everyday, and celebrate the role of the imagination in both reading and the sciences.

The Gadgeteers are planning an EPIC summer party! Help the Gadgeteers use their special skills to get everything ready by reading books and collecting rewards.

Visit leicestershire.gov.uk/libraries to find out more about the Summer Reading Challenge and our summer events and activities

Useful Support for Families

Family Support

Action for Children—https:/www.actionforchildren.org.uk/

Home Start- https://www.home-start.org.uk/

Childs Mind- https://childmind.org/coping-during-covid-19-resources-for-parents/

Family Lives - 0808 800 2222

Mental Health

Samaritans - 116 123

Leicestershire Action for Mental Health (LAMP) - 0116 2556282

Lets Talk Wellbeing - 0116 292 7010

Mental Health Foundation - https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/publications/looking-after-your-mental-health-during-coronavirus-outbreak

Domestic Violence

UAVA - 0808 80 200 28 Email: info@uava.org.uk Text support: 07715 994 962

Debt

Citizens Advice - 03444 111 444

Step change- 8000 138 1111 https://www.stepchange.org/how-we-help/debt-advice.aspx

Child Abuse/ Neglect

If you're worried about a child you can all the NSPCC Helpline on 0808 800 500 or email help@nspcc.org.uk

Leicester City Social Care: 0116 454 1004

Leicestershire Social Care: 0116 305 0005

Food Bank

South Wigston Congregational Church, Blaby Road (opposite Co Op), South Wigston, LE18 4SD*

When: 10.30am -11.15am (subject to change)

Dates: Monday 11th July, and then every other Monday.

Contact Number: 07818603699

*Suggested donation £1

We hope you all have a happy and safe Summer Holiday.

We look forward to welcoming you back on **Tuesday 30th August 2022.**

The term dates for the next academic year 2022-23 can be found on our website please click here

