



Headteacher Message



Thank you!

The start to my headship has certainly been challenging with the added issue of COVID-19!

What a term it has been!!

Thank you to all of you who have followed our guidance - many of you have worn masks, kept your distance bringing and collecting your children and worked with us to keep the community safe.

I would like to say a **huge thank you to all the Parkland staff** who have worked tirelessly in these difficult circumstances to ensure your children can come to school.

Have a lovely Christmas break.

Kind regards,

J Andrews

Mrs J Andrews

Headteacher

Key Dates

School Opens

Tuesday 5th January 2021

Closing date for applications for Reception places

15th January 2021

Parents Evening (Virtual—details to follow)

w/c 8th February 2021

HALF TERM

15th—19th February 2021

World Book Day

Thursday 4th March 2021

Red Nose Day

Friday 19th March 2021

School Closes for Easter

Friday 26th March 2021

Stay Safe

Please follow government guidance over the Christmas break.
We want the whole community to stay healthy!

Public Health England have now informed us that we are to be 'on call' up to and including Christmas Eve and so you could hear from us up to that time regarding self-isolating. However, I would hope that any test results from symptoms on Sunday 20th (the latest day that could affect school bubbles) would be back well before then. Please book a test as soon as possible if your child develops symptoms of coronavirus, and report all positive cases of coronavirus to us at school, including at the beginning of the Christmas holidays.

Please do this by emailing the school on covid@dsatparkland.org

For more information please refer to the letter that was emailed recently to all parents and carers.

Christmas Decorations Day

The children had great fun creating some amazing decorations!



National Online Safety

As the Christmas break approaches, it is likely that our children will soon be spending more time online. Please follow guidelines on keeping your children safe online.

We have lots of information on the school website to help you:

www.parklandprimary.co.uk/pupil-zone/esafety



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Parent Feedback

Thank you to everyone who completed the parent survey.

There were lots of positive comments about the school, here are just a few of those:

- Excellent communication between teachers and parents (Class Dojo, Email and Tapestry mentioned).
- Providing support for both pupils and parents.
- Helping children and parents to feel safe during the pandemic.
- Well-being of pupils is important

We have taken on board some of your suggestions:

You said:	We did:
Social distancing/mask wearing	We have put up additional signs around school and communicated through letters to parents.
After-school activities for Year 1 & EYFS	We will be looking into this in the New Year (Covid allowing)
After-school academic clubs for more support.	There will be booster offered in the New Year and we will look at other support.
A different range of after-school activities such as craft or music.	We will be looking into this in the New Year (Covid allowing)

Children In Need



A massive thank you for your kind donations, the school raised over £400 for such a worthwhile cause!



Christmas Jumper Day



The children really brightened up the school with their festive jumpers on the 11th December, in aid of Save the Children.

Thank you to all those that got involved, the school raised over £250 !



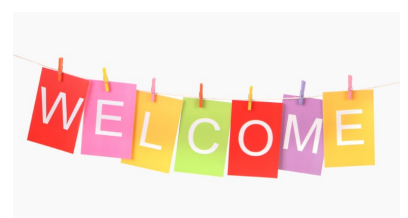
Christmas Colouring Competition



Just a selection of the entries

Thank you to all those children that took part in the Christmas Colouring Competition. We had some amazing entries!! The winners all received a chocolate selection box. A special thank you to Mrs Stevenson and Mrs Mumford for organising it, and making the school very colourful!!

A big welcome to one of our parents, Samantha Creed, who has recently joined the School Advisory Board.





WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE TARGET 96%

We would like to thank parents and carers for their cooperation during this difficult time. Families who have had to isolate, due to contact with positive COVID cases, have kept us informed and have been abiding by the Government guidelines. It has been a pleasure to see children enjoying being in school, following all the rules and keeping each other safe. Children who have been unable to access school have been supplied with login details to access online learning.



Attendance has been very good this term. Discounting COVID related absences, we have hit our target attendance this week **96.61%**

Year Group	Attendance % this term
EYFS	96.24%
1	96.94%
2	97.38%
3	94.92%
4	97.57%
5	94.14%
6	96.14%

A huge well done to **EYFS, Year 1, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6** for having an attendance above 96%. Please continue to contact the school by 9am each day, to inform us of the reason for your child's absence. 0116 2782142 option 1.

Thank you for your continued support.

We are looking forward to welcoming children back on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

School Matters!





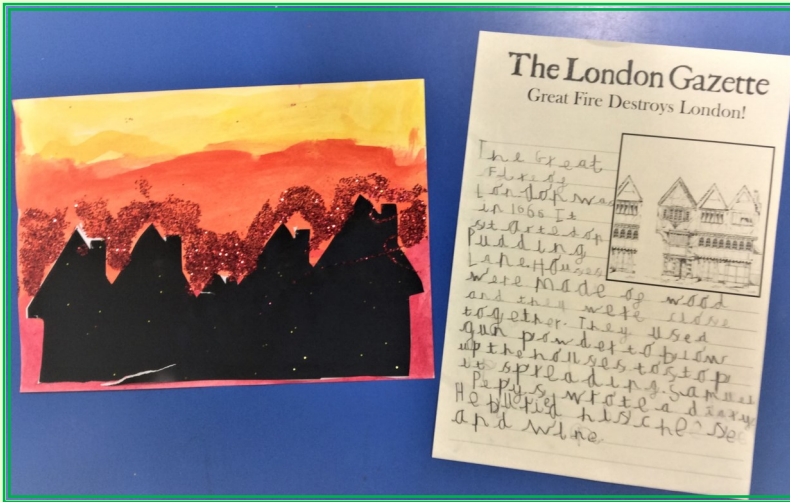
Our Fabulous Learning!

Foundation

EYFS have enjoyed learning about **fairytales** and **festivals** this term.



Year 1



Year 1 have learnt all about **The Great Fire of London** and have written some fantastic newspaper reports about it.

Year 2

This term, Year 2 have become **designers and evaluated**, designed and made a moving Christmas





This term, Year 3 have been conducting a science experiment to see which of the following **soils was the most permeable**: sandy soil, chalky soil, loam and clay soil.

Year 4



During Year 4's **Roman topic** this half term, we have loved finding out about the invasions, Roman soldiers and Celtic Warriors. All of our learning has helped us write some amazing non-chronological reports!

Year 5



Year 5 have been developing their Geography skills by using **atlases to research countries** in different continents.

Year 6



Year 6 have used the novel **Goodnight Mister Tom** as inspiration to write their own extract, and to read as our class novel.

WELL BEING AMBASSDORS

Hi my name is Elsie I'm in year 6 and I am your planning and events Wellbeing Ambassador representative for KS1 and KS2. I think I have been chosen to be a Wellbeing Ambassador because I am very passionate about people's wellbeing and sport. I will create groups and think of ideas to help with pupil's mental health. As a Wellbeing Ambassador I would like to make sure everyone has a positive mind set and feels safe and happy at school. To do this I am going to make sure all pupils feel safe on the internet.



Hello my name is Olivia-Rose and I am your Administration Representative for KS1 and KS2. As an Administration Representative I set up meetings and I also take notes at the meetings. I am in year 6 and I would like to help everyone to stay safe on the internet and improve their wellbeing so it's better than it was before. I think I was as chosen as a Wellbeing Ambassador because I am a good role model for my peers, and I help them to believe in themselves. I am also very passionate in sport so I think I could get people more active and support their wellbeing. Some of my plans include raising people's awareness of mental health for all pupils and helping pupils have positive mindsets. We are going to try to make lessons, assemblies, videos, surveys, mini games and a quiz or booklet.

Hello my name is Oscar and I'm in class 5CM. I think I was chosen to be a Wellbeing Ambassador because I like to make people feel happy when they are sad or lonely. I love to see people happy because it makes me feel happy too. I could help people by finding them friends to play with in KS1 or even KS2. I am wellbeing president so I'm the leader of the group. My responsibilities include making sure everyone knows their job, as well as coordinating and organising the group. I would like to make slides and posters to encourage pupils to be healthy and active to improve wellbeing. I want to encourage my peers to go outside instead of playing computer games and watching TV. We could also organise outdoor lunchtime games like dodgeball, basketball, football or even cricket games in the summer!

Hello my name is Oliver and I'm in 5LT, I think I was chosen to be a Wellbeing Ambassador because when people are sad I like to make them feel better. I could help by finding them a friend to play with for children in KS1 and KS2. I will try to be a good role model, inspire my peers and promote health and wellbeing. My role is media, marketing and promotions representative. Some of the things I will be doing are producing posters, letters and other promotion materials. During my time as a Wellbeing Ambassador I hope to help pupils at Parkland spend less time on the internet and more time being outside and active.





Hello my name is Regan and I'm in Year 6. I am head of the crew and my job will be to meet teachers and motivate the team. I think I've been chosen to be a Sports Ambassador because I've been in many competitions like dodgeball. I'm also active and play different games every day in my house. I would like to develop my confidence when speaking and not to be as shy. Honesty is really important to me because we all need to be honest when we're playing games like dodgeball, if we're out or scoring we need to tell the truth. The clubs I've been to are cross country, basketball and dodgeball. Teamwork really suits me because I always work well in a team and I treat others with respect. I feel like I am determined and always try my best.

Hello I am Florence, I'm in Year 6 and I'm one of the Sports Ambassadors. I am responsible for marketing and administration, this means that I call meetings, take photos and book meeting rooms. I think I have been chosen to be a Sports Ambassador because I am a good role-model and very passionate about sport. The thing that I am most excited about, is helping out with sports clubs and leading sports clubs. Outside of school I do dance 3 times a week and I really enjoy it. In school I have taken part in dance, gymnastics and netball clubs and competitions.

My name is John and I'm a sport ambassador. I think I was chosen because I showed these values: teamwork, self-belief, respect, determination, honesty and passion. Self-belief matches my character because since moving into year 6, I think I am more capable of doing things. If I struggle, I continue to believe in myself until I can do it. I really enjoy basketball as it makes me happy. I would like to achieve lots of great things, for example, becoming a basketball player and a scientist. Even if it's hard sometimes, if you believe you can achieve it, then you will. I've been to lots of different clubs at Parkland, these are: athletics, tennis, dodgeball and cross country. I've also represented the school at cross country, athletics and basketball for competitions. I enjoy competing against other people from other schools. My role is an event/activity leader and my job is to ensure rules are followed and I also record scores.

Hello my name is Kitty I am one of the Sports Ambassadors. I am in year 6. I'm the equipment leader this means I will check that the equipment is in good condition and I will find out what equipment is needed. I think I have been chosen to be a sports ambassador because I think I am a good role model, I work hard and I am very passionate about sports. In school I have competed in dance competitions gymnastics competition netball and cross country. The thing that I am most excited about is helping out with sports clubs and helping out with lunchtimes. To be a Sports Ambassador you have to show the school games values:

RESPECT, TEAMWORK, PASSION, SELF-BELIEF, DETERMINATION and HONESTY.



Food Banks

We would like all of our children and families to have a wonderful Christmas, but recognise that at the moment times can be challenging. The Foodbanks below are able to offer you a food parcel for the whole family, for each week of the Christmas school holidays if needed. These food parcels will be distributed on a first come first served basis.

Salvation Army Foodbank

Where: Ladysmith Road (off Saffron Road), South Wigston, LE18 4UZ

When: Daily until 23rd December 2020 for Emergency Food Parcels.

Contact Number: [0116 2774114](tel:01162774114)

South Wigston Foodbank

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

When: 10am –11.30am—Monday 21st December, Monday 4th and 11th January 2021.

Alternative Mondays after these dates.

Contact Number: [07818603699](tel:07818603699)



A massive thank you to all those that kindly donated items for our local food bank.

Your generosity is much appreciated

Thank you! 

St Thomas' Church Christingle Service & Toys on the Table

Sadly, we're not going to be able to do our Christingle service in person this year, so instead we're going to make up some kits for you to make your Christingle at home and have a service, via YouTube at 5pm on Christmas Eve instead!

Christingle Kits are free, but please register so we know how many to make.

You can register and find more information about when the church will be open at

www.wigstonbenefice.org.uk/news or contact Rev Chris Johnson on [0116 2782830](tel:01162782830)

or email: revchrisjohnson.wbs@gmail.com



We're also going to have the church open for you to drop off donations of new and unwrapped toys for local charity, Toys on the Table for more information please visit <https://www.toysonthetable.org.uk/>



Water Bottles: Please ensure your child has a re-useable named water bottle with them in school to keep them healthy and hydrated.

PE Days: Please remember to send your child into school in suitable, warm PE kit on their PE days.

WRAP UP WARM: With the upcoming cold spell, please ensure your child wears warm clothes to school and has suitable outdoor clothing. The windows will be open to keep rooms ventilated.