



PARKSIDE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term 4 Newsletter

Thursday 31st March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we head towards the lighter, and hopefully warmer, spring and summer evenings it is important to take a look at the constant progress that is being made at Parkside, both inside and outside of our classrooms. As we go into Terms 5 and 6, we are welcoming a Forest School leader to our staff who will enable all children to access a weekly Forest School session. We believe that this provision will benefit every pupil and we very much look forward to seeing this start.

We also come towards the end of another building programme, which has seen several roofs replaced, extra cladding attached to the walls to make the buildings look good and the final part will be a new front door and front entrance, which will also brighten up the school. We hope that you like the changes being made.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very happy Easter. I hope that you all have an enjoyable and relaxing holiday and I look forward to welcoming all pupils back to school on Wednesday 20th April.

Kindest regards,

Mr James Williams
Executive Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are over half way through the academic year and the children have achieved so much in that time. The Spring flowers are looking beautiful and many visitors to the school comment on how colourful they all look.

This past term has seen the children taking part in many exciting activities both in and out of the school. We have taken the children on many visits which they have enjoyed and gained so much from. Plus we have been able to welcome visitors to the school. This has enhanced the children's learning and given them experiences they will remember for a long time. No matter whether we are welcoming people into the school or taking the children out it is always a pleasure to hear the compliments of how polite and courteous the pupils are, it makes me feel proud to be part of Parkside.

The children enjoyed our English Week and I was certainly impressed with the costumes the children wore on World Book Day. The children spoke enthusiastically about their favourite characters and books. We would also like to thank Asda with their support in ensuring those children in school were able to spend their tokens and select a new book.

It is a real pleasure to share in all the events the children have taken part and I am looking forward to many more that the staff have planned throughout the rest of the academic year. Thank you for all the support you all continue to give the school which makes these wonderful experiences possible.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Anthea McLevy
Head of School

Frozen the Musical

The children from Squirrel Class had the opportunity to finish their topic of Cold Climates with a visit to London to see Frozen the Musical. They all had a great time and were focussed on the play throughout. It was a pleasure to see how much they gained from this experience and also how well they behaved. Many members of the public spoke to the adults supporting to express they were impressed with the children's behaviour.



The Great Fire of London

The children in Otter Class have been learning about The Great Fire of London. As part of this topic the children have built their own Pudding Lane to show how the fire would have spread. They also had a virtual workshop which identified key events of the situation. They were encouraged to think about their thoughts and feelings on this key historical event.

The Beany

Hedgehog Class enjoyed visiting The Beany Museum in Canterbury High Street and learning about the different exhibits they had there. They were able to look at the old toys and link this into their learning from the classroom.



Author Visit

The school welcomed the author Paul Deslandes to come and speak about the book that he has recently published and all the children received a signed copy of The Garden Monster. The children enjoyed hearing about how the story was developed and gave some of them the inspiration to write their own stories. We would like to thank Paul for giving the children this amazing opportunity.

Staffing

As many of you are probably aware Mr Cross has moved on from Parkside to start a new job. We would all like to thank him for all he has done for the school and wish him well with his new job.

At the end of this term we will also be saying farewell to Mr King. He has been at the school since 2017 and I am sure you will join the staff in wishing him well in the future.

Finally, we are also saying farewell to Mr Groombridge. He will be leaving us after 2 years of support the school with PE to pursue a new venture. We are sad to say goodbye to these members of staff and they will be missed but would like to wish them all well.



Comic Relief

The children have helped to raise money for Comic Relief by dressing as Superheroes. I am sure you will agree the children all looked amazing in their costumes, thank you for your support with this. The school raised a total of £130.00



Online Safety

It has been brought to our attention that many of the children are having problems while 'chatting' online. We have been doing some work within classes about this but we would ask for your support in monitoring your children's online activity. There are some useful links on advice for internet safety on the schools website.

Mobile Phones

We have a considerable amount of children bringing mobile phones to school. Please can we ask parents to think about the necessity of having a phone in school. All phones **MUST** be handed in to the school office on arrival and collected at the end of each day in line with safeguarding policies and keeping all the children safe in school. The school does not accept responsibility for any loss or damage to phones. If you wish to discuss this please contact the school office.

