NEWSLETTER 3
NOVEMBER 2018

Article 2: Every child has the right to the best health care possible, safe water to drink, nutritious food, a clean and safe environment and information to help stay well.

French word/phrase: J'ai soif; J'ai faim; J'ai fini mon travail.

'It may be dark outside but the sun always shines, at Parkhill Junior School!'

(Yesha and Kavi, 6NC)

Dear parents, carers and children
Winter is here and there is a certain chill in the air. Wrap up warm! Gloves, scarves and woollen hats for all. Regardless of the weather, the learning goes on but we want you to do all that you can, to stave off those pesky colds and sore throats!

The *Festival of Light* was a welcome event, brightening the dark days of November. This wondrous event took place at the same time as our family 'Crafternoon', transforming the school hall into a bustling hive of interactive learning and fun! A big 'Thank you' to the Art ambassadors and FCC for making both events a roaring success.
Please read on and find out about just some of the learning and experiences, of the Parkhill Junior Learning Community.

Raising Money for Fairtrade. The year 5 and 6 children created their own products to sell at the Fairtrade Fayre. They raised a whopping £150.05 for this important organisation.

The Mayor at Parkhill Junior School.
We had a wonderful surprise from the Mayor of Redbridge, who kindly paid us a visit, on her way to another school. The Mayor has such a busy schedule!

Remembrance Day

In memory of all fallen soldiers, our Rights Respecting Ambassadors represented Parkhill Junior School, at a poppy planting ceremony, in Clayhall Park. A very moving occasion.

Switched Off Fortnight

Our Eco Warriors sprang into action this week, as they initiated "The Switched Off Fortnight" campaign. The campaign highlightsthe impact of burning fossil fuels on the environment and on reducing energy waste. They began by delivering an assembly and are now enthusiastically auditing the school, to find areas of energy wastage. Next week, they will be spreading the word on how energy can be saved. Ask your children, how you too can save energy and do your bit to help ensure a healthy planet for future generations.

Road Safety Week.

Parkhill Junior School's activities to mark 'National Road Safety Week' (Nov 19th – 23rd) included a Zig-Zag rally and a national banner competition.

Congratulations to Sabekson Vijayaraj, in 5W for being one of only twelve winners of the national Road Safety Poster Competition, recently held across the country. You can see his winning design, proudly displayed on the railings, of Parkhill Junior School.

Remember to keep a close eye on all the activities coming up during the last three weeks of term!
Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Enjoy Learning!

Mrs D. Hughes-Mulhall
Headteacher

Important Reminders

Healthy snacks only for birthdays.

Please note that only fruit can be brought to school to celebrate your child's birthday. Cup cakes, birthday cakes and sweets are strictly forbidden.

No nuts

We have many children with severe nut allergies. Please ensure that any snacks and packed lunches do not contain nuts.

Homework

The homework will now be available on the school website and not on Fronter, under Teaching and Learning/ Educational Resources.
A link is provided for your reference
http://parkhilljunior.com/teaching-and-learning/educational-resources

Absences immediately before or after a school holiday

If your child is absent before or after a school holiday we must see evidence for the absence. This may be medical evidence if your child is unwell, or evidence of flight delays or circumstances beyond your control. **We cannot authorise any absences, before or after a holiday, without this evidence and you risk being issued with a penalty notice.**

'Read with your Child' Mornings

Building on its roaring success last year, 'Thursday Hot Chocolate and Cookie Mornings' resume in January 2019.

Each week a different year group will invite their parents/carers to come and enjoy a reading session. Details to follow.

Online Safety

PLEASE GO TO OUR WEBSITE AND BE CLEAR ON THE SUPPORT MECHANISMS AVAILABLE TO YOU, FOR THE ONLINE SAFETY OF YOUR CHILD.

Our Website – www.parkhilljunior.com

Important dates, information and so much more can be found on the website. Please pay regular visits. Updates are frequent and feature aspects of our school curriculum and school life. Please note, all our job vacancies are advertised on the school's website.

Attendance and Punctuality

The *Welcome Bell* rings at 08.55. Children should be in class, ready for registration by 09:00, when the second early morning bell rings. A late mark will be recorded, any time after 09:00

With your support, we work hard to ensure that our young pupils hold high, the value and importance of both. Core values instilled at this stage of their education, remain with them as they grow into citizens of the world and of the future.

'A day away from Parkhill, is a day lost.'

Well done to our Attendance Champions for November: 3G, 4W, 5B, 5W, 6NC and 6TC.

'A minute late for Parkhill, is a minute wasted!'

Well done to our Punctuality Champions for November: 3S and 5B.

Safety and Safeguarding

We encourage all our children to walk, scoot or cycle to school. Minimising the volume of traffic around the school is our ongoing challenge. We need your continued support with this. Please do not park on the yellow zig zag lines or across the driveway of local residents.

At the top of our list of priorities, is the safety of our pupils.
Pollution outside the school is increased by the number of vehicles bringing children to school. We receive daily notices, on behalf of the Mayor of London, reporting pollution levels in the area. This is a serious problem.
Equally, speeding cars have put children's lives at risk too often. Thank you to all who do walk to school. You make a difference.

Please be reminded that only **Year 6 children** are allowed to walk to and from school, without an adult. Written consent from a parent/carer is required.
Children attending Breakfast Club must be brought in to the Breakfast Club Team by a parent/carer/older sibling. (8:00 a.m start.)
Bicycles: Children in Years 3 to 6 may come to school on their bicycle but must be accompanied by a parent/carer. All children **must** wear a protective cycling helmet.
During the lunch hour, children are instructed to stay clear of the outer fence. This is to ensure that they do not speak to passers-by and vice versa.

Thinking of Employing a Private Tutor? Guidance for Parents and Carers

Please visit the website below for more information
http://www2.redbridge.gov.uk/cms/care_and_health/children_and_families/protecting_and_safeguarding/safeguarding_children_board/publications_policies_and_pro/private_tuition.aspx

Appointments with teachers.

If you wish to meet with your child's teacher during term time, to discuss a particular issue, please note that this can take place no earlier than 8:30 am and no later than 4:15pm, outside scheduled Parent Evenings.

Uniform

Our pupils wear their uniform proudly. When wearing it, they represent Parkhill Junior and reflect the excellent reputation of our school. Please ensure that your child wears the correct uniform at all times. Footwear should be black, sensible and safe for all school activities. If headdress is worn, it should be white, grey, black or deep blue/navy in keeping with the school colours. **The same applies to woollen tights and socks.**

P.E Kit

Parkhill Junior School's PE kit is: a white t-shirt, black/deep blue/navy shorts or tracksuit trousers. For indoor PE, all children should have plimsoles and for outdoor, all children should have trainers. Children should have a complete change of clothes for PE, and not wear the same t-shirt, trousers or footwear as worn during the day.
All PE kits must be kept in school from Monday to Friday in a named drawstring bag. In accordance with health and safety regulations, ear studs and religious jewellery must be removed/securely covered for PE lessons.

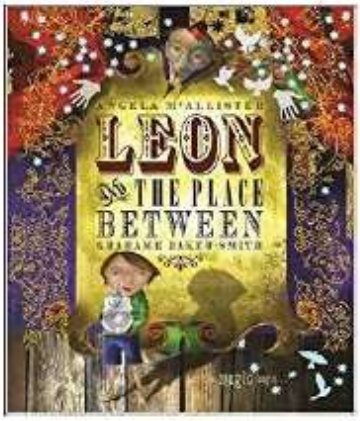
Dates for your Diary

Dates	Event
30th November 2018	'II Million Takeover Day' - (The children are in charge!)
10th December 2018	- Peter Pan Pantomime (whole school)
12th December 2018	Year 5 Christmas Performance to Parents/Carers 2.00pm
14th December 2018	Christmas Fayre
19th December 2018	School Christmas Lunch.
21st December 2018	Last Day of Term – 1.30pm finish Big Breakfast for our Learning Community - parents, carers and family welcome - 9.00am to 10.00am
24th December 2018 to 4th January 2019	Christmas Holidays
7th January 2019	Professionals' Training Day – school closed to children
8th January 2019	Children return to school – Hurray!
18th to 22nd February 2019	Half Term Holidays
8th to 22nd April 2019	Easter Holidays
6th May 2019	May Bank Holiday
27th May to 31st May 2019	Half Term Holidays
14th June 2019	Professionals' Training Day – school closed to children
23rd July 2019	Last day of the Summer Term – 1.30pm finish

Year 3

Geography

Our geography topic is 'Europe' and developing our map skills. We have had the opportunity to explore the countries and capital cities of Europe. We explored Paris, in greater detail, and produced non-chronological report.



English

We love our new text, 'Leon and the Place Between'. Our story starts with a group of children going to the circus and.... we don't know what happens yet! To develop our creative writing skills, we are learning different ways to extend our sentences, to make our writing more interesting!

Our curriculum continues to melt...

We have been introduced to the Stone Age period, through reciprocal reading and art! We have made jewellery-using clay and created cave paintings, using watercolours and teabags! We have also researched information about Skara Brae, which was a small island, introduced in our text, 'The Great Storm'!

Special mention...

The children worked very hard on their half term homework! A special gallery was created as a result, in which they got to view each other's work, across the year group. Well done! Miss Gay, Mrs Simms, Mrs Ozkan and Mrs Levy.

Year 4

This month has been jam-packed with exciting learning opportunities and a fascinating educational visit to the Science Museum!

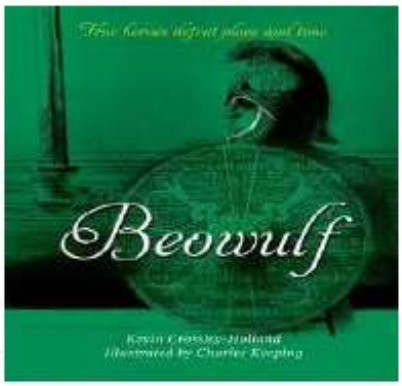
"At the Science Museum we saw a piece of the moon that NASA brought back as a gift! It was amazing!"

Krish, 4W

"The Science Museum was fun and interesting and I've learnt lots of new things!"

Ritika, 4K

"I really like the book we are reading in English, I never expected it to be this good and interesting!"



In English, we have started reading a new book called 'Beowulf'

This legend from Anglo Saxon times tells the story of Grendel, a vicious monster who is terrorising Denmark. We have written letters to king Hrothgar and monologues as one of Beowulf's army.

"The Year 4 children continue to impress their teachers with their excellent attitude to their learning and pushing themselves with challenges! Well done!" Mrs Krizsanyik

Year 5 News

What a term we have had!
Year 5 had a brilliant educational visit to the mosque and learnt about the importance of the five pillars of Islam. Check out some of the photos from our visit.

During our visit to the British Museum, we looked at ancient Greek pottery which is over 2000 years old! Check out some of our own versions of Greek pottery below.

In science, we have been learning about materials and their different properties. Do you know how to classify materials?

"I have really enjoyed history and learning about the ancient Greeks. It was amazing to get the chance to see real ancient Greek pots at the British Museum" - Aditya 5B.

Year 6

We are continuing to have a fantastic Autumn term of learning and growing in Year 6.

D&T and Art – Textiles

The children have cut material into the size and shape of their tote bags. They have also begun to learn the skill of sewing and printing, which they will use on their bags. We look forward to selling these at the Christmas fayre.

"It has been fun doing DT and art this term. I now know the steps in making a tote bag- a useful skill!" Simrah 6TC

Music

In music we have been learning the song, I'll be there by the Jackson Five. Once we knew the lyrics and rhythms, we have learned to play our tuned instruments to accompany our singing. The instruments that some children learn like violins, guitars and cornets have been added to the glockenspiels we play in class.

"I really enjoy music especially playing instruments in class and I also enjoy learning and singing the song 'I'll be there'." Ayah 6NC

Faith in Action

Year 6 had the opportunity to have visitors from Faith in Action come into school and do a special assembly. They spoke about the ways in which the work of the Welcome Project and Street Pastors helps people that are poor, sick or unable to help themselves.

"The Faith in Action assembly was very inspiring as we learnt how helping people is very important. We learnt about how to help and the job of a street pastor. It has inspired me to help others." Yasmin 6U

Coming up...

With another action packed month coming up ahead, we have lots of amazing events to look forward to such as the Imperial War Museum and the Shakespeare Company. Watch this space!

Keep up the fantastic work Year 6.
Continue to Enjoy Learning and Grow Together!
Mrs Castellanos, Miss Uppal, Miss Chowdhury and Mrs Shahzada.