

Parkhill Newsletter 3

November 2021

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

We have thoroughly enjoyed the return of many Parkhill activities this term. While we must continue to curtail certain aspects of Parkhill school life, we also rejoice at what has been revived! Our *Pupil Voice* is resounding, through the school corridor! With all the learning going on, your children show how there is still much work to do in our world.

Sports Ambassadors have planned to extend the outdoor gym; Parkhill Parliament are tackling climate change; Eco warriors and planting trees, growing vegetables and creating outdoor learning opportunities; LQT are assisting the chef, in providing a high quality dining experience and environment with decorative plants to adorn the tables; Official Helpers are keeping the live indoor plants alive and making sure that the school runs smoothly; Rights Respecting ambassadors are modelling and promoting the Parkhill ethos; Librarians are true book-keepers and shine the light on our 'must-read' book initiative; Art Ambassadors ensure the school displays are up to standard and offer adults advice on how to improve; BSL Ambassadors are teaching us British Sign Language; our Junior Travel Ambassadors (JTA) find it hard to understand why adults can drive, park and conduct themselves so poorly, around the school. The P.A.s to the Headteacher, are easing the workload!

More from the remaining Pupil Voice groups, in our December newsletter. Life at Parkhill is full of activity, surprises and fun. Treat yourself to a few moments of repose and enjoy reading the year group pages, below. Further dates have been added to the Calendar of Events, as the year races towards 2022! Tempus fugit. Make sure you stay in the loop.

Enjoy Learning

Mrs D. Hughes-Mulhall
Headteacher

We have many children with severe nut allergies. Please ensure that any snacks and packed lunches do not contain nuts or nut products. With Christmas parties on the horizon, we must all be extra vigilant.



Online Safety

PLEASE GO TO OUR WEBSITE TO SEE 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 our website. Please pay regular visits. Updates are frequent and feature aspects of our school curriculum and daily school life.

Attendance and Punctuality

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.’
Miss Education... and you miss out.
Attendance Champions for October – November 2021
6W and 4DO and 3S
*WELL DONE!***

**‘A minute late for Parkhill, is a minute wasted!’
Every second counts!
Punctuality Champions for October – November 2021
5D and 3S
*WELL DONE!***

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 driveways of local residents.

At the top of our list of priorities, is the safety of our children.

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.**

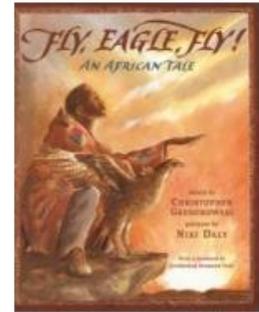
Year 3

It has been an exciting start to the second part of the autumn term. The adults have been really impressed with all the risk-taking and resilience our children have shown, towards their learning. Read on to find out what Year 3 have been up to.....

English

In English, we have started reading our new book 'Fly Eagle Fly.' Set in Africa this is a story about fulfilment and freedom. We are learning about the descriptive language used in the text and are also looking at persuasive vocabulary to help us with writing a speech.

"I have been enjoying reading our topic book called 'Fly Eagle Fly'. My favourite part was when the farmer found the eagle and when he returned, he also found the calf." Elliott 3S



Day Glow Day

As part of Day Glow Day, we wore bright colours to help raise awareness of being safe on the road and pavement at night. We also learnt how to spot road hazards and how to keep safe while travelling to school.

"We learnt that it is important to wear bright clothing in the dark, to be safe when we cross the road." Marc 3H



Art

We have really enjoyed our art lessons this term. We have looked at how to create still life drawings of natural objects. We also learnt about creating different textures and how we could use those in our future drawings.

"We have enjoyed learning about different textures with still life objects and how to draw or sketch our own arrangements." 3O



Please remember to bring your PE kits every Monday and take them home every Friday.

Keep up the fabulous work you have been producing!
Mrs Ozkan, Ms Sondh, Mrs Malik and Mr Hansen
Enjoy Learning!

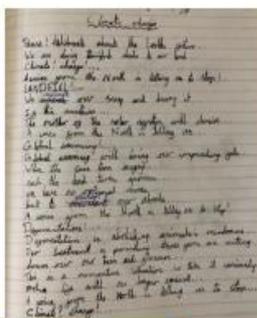
Year 4

We have had an eventful month and the children have enjoyed taking part in a range of learning activities; from Anti-Bullying Week, Acts of Kindness, Odd Socks Day, outdoor learning and Children in Need Day. They have continued to demonstrate their rights-respecting behaviour and resilience by adapting to the changes around them. Find out what Year 4 have been up to...

English and Geography.

For our melting curriculum, we wrote a prophecy about climate change; we were inspired by our class novel 'Who Let the Gods Out' We learnt so many fascinating facts! It was challenging to predict the future but it was fun to write it as a riddle.

'I like that a prophecy can be read or written as a riddle. We linked our prophecy to climate change and I learnt that there were several types of greenhouse gases.' Alayna 4G



Maths and Outdoor Learning

We learnt more about perimeters, through outdoor learning in the playground. We used a measuring tape to measure different rectangular objects around the school and completed the calculations on the floors with chalk. 'This lesson has definitely improved my understanding of perimeter now. It's become easier for me. The outdoor learning has refreshed my mind. I also found it fun working as a team and I am really looking forward to more outdoor learning.' Sahab and Zoya 4DO

Art and History

Through history and art, we have been engrossed in the world of the Ancient Greeks. In art, we have explored Greek pottery and enjoyed making our Greek style clay pots. We used cross hatching skills and we are looking forward to painting the pots before the end of term. We are truly impressed with our own creative and artistic skills!

"I love my art sessions because it helps us to learn about the ancient Greeks and their lifestyle. It has influenced me to learn more and create more!"- Ameya 4DO



Anti-bullying Week and Acts of Kindness

In PSHE, we have continued to display rights-respecting behaviour, both inside, outside the classroom and discussed how to deal with online bullying, too. We acted out different scenarios and watched an educational production in order to understand bullying further. We used our 'Acts of Kindness' jar to promote, kindness throughout our school.

'Did you know that bullying doesn't always happen face to face? It can also happen online. When sending messages online, you can't tell how the person is feeling as they read it. So be as kind with your words online, as you are in person.' Aryan 4S

A gentle reminder:

Please continue to complete all of the homework activities on Google Classroom, typing skills. Homework must be completed on time and to a high standard. Remember to do the battles on 'Times Table Rockstar.' We wonder which class will win the battle this week!

Keep up the marvellous work and Enjoy Learning!
Mrs De Oliveira, Ms Gay, Mrs Habib and Mrs Sinclair.

**ONE
KIND
WORD**

Year 5



We have been taking part in 'Anti Bullying Week' and the theme this year was, 'One Kind Word.' As a Rights Respecting School, we stand against bullying in all its forms. Our previous PSHE unit on 'Friendships' explicitly taught children what bullying looks like and who to go to for help should they ever experience it. We looked at what made a good friend, the different types of bullying, and the ways in which other people can help to tackle the issue.
'Anti bullying week has helped us to understand the consequences of hurting others on purpose. We will make sure to go to a trusted adult when we see any type of bullying happening.' Class 5K.



Each of our classes created a kindness jar. The Rights Respecting Ambassador looked out to see who was showing one of these acts of kindness. Their name got added to the kindness jar and they were awarded a kindness certificate at the end of the week.

'We watched a live lesson which taught us not to bully people. I liked the video. I learnt that we should never bully people because then you are hurting their feelings. If you ever see someone getting bullied you should never just watch, you should try and stop it or go and tell a teacher.'
Maryam, 5MA



Science

In science, the children have had an opportunity to carry out lots of really exciting experiments. These included, testing different materials, the balloon experiment to demonstrate irreversible chemical changes as well as carrying out soluble and insoluble tests.

'I like science because we have learned about how materials work, and different states of matter.' Siya, 5D



Geography

Our geography unit this term is 'Rivers.' We have been learning about different parts of a river as well as what the life along it is like. We are going on a trip to Wanstead Park to see the River Roding, exciting! This outdoor learning experience is a fun way to help children consolidate their learning.

'I really enjoyed our lesson where we got to label the different parts of a river. I now understand what a confluence, tributary and estuary are. I am looking forward to going to Wanstead Park and looking at the River Roding. I am excited about seeing the different parts in real life.'
Class 5FA.



We are rehearsing for our Christmas production. We can't wait to bring the stage back to life again and welcome back an audience. Singing and props are all under way. We hope you are just as excited as we are!

'In Year 5, I am really excited about our Year 5 play. We have been rehearsing our play, Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits. My role is Bosh!' Viraj, 5MA.



Year 6

Our Year 6 children are continuing to demonstrate enthusiasm in lessons and they have produced some really exceptional work, across the curriculum. It has been a pleasure to see their positive attitude and how they are able to embed rights-respecting behaviours in and outside the classroom. We are delighted that our visit to the Imperial War Museum was a success and children thoroughly enjoyed it. Thank you to all the volunteers who made this possible. We are confident that our children will continue working hard together and enjoy learning.



History - visit to The Imperial War Museum
In our history lessons we are learning about World War 2. The children had the opportunity to visit The Imperial War Museum to explore artefacts and information about the war.
'I really enjoyed going to the visit because I saw lots of different types of tanks and planes. Looking at the T-35/Sherman tank was my favourite part of the day.'
Zain R, 6W

Maths – Geometric Patterns
This term, we linked maths with Diwali and took our learning outdoors. Children created geometric patterns and identified a range of properties based on shapes. They plotted dots then joined them to create patterns. This activity engaged the children fully in their learning.
'It was so much fun creating Rangoli patterns outside. We had to make the pattern symmetrical as we were learning about symmetry, but it was interesting to do it as it involved RE and art as well.'
Aaliyah, 6C



Anti-Bullying Week – 'One Kind Word'
The children have been taking part in Anti-Bullying Week activities. It was interesting to see what pairs of odd socks the children wore for 'Odd Socks Day'! It helped us to remember that we are all unique. Throughout the week, the children have reflected on the theme 'One Kind Word' and have considered how we can be kind to each other. The children wrote something kind about each person on their table.
'This week was Anti-Bullying Week. The theme was 'one kind word' so we had to write one unique feature, about everyone on our table. After that, we shared out thoughts. It made us feel special.'
Khadija and Maalini, 6N

Keep up the fantastic work Year 6
Ms Castellanos, Mrs Nayak and Mrs Wakefield
We will continue to Enjoy Learning and Growing Together!

Calendar of Events 2021-22

26 th November 2021	11 Million Takeover Day (children in charge!)
1 st December 2021	Tree planting – Year 6 and Eco warriors
3 rd December 2021	#UniteTheUniforms Campaign in recognition of all emergency services. Non uniform day – wear emergency services colours: blue, green, red or orange.
6 th December 2021	Last Week of Clubs until 10 th January 2022
8 th December 2021	Year 5 Christmas performance to Parents and Carers of 5K
9 th December 2021	Year 5 Christmas performance to Parents and Carers of 5MA
14 th December 2021	Year 5 Christmas performance to Parents and Carers of 5FA
14 th December 2021	Christmas Lunch - delicious! 
15 th December 2021	Year 5 Christmas Performance to Parents and Carers of 5D
16 th December 2021	Class Christmas Parties! 
17 th December 2021	Last Day of Term 3:30pm finish time
20th December 2021– 6th January 2022	Christmas Holiday
4th and 5th January 2022	Staff Training Day – School closed to children
6 th January 2022	Children return to School- Hurrah! <i>First Aid Training for Children (Day 1)</i>
7 th January 2022	Children return to School- Hurrah! <i>First Aid Training for Children (Day 2)</i>
10 th January 2022	Afterschool Clubs resume
14th – 18th February 2022	Half Term Holiday
4th – 18th April 2022	Easter Holiday
NEW DATE 27th May 2021	Bank Holiday for the Queen’s Jubilee
30th May – 6th June 2022	Summer Half Term
6th June 2022	Staff Training Day – School closed to children
22nd July 2022	Last Day of the Summer Term

Absences before or after a school holiday

If your child is absent before or after a school holiday, you must provide evidence explaining the absence. This may be medical evidence if your child is unwell or evidence of flight delays or circumstances beyond your control. **Without this evidence you risk being issued with a penalty notice.**

It takes a special person to care for a special person.

Gloria Samuel, Service Manager for Fostering and Children with Disabilities Services in Redbridge Council, previously fostered for 20 years. Many of the children she cared for had physical and learning disabilities. Now retired from fostering, Gloria states “I don’t think potential foster carers realise just how much training and support is available when looking after children who happen to be disabled or have additional needs. There are many different care packages offered to support the child and foster carers fully and the training involved is outstanding”.

If you are considering fostering and would like to know more, please email fostering@redbridge.gov.uk or call us on 020 8708 6068.

We can’t wait to hear from you!



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