

Parkhill Newsletter 2 October 2021

Article 3: Your best interests must be top priority.

Article 24: 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.

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

We hope you had a restful half term break and enjoyed some very autumnal weather! As we embrace the second half of term, it is worth paying close attention to the events scheduled for the coming weeks. Please enjoy the year group pages below, chronicling our learners exciting and busy life, at Parkhill.

It has been a joy to invite parents and carers back into the building, for parent-teacher meetings. This blended option signals yet another cautious move back to the way we were, pre March 2020. Wonderful.

Thank you as always, for your continued support and co-operation.

Enjoy Learning

Mrs D. Hughes-Mulhall
Headteacher

DAY GLOW DAY

A serious message about keeping ourselves safe, during the darker months of autumn and winter, as pedestrians, cyclists and scooterers.

We think the children conveyed this message loudly and clearly!



Glow Parkhill!

Year 3

We are settling into our new school really well! We have met our teachers and those who come in and teach us specific subjects, such as French, PE art and music. It is such a fun and exciting time for us!

Music

During this term, we have been learning about crotchets and quavers as well as playing a variety of instruments such as tambourines, guiros, djembe drum and bells for different rhythms and beats!

'We have all really enjoyed playing the instruments and learning about rhythm and pitch' - Resul 3S



Black History and Culture Month

Year 3 have been focusing on research about Marcus Rashford as part of our Black History and Culture Month theme; 'Made History, Making History'. Marcus Rashford is currently 'making history' by persuading the government to continue a project that gives meals to children who are in school and has raised millions of pounds for this. Each class were given a historical person who has 'made history' to research about.

'We found all the Black History month activities really exciting and fun. We learnt about some of the important people who made black history. We also learnt about their achievements and how they carried on fighting for their rights in the most difficult situations.' By 3M

French

In our French lessons with Madame Bassadi, we have been learning the class instructions as well as phrases to introduce ourselves. Year 3 are able to have a conversation in French that starts off with a greeting, asking each other questions about how they are and their name. It is wonderful to see how our learners are able to respond with confidence!

'I have enjoyed all the lessons so far especially when we learnt the words for our family, in French!' Kaeshi in 3O.



In other news...

***Monday 15th November 2021 is 'Odd Sock Day'**

***On Friday 19th November 2021, it is Children in Need. The dress up day theme this year is 'Spotacular'**

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

**Keep up the fantastic work Year 3,
Mrs Ozkan, Ms Sondh, Mrs Malik and Mr Hansen
Enjoy Learning!**

Year 4

In a busy and exciting few weeks, the children have enjoyed taking part in a range of learning activities; including Black History Month and 'The Big Draw'. They have gained deeper understanding about their well-being and how to keep healthy through our Melting Curriculum in science, history and D.T. and also enjoying learning outdoors

Maths

We continue to work collaboratively to solve mathematical challenges. We are rights-respecting towards one another, as we listen and share our ideas.



Our Melting Curriculum

Our science, PSHE and D.T. topics melted together, along with P.E. lessons with our specialist coach, to enable the children to make links with their learning and apply it to many aspects of their lives. At the start of term, we planted radishes and lettuces from seeds and excitedly harvested them from our Parkhill Garden, to use in our healthy sandwiches. Coach Costa gave an inspirational reminder of the importance of continuing with being active, during the half term, and what else our bodies need to keep healthy.

"P.E is fun because you can be creative. We have been learning about basketball and I like shooting the ball." Ismael 4G

Developing 'green fingers'...



Harvesting our crops!



Using and enjoying our efforts...



In other news...

The Big Draw – 'Make the Change' took place on 14th October, where the children continued to develop and enhance their awareness of the need for climate change and how they can contribute to this.

"The more you plant, the more you protect the environment." Eisa, 4DO

Celebrating and developing knowledge of *Black History*, children researched inspirational people from the past and the present; how their lives have made a positive impact on society and what we can learn from them. Children enjoyed listening and singing along to musicians such as Ella Fitzgerald and Louis Armstrong, with our specialist music teacher.

"In Black History Month, I have loved learning about famous people who made history and are making history." Amina



Year 5



It has been an extremely busy half term, which has been enjoyed by all! Our Tudor day was particularly successful



'I enjoyed Tudor Day as it was an opportunity to see what it was like in Tudor times.' Zyna, 5K

October is Black History and Culture Month. It is an annual event honouring the contributions and accomplishments of the Black community and this year the theme has been 'Made History, Making History.' As a school, we have celebrated the inspirational achievements of important black actors, musicians, writers, politicians and sports people, both from the past and present. Year 5 have focused on Kamala Harris, Barack Obama, Usain Bolt, Stevie Wonder and Langston Hughes.
'I have really enjoyed learning about how many black people have changed the world. I most enjoyed learning about Kamala Harris and Stevie Wonder.' Anaya, 5MA

Tudor day was a huge success and thoroughly enjoyed by all. It was lovely to see the children dress up in their amazing Tudor outfits.

The children were very excited to take part in Tudor drama. They acted out a scene where King Phillip of Spain found out that Queen Elizabeth had beaten his Spanish Armada!

We learnt how a coat of arms was created and the children were extremely creative when making their own shields.

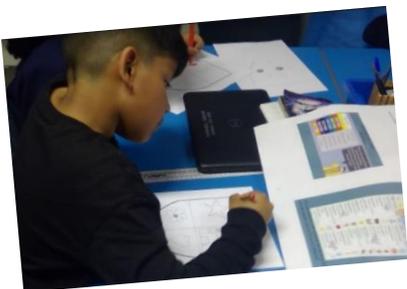
We took part in mock trials. The children had to come up with persuasive arguments as to why Tudor punishments should or should not be carried out. We had some very strong arguments, both for and against severe Tudor punishments!

We also continued our outdoor learning by taking part in Tudor games on the field.

'Tudor Day was fun. We got to learn what Tudors did in day-to-day life and what punishments were used. I hope we can do more things like this.'
Amreen, 5FA



Day Glow Day was a great success. Children learnt the importance of being visible in their bright colours.



Year 6

As we continue our learning journey through the autumn term, our Year 6 children are working incredibly hard. They have been consistently demonstrating rights respecting behaviours and showing a positive attitude towards their learning. We are excited that our pupil voice groups are meeting again, and we are all looking forward to getting involved in some exciting projects.

Music

We are lucky at Parkhill to have a specialist music teacher working with us. We have been listening to the music of Robert Johnson and B.B. King linking music to our work about Black History and Culture Month. We have studied the 12 bar blues pattern and used instruments to play and compose our own riffs.

"In music we have been using nine notes to make a short melody. We are playing notes in groups of 3 e.g. CEF and FAC. We have been using keyboards and glockenspiels. I have enjoyed the lessons; they are lots of fun." Emma, 6W



PE

In P.E. we have been focussing on health and fitness. We completed circuits that improved our stamina, increased our heart rate and developed our strength. There were a range of different exercises that worked on using different muscle groups.

"In Year 6, we have been taking part in health and fitness activities such as skipping, sit ups and step ups. Every week Ms Costa times us and checks if we are doing better." Aadam, 6C



The Big Draw

This month we have taken part in The Big Draw festival. The theme this year is 'Make the Change'. We thought about how we can live in balance with the world around us and how we can re-use items so that we reduce the amount of rubbish we create. We even made paper from recycled scrap paper.

"I found the Big Draw fun and that is because it was something new - we don't usually use recycled paper. It really helped me think about how to reuse rubbish." Reiden, 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

4 th November 2021	Diwali
15 th November 2021	Odd Sock Day
15 th – 19 th November 2021	Anti bullying Week
19 th November 2021	Children in Need – Spotacular!
20 th December 2021– 6 th January 2022	Christmas Holiday
4 th and 5 th January 2022	Staff Training Day – School closed to children
6 th January 2022	Children return to School
14 th – 18 th February 2022	Half Term Holiday
4 th – 18 th April 2022	Easter Holiday
30 th May – 6 th June 2022	Summer Half Term
6 th June 2022	Staff Training Day – School closed to children
22 nd 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.**

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.

**"When I grow up,
I want to be a superhero!"**



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