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French phrase: Joyeux Noel (Happy Christmas)

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

With the end of the autumn term just days away, we thank you for all your support and cooperation, this term and, indeed, this year - 2021. Together, we faced challenges with resilience, patience and fortitude. We would all like to move on from 2021, with hope and certainty. Of hope...we have an endless supply. Together, we look forward to certainty. It will come.

You supported your children in making *11 Million Takeover Day*, a runaway success, once again! Children across the school became teachers. They planned then taught, every subject across the curriculum. Wonderful. One child asked, "Am I hired, Mrs Hughes?" The response – "Without question – in twelve years time!"

The Year 5 Christmas performances to parents were fabulous. We were delighted to perform live to small groups of parents, for the first time in two years. The children were magnificent and rose fully to the occasion. See Year 5's news page below for all the glorious detail.

#UniteTheUniforms Campaign in recognition of all emergency services raised a commendable £200.00. Thank you to all, for your generosity.

With so many proactive Pupil Voice groups, at Parkhill Junior, not all could be profiled in our November newsletter! It is with pride that we remind you of how our, Science Leaders, FCC Sustainability Leaders, Digital Leaders, Health and Safety Ambassadors, World Pioneers, Design and Technology Ambassadors all continue to work hard to improve our school and the world we live in.

Christmas Card Competition!

Our three creative winners shared first place: their designs were made into professional Christmas cards and sent to other schools in the borough. Congratulations to Serena, David and Shamma. The overall standard was absurdly high and selecting the winning entries, was close to impossible! *Well done*, to every child who took part. All card designs are proudly on display, in Reception.



Together with children, staff and governors, I wish you a safe, peaceful and happy holiday.

To all in our community who celebrate Christmas, 'Merry Christmas.'

Enjoy Learning

**Mrs D. Hughes-Mulhall
Headteacher**

Our Reverse Christmas Calendar



The response to this annual Parkhill Junior event, has been nothing short of humbling. An immense and heartfelt *Thank You*, to all our learning community for your generous contributions.

Our December Parkhill Poet

Christmas is Here !!!

**Christmas, Christmas
Time is here
Time to have a bit of cheer
Watch the snow tumbling down
Upon the beautiful Christmas town
Children in beds dreaming of presents found
Laying beneath Christmas trees on the cold ground
As parents wrap presents with joy
Children await to find a lovely toy**

By Zoya -4DO

Christmas Parties.



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 this week, we must all be extra vigilant.

Each child to bring in their own food party pack.

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 – December 2021

5D and 4G

WELL DONE!

‘A minute late for Parkhill, is a minute wasted!’

Every second counts!

Punctuality Champions for October – December 2021

5D and 3H, 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 term for year 3 and the adults have been really impressed with all the hard work and enthusiasm the children have shown towards their learning. Read on to find out what year 3 have been up to...

French

In our French lessons, we have been learning about ‘numbers, months and seasons’. The fun and exciting games have helped to improve our understanding of the French language as well as our speaking and listening skills.

‘Learning a new language has never been so much fun! We are really looking forward to learning about our new topic next term.’ Ibraheem 3M

J'adore enseigner les year 3 parce qu'ils sont curieux, très enthousiastes et toujours prêts à apprendre de nouvelles choses. Merci d'être aussi engagé.» Votre enseignante de français.
Mademoiselle Bessadi.



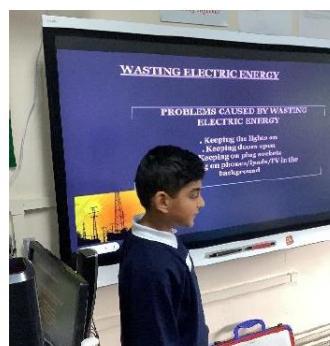
Geography

Our geography topic this term has been learning about the ‘UK and Mapping’.

We developed our geographical knowledge of the UK by learning through different ways. We designed 3D models and used our creative skills to help demonstrate our understanding of the topic.

‘I really enjoyed learning about the physical features of the UK, as we had the opportunity to create 3D models to help us with our learning. I had so much fun creating a model and I cannot wait to make another one!’ Fatima 3M

*‘I found it interesting how England and Wales have similarities and differences such as different languages, physical features and traditional foods.’
Talvin 3O*



Keep up the fantastic work!
Mrs Ozkan, Ms Sondh, Mrs Malik and Mr Hansen
Enjoy Learning and have a good holiday!

Year 4

It has been a busy and enjoyable end to a fabulous term. The children have enjoyed taking part in a range of learning activities; including 11 Million takeover day, The Festival of Light, Switched off Fortnight and a Christmas Card Competition. Keep on reading to find out what Year 4 have been up to...

11 Million takeover day and switched off fortnight

The first ever 11 Million Takeover Day took place on 23 November 2007. It is a chance for the 11 million children and young people in England to take over from adults - a way of celebrating the importance of young people in our society.

On this day, the children took on the role of their class teacher and had to be responsible for teaching a lesson.



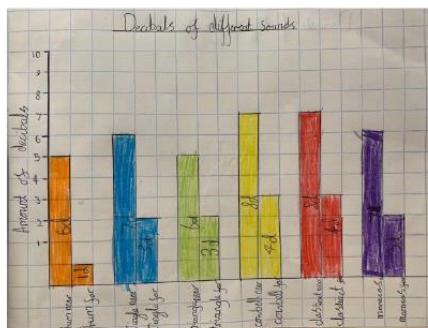
"The 11 MILLION children and young people in England have a voice"
Children's Commissioner for England, Professor Sir Albert Aynsley-Green

"I really enjoyed 11 million takeover day! I liked being the teacher for English as it is my favourite subject.

11 Million takeover day was definitely one of my favourite days in school." Zoya 4DO.

Christmas Card Competition

A special well done to David in 4DO for winning the Christmas Card Competition!



Science

We have been testing our listening skills as we learn all about sound.

Learning through different investigations and experiments has really allowed the children to develop 'a sound' understanding as well as recording data.

"Science has been interesting and exciting as we have done a lot of experiments around sound and explored how sound travels. - Dhilani 4S



Festival of Light

At this time of year, we learn about the religious significance of festivals including Hannukah, Diwali and Christmas. We have been learning about origin stories and have done some fantastic work creating poems.

"I liked writing the poem because we have learnt about Diwali in R.E. and that is a Festival of Light." Fatima 4H.



French

This term, we have been learning the days of the week, and modes of transport in French. The children had to travel to the D&D studio 'à pied' to participate in a days of the week sorting activity. "I enjoy French because we learn a lot of exciting new vocabulary. Playing games helps us to learn." Yusuf 4G.



Quick reminder:

Please continue to complete all of the homework activities on Google Classroom, including typing skills. Please ensure that homework is completed on time and to a high standard. Reading and recording comments in reading records must be done daily. 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, Ms Habib and Mrs Sinclair.



Year 5



The second half of the autumn term has flown by in a flurry of rehearsing, learning lines, educational visits, bread tasting, creative story writing, outdoor learning and so much more! The children have worked very hard in all of their lessons. Read on to find out more about Year 5's busy but highly successful term...



Performance

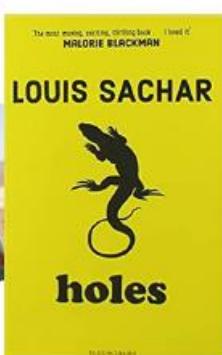
As Christmas is fast approaching, Year 5 have been busy preparing for their annual Christmas performance. We have been spending dedicated time rehearsing and learning our lines; and the very special occasion of our parents coming to see us perform made it even more special!

"I really enjoyed rehearsing and watching our classes perform. I will definitely miss it when it's all over!" Serena, 5FA

English

We have continued reading our book, 'Holes' and wrote our own version of the story where Stanley's bully, Derrick, comes to Camp Green Lake. We spent lots of time role playing different characters so we could think about how their dialogue might look in our writing.

"Holes has so many adventures in it and you can never predict what adventure will happen next!" Raif and Jaskeerat, 5K



Design and Technology

We were very lucky this term to have a bread tasting session! We are going to be learning how bread is made and making our own bread, using what we have learnt about seasonality as well as exported and imported ingredients. Our tasting session helped us understand what we could add to our own bread design to make it taste even better!

"We can't wait to add our own personal ingredients to our delicious bread." Kadija, 5D

The Year 5 teachers are incredibly proud of all of the children; they have shown resilience, risk taking and rights respecting behaviour. We are certain that the spring term will bring even more amazing learning opportunities which the children will embrace with vigour and enthusiasm!

"I'm excited to learn about space and maybe find out how many stars there are, because I just don't know!" Aleena, 5MA

"I can't wait to find out what our new book for English is, as I love reading and I hope it will be as good as the last two!" Rosshnavi, 5MA

Year 6

Year 6 continue to work incredibly hard and are excellent role models to the rest of the school as they demonstrate Rights Respecting behaviour and a positive attitude towards their learning across the curriculum.



Tree Planting

Along with Redbridge Council, we were very proud to plant some trees and bulbs. Although it was cold, we wrapped up and enjoyed being able to improve the school environment and learnt some new skills. If you want to know what photosynthesis, chlorophyll or osmosis mean, please ask a Year 6 child!

“It was really fun to plant trees with my class. I learnt that there is real knack to planting!” Haniyah, 6C.

11 Million Takeover Day

A group of children arranged an art carousel activity where the class moved from table to table, completing crafts such as origami, creating a self-portrait and building a model.

“I really enjoyed this day because it was a change from our normal routine. I was glad that the children listened really well when we were teaching the maths lesson. I think it was easy to plan a lesson but harder to control the class. However, I liked hearing children’s ideas about different subjects.” Sienna, 6N.



Science

In our science lessons, we have been looking at pulse rates and how these change. This gave us the perfect opportunity to go outside and to do some exercise. What do you think happened to our pulse rate when we ran laps of the field? “This experiment was very entertaining and educational. We measured our heart rate and learned how to put this data into a bar chart. My favourite part was the data handling.” Anabia, 6W.



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

15th December 2021	Year 5 Christmas Performance to Parents and Carers of 5D
16th December 2021	Class Christmas Parties! 
17th 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
6th January 2022	Children return to School- Hurrah! <i>First Aid Training for Children (Day 1)</i>
7th January 2022	Children return to School- Hurrah! <i>First Aid Training for Children (Day 2)</i>
10th January 2022	Afterschool Clubs resume
27th January 2022	Holocaust Memorial Day
31st January to 4th February 2022	National Storytelling Week
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.**