

Parkhill Newsletter 5

January 2022

Article 8: Every child has the right to their own identity
French phrase: Bonne Année *et* A plus tard!

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

As we make our way cautiously through January, it is important that we emphasise the importance of school attendance. Self-isolation due to C-19 infections, has led to many unavoidable absences. With the rapid, and almost daily, changes to the rules and guidelines, we ask that you continue to test your child daily and advise us if the test is positive. This is the best form of protection for everyone.

Looking ahead, on a sunnier note, the spring term is packed with exciting activities that give us an inkling, of what was and what we are finally returning to! Educational visits – Years 5 and 6 went to The SPACE Gallery one day and then they went to the moon, a day or two later! Year 3 and 4 teachers are currently planning educational visits so watch this space. Our themed weeks provide a bountiful offer of enrichment activities, to further enhance and advance children's learning. Please take a moment to read and note significant dates in your diary.

We look forward to working with you this term and thank you for your continued support and co-operation.

Enjoy Learning

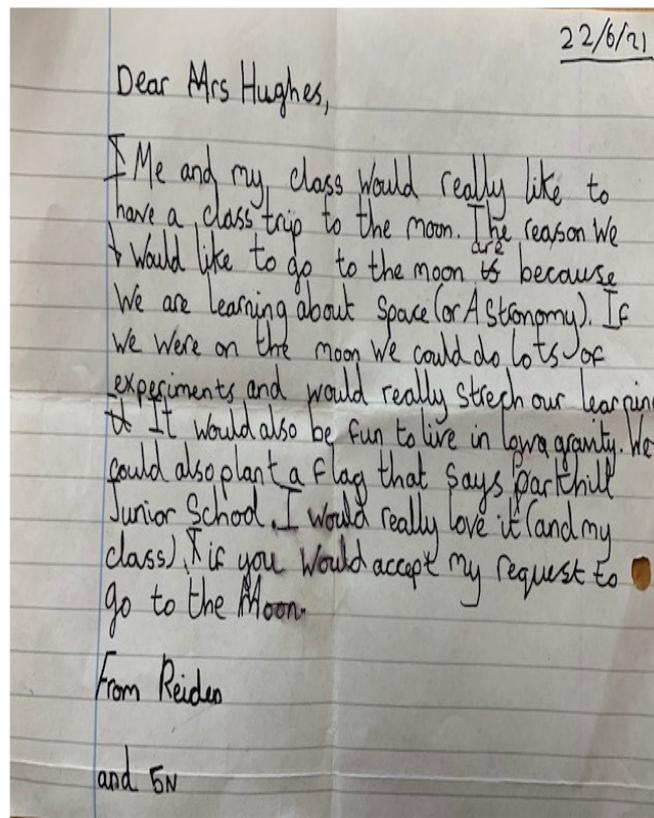
Mrs D. Hughes-Mulhall
Headteacher

A 'Happy Chinese New Year'
.....to all in our Parkhill community, celebrating this wonderful festival!



新年快樂
Happy Chinese New Year

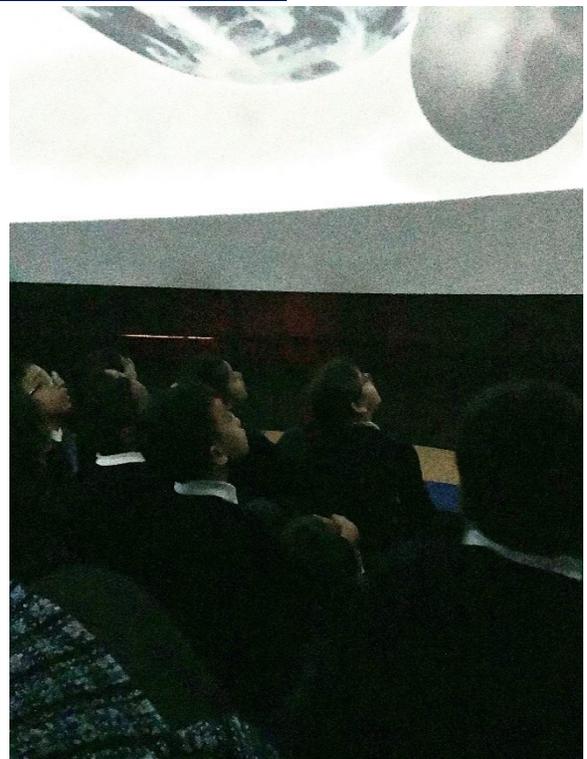
On Friday 21st January 2022, Year 5 and 6 were taken on a fantastic journey to the moon! It all started last year, when 6N (then 5N) put forward an ambitious request!



We had a planetarium brought to us, right here, at Parkhill Junior School! Through this fully immersive interactive experience, the children learned interesting facts about our solar system and in particular, about the moon. The experience was truly out of this world!

“I really enjoyed the planetarium, as it was something we don’t often experience. It was a really fun and educational experience.” Reiden, 6N

“Space is one of my favourite topics in science. I have always wanted to experience being in space. In the planetarium, we did just that! It had 3D images and we learnt lots of interesting facts about astronauts that have been on missions into space.” Anabia, 6W



Parents Evening

Please note that Parents' Evenings will be carried out the same way as they were in the autumn. One evening will be face to face and one evening will be via Google Meet. It is important to note that it will be first come, first served when booking an appointment with your child's teacher.



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

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

5K and 4DO

WELL DONE!

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

Every second counts!

Punctuality Champions for October – December 2021

6C 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.**

Communication with our Learning Community

It is crucial that we have your up-to-date contact details i.e. mobile number and email address. All letters and messages are sent via email. You risk missing important information if the School has not been given accurate details.

Appointments

It is timely to point out that dental appointments, optician appointments and GP appointments must be booked, outside school hours. **Appointments booked during school time will be unauthorised.** Hospital appointments, with supporting evidence, are routinely authorised.

Thinking of Employing a Private Tutor?

Please visit the website below for more information and guidance.

<https://www.redbridgescp.org.uk/parents-carers-and-the-public/private-tuition/>

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.

Calendar of Events
2021-22

27th January 2022	Holocaust Memorial Day
31st January to 4th February 2022	National Storytelling Week
1st February 2022	Chinese New Year (Year of the Tiger)
7th February 2022	Children's Mental Health Week Random Acts of Kindness Week
7th to 10th February 2022	Parents' Evenings (Face to Face only)
14th – 18th February 2022	Half Term Holiday
21st February 2022	Fairtrade Fortnight (Week 1)
23rd February 2022	Parents' Evenings (Google Meet only)
28th February – 4th March 2022	Children's Book Week Dress-up Day – 4 th March 2022 Big Pedal Week Fairtrade Fortnight (Week 2)
21st to 25th March 2022	Maths Week Number Day/World Maths Day (Dress-up Day - 23rd March 2022)
4th – 18th April 2022	Easter Holiday
<i>NEW DATE</i> 27th May 2022	Bank Holiday for the Queen's Jubilee
30th May – 6th June 2022	Summer Half Term
6th June 2022	Staff Training Day – School closed
22nd July 2022	Last Day of the Summer Term
1st and 2nd September 2022	Staff Training Days – School closed
5th September 2022	Children Return to School – Hurray!
24th to 28th October 2022	Autumn Half 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.**

Year 3

The children have made a wonderful start to the spring term, showing great enthusiasm towards their learning. Read on to find out more...

First Aid Training

The children gained important life skills through a First Aid training session. They received certificates for their training, which they were extremely proud of!

'I really enjoyed the First Aid training and learning about how we can help others if there is an emergency.' Ravi 3M

'I like helping others and the First Aid training has taught me how to recognise an emergency and how I can help other people.' Ibraheem 3M

'I found the First Aid training very interesting and important. I was happy to receive the certificate.' Joshua 3S



Science

In science, the children have started their new topic 'Forces and Magnets'. They have had an exciting time exploring and investigating about the different forces and how they act on different objects.

'I found it interesting to make a prediction and to investigate whether my prediction was correct.' Sulaiman 3M

'We learnt about friction and carried out an investigation comparing how far a toy car would travel on different surfaces in the playground. It was interesting to see that the grass had the most amount of friction.' Fatima 3M

'We have learnt about the different contact and non-contact forces through exploring the variety of items in the classroom.' Kush 3S

Melting Curriculum

In English, we have been reading our new book called 'The Mystery of the Egyptian Scroll'. As part of their activity, the children travelled back in time and visited an Egyptian marketplace. They wrote interesting recounts of their experiences and really enjoyed the activity.

'It is a very interesting book and I can't wait to find out what happens next.' Zaviyar 3H

'We had an amazing time discovering historical artefacts and experiencing the hustle and bustle of an Ancient Egyptian marketplace! It was fascinating to find out about Ancient Egyptian technology, how they used it to survive and how it compares to modern technology.' Class 3O



Reminders

Remember to read to an adult at home every day and record your comments in your reading records. Keep up with the book reviews for the reading tree!

Thank you to all of the children for settling back into their routines so quickly!

You have all been working really hard!

Enjoy Learning!

Mrs Ozkan, Ms Sondh, Mrs Malik and Mr Hansen

Year 4

The children have settled exceptionally well and they have immediately demonstrated the rights-respecting learning behaviours, we encourage in school. Continue to read this newsletter to discover, what else Year 4 have been learning about...

First Aid Training

In the first week back, the children successfully completed a First Aid course and we would like to congratulate all of the children on receiving a certificate.

'The First Aid course was very fun and it taught us important skills on what to do if we were in an emergency. We got certificates and I feel so proud!' – Myedah 4DO



Science - states of matter

Our new science topic is 'solid, liquid and gas.' We began our first week back with an investigation and predicted how raisins will react in a fizzy drink (liquid). We made careful observations and used scientific vocabulary to explain what happened in our experiment.

'I have really enjoyed science so far this year. We've carried out amazing experiments, learning about the properties of solids, liquids and gas.' Laila A. 4H

Computing

In our computing lessons, we are learning about 'the journey inside a computer'- this helps us to understand how input devices communicate with the computer to gain an output.

'I am really enjoying computing. Especially, making a paper model computer and learning about internal parts of a computer'

Dhilani 4S



Gentle reminders:

Continue to complete all of the homework activities on Google Classroom, including typing skills. Homework must be completed on time and to a high standard. Remember to record your comments in reading records - this must be done daily. Keep up with the book reviews for the reading tree. Remember to do the battles on 'Timestables Rockstar.' We wonder who will win the battle this week?!

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

Year 5

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to what is shaping up to be an exciting new term!



English and History

The children have been exploring the Victorian era in history and English, beginning with our new text 'Street Child' by Berlie Doherty. The pupils are fascinated by how much technology and daily life has changed over time. We have also made links to our Rights Respecting values, as we discuss how the lives of children were very different compared to modern day and how children's rights have developed in this time.

"I am looking forward to learning about the Victorians because of the interesting inventions they made!" Aalia, 5K.

Science

In science, our classrooms have come alive with planets and stars as we learn about the Earth and its place in the solar system. The pupils were delighted to have the opportunity to make their own miniature models of our solar system using salt dough. This helped the children to understand that the different planets have different orbital paths around the Sun. This activity brought the subject to life and deepened the children's understanding.

"Learning about space is fun. We have used a chart which showed us the different parts of space." Zane, 5D.

"I am enjoying learning about space. We went to the planetarium and I learnt about planet rotations and the distances of planets from the sun."



First Aid

At Parkhill Junior, we strive to deliver education that is relevant and meaningful to the children. First aid is a skill that could save someone's life, so we were thrilled to receive First Aid training at the beginning of this term. Year 5 pupils showed themselves to be enthusiastic learners and thoroughly enjoyed learning how to administer First Aid in a range of situations.

"The First Aid training was interesting and lots of fun. It is also a very important skill because you can use that knowledge in various real life situations." Esha, 5FA.

Reminder: All pupils must bring in their PE kits on a Monday and take them home on Friday, to be washed. Please ensure that your child has the correct PE kit for all weathers.

The Year 5 teachers would like to congratulate the Year 5 children on their hard work so far this term. We look forward to continuing an excellent term of learning!

Mrs Ahsan, Ms Ahmad, Ms Dunn and Mrs Krizsanyik

Year 6

It has been a tremendous start to the spring term for Year 6! The children have demonstrated their readiness for learning and their resilience as we face the exciting challenges of the term ahead.



First Aid Training

Alongside our curriculum learning, we have had the opportunity to develop a life skill through our First Aid training. We used the acronym DR ABC to learn the procedure for administering CPR on a casualty.

"I really enjoyed first aid training. We learned how to complete CPR to save someone's life if we needed to. We also learned to put ourselves before other people by making sure there is no danger when assessing a First Aid situation." Emma, 6W

Outdoor Learning

Despite the cold weather, we wrapped up warm and took our maths learning outside. We became human co-ordinates to help us extend our understanding of plotting points in four quadrants. We spotted lots of different examples of translation and reflection around the school.

"In the playground we assembled into an 'x' axis and a 'y' axis and then some children went onto certain positions on the grid and we had to work out their coordinates."

Shivaan, 6N



Educational visit to the SPACE Gallery

We were fortunate enough to visit a local art gallery, the SPACE Gallery in Ilford, which exhibits work by local community groups supported by artists. We looked at textiles work based upon settlements in the area. We were impressed with the mammoth sculpture.

"What I enjoyed at the SPACE gallery was drawing the designs. I enjoyed seeing and drawing the mammoth."

Aadam, 6C

"It was fun drawing the mammoth's tusk and looking at the embroidery. They were all beautiful." Iara, 6C



Keep up the fantastic work Year 6 - we are very proud of you.
We will continue to Enjoy Learning and Growing Together!
Ms Castellanos, Mrs Nayak and Mrs Wakefield