

Parkhill Junior School

July 2023

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Article 1: Every child, under the age of 18 has all the rights in the Convention.
French Phrase: Bonnes Vacances! Have great holiday!

Dear Parents and Carers

The end of the academic year is nigh! It will soon be time to wave *Goodbye*, to our Year 6 learners. Yet it seems like only yesterday when they raced in through our gates, for the first time and embraced the Parkhill Way! We are proud of you, Year 6, and hope that you will continue to *Enjoy Learning*, wherever you go and in all that you do. We will miss you.

Also leaving Parkhill Junior School, will be Ms Martin who will attempt to retire a second time! Or is it the third time?! Ms Martin is an esteemed and widely respected maths consultant who has worked with Parkhill, for many years. She has led workshops for our parents and has worked with children and staff. *Thank you*, Ms Martin for all your support, guidance and wit!

It has been a full and eventful year, at Parkhill Junior School, in many different respects. I thank all our current teachers and support staff, for their hard work and, the steely grit they have shown, when faced with challenges. They go the extra mile for our learning community. Along with our wonderful learners, they make Parkhill Junior the unique school it is today.

Finally, I extend a huge *Thank you* to our parents and carers. Your support and co-operation are key, to our learners' achievement, success and happiness. We look forward to working with you, in 2023-24 and I seize this opportunity, to wish you a happy and peaceful summer break.

Enjoy Learning!

Mrs D. Hughes-Mulhall

Headteacher



***HIGH
PERFORMANCE
LEARNING***

META-THINKING LINKING ANALYSING CREATING REALISING

{Can you match each high performance aptitude to the correct symbol?}

Safeguarding

If you have any concerns about a child's safety or wellbeing, please act on it. School is here to help and support. We all share the responsibility of safeguarding children.

Safeguarding Lead	Mrs D. Hughes-Mulhall Headteacher
Safeguarding Deputy	Ms G. Uppal Deputy Headteacher
Safeguarding Deputy	Mrs N. Tanner Deputy Headteacher/SENCO
Safeguarding Officer	Ms N. Reeves School Business Lead
Safeguarding Officer	Ms N. Sprenger Learning Community Lead

Fundraising

Our Summer Fayre raised a fantastic £1,682! Well done to everyone involved. The Summer Fayre also serves as an annual learning experience, when our learners enjoy the opportunity to shop with their friends and, importantly, make decisions about best value, calculate change and contribute to both a charity and school! Phew – it really is a multi-purpose event as well as a long-standing Parkhill Junior School tradition. The money will be split between different charities and school.

Birthday and all other Celebrations

We all love birthdays and want to share the joy of this special day with friends, at school! Should you wish your child to give a gift to their class, please ensure that it is not any type of food.



We have many children with severe nut allergies. Please ensure that any snacks and packed lunches do not contain nuts or nut products. (Always check the label)

Attendance and Punctuality

With your support, we work hard to ensure that our young learners 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!

This term's attendance champions are: 3O and 6C

Well done!

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

Every second counts!

This term's punctuality champions are: 3O and 6S

Well done!



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.**

Health and Safety

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 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

On more than one occasion, it has come to our attention that, without their parents' knowledge, children are using chatrooms social media platforms and other forums to communicate. We cannot emphasise enough, the danger of this or any unsupervised online activity. We send you a monthly online safety newsletter to advise you about the risks and dangers that our children face. Please ensure that you know what your child is doing at all times, when they are online.

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.

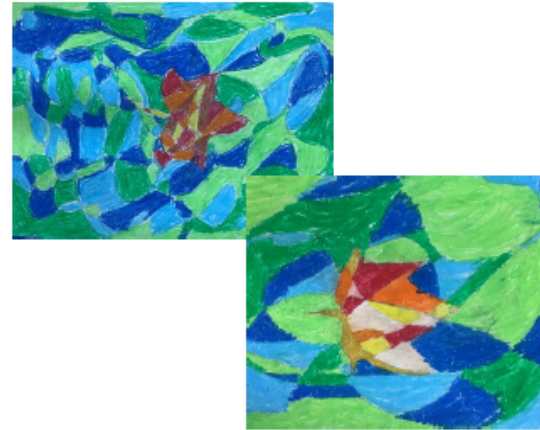
Year 3

As our Year 3 journey is coming to an end, we are taking some time to celebrate achievements and to remember all the amazing things we have done, since September 2022.

Autumn Term

The Big Draw theme was 'Come Back to Colour' and we used 'scribbling pattern art' to create autumn leaf images. We collected leaves from outside and used them to draw an outline of our leaves. Then, we studied the colours of the leaves and decided if they were 'warm' or 'cool' colours.

'I remember The Big Draw! It was super interesting as we used natural resources (leaves) to sketch our leaf. We used the media of oil pastels- warm colours inside of the leaf and cool colours outside of the leaf.' Jia 3O



Spring Term

Our text was 'Leon and the Place Between'; a story all about magic! The children have made headway with the tasks, including writing their own page of the books and creating a persuasive poster advertising their own circus! The children thoroughly enjoyed the book.

"This book is set in a circus. We learned about the different acts and studied the style of the author and tried to replicate it in our English lessons" – Arya, 3C

Summer Term

As a way of wrapping up a wonderful year full of creative experiences and developing our resilience, Year 3 took part in a circus workshop! We learned different skills and, most importantly, we enjoyed learning!

"We learnt some new talents and skills at our circus workshop. My favourite circus equipment was the diabolo and when we had to balance the peacock feather we had to look at the eye" Anandvir, 3A



Reminders

- ❖ Make sure you read every day during the summer holidays.
- ❖ Please return any Parkhill books that you may have at home.
- ❖ Continue to practise your times tables using Times Tables Rock Stars.

Well done everyone, we are very proud of you. Have a wonderful summer and remember to - Enjoy Learning!

Mrs Ozkan, Ms Gay, Mrs Palmer and Ms Castell

Year 4

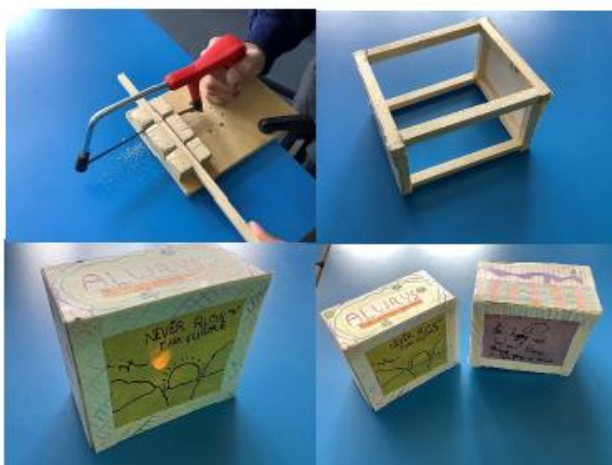
Find out what new and exciting things we have been looking at, in Year 4! Enjoy Learning!

Gymnastics

4N showed their balancing skills during our gymnastic session. They demonstrated determination and concentration.

'In indoor P.E, I found balancing fun. When balancing, I found standing on one leg challenging but if I focus I can do it.'

Ravneet - 4N



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Hopefully everyone will be inspired by our motivational light boxes. We had to cut, glue and assemble our wooden structures (thankfully everyone walked away with their fingers intact!).

'I found cutting the wood a bit difficult. But I liked gluing the pieces together into a box. It's sitting on a side table at home, and my parents are very impressed with it.'

Aliyah - 4H

Weaving

The children used a weaving card, thread and a method of going over and under to weave. They were given the opportunity to use whatever material and colours they wanted to use.

'I really enjoyed weaving with my partner because we used a lot of teamwork; my partner was pulling the string up and I was putting the string under. We both did a great job!' Yusef- 4A

I learnt many new skills that I didn't know before. Overall it was interesting and fun.' Gursimran- 4A



Animation

In our computing lessons, we have been creative and linked our high performance attributes, by recreating the book called 'Beowulf' with our talk partner. We planned, created and filmed our story by using 'Stop Motion' app and produced awarding-winning mini movies!

'We all made excellent animations and learnt so many skills like, how to position the camera to take a photograph, editing and add sound effects to our movies. This has inspired some of us to take this up as a hobby!'

Kian- 4DO



We are extremely proud of each and every one of you this year and wish you the very best for year 5!
Mrs De Oliveira, Ms Nayak, Mrs Ahsan and Mr Hansen.

Year 5

Year 5 have had such a tremendous year! A year of new and exciting learning. Through their numerous educational visits and outdoor learning, they have made links with their class learning experiences along with fabulous memories. Read on, to enjoy their learning experiences.

Geography

Our 'field trip' to Clayhall Park and the surrounding areas proved informative. The children had studied the area maps from 1897 through to 1939 – seeing the physical features change due to human impact. The children were fascinated to see the change from fields to streets and houses.

"It was good, getting to explore things by going outside to look at the human and physical features instead of being inside." Neal, Class 5H.



Pond Dipping!

An absolutely super day was had by all at the Soanes Science Centre, where all pupils were immersed in their learning, as they became conservationists to answer the question, 'Do we need to feed pond animals?' and, 'What do pond animals eat?' The children worked collaboratively, making scientific observations, researching and discussing findings to draw their conclusions.

I enjoyed pond-dipping because we caught a salamander."Willan, Class 5R

We collected tadpoles and other creatures. We learnt what plants and other creatures eat." Abihia, Class 5T.
"We got to look at the different creatures, close-up."

Aamina, Class 5H.



Science

More collaborative and outdoor learning, as the children learnt about 'forces'. They made predictions about which type of boat would move the quickest – using scientific vocabulary, such as water-resistance and carried out investigations to find out the effect of air-resistance on their home-made parachutes.

"It was fun watching the parachutes glide through the air because of air resistance and fun finding out if our predictions were right." Sanjana, Class 5H.

"I really enjoyed learning about forces because they are in our everyday life. We made boats and tested this out in an experiment." Kiyana, Class 5T.



Reminders

Swimming- Well done Year 5! You have all challenged yourself and began to develop and improve this vital life skill.

PE – Remember to keep moving, playing and having fun. This will ensure you get regular exercise during the summer holidays.

Reading Records – In Year 6, these will be replaced with a 'daily planner', where you will be expected to continue to record your daily reading.

Homework – Look out for holiday homework on Google Classroom. There will be activities to reinforce your learning and keep you prepared for when you return as Year 6 pupils.

We have thoroughly enjoyed being your class teachers, Year 5. Enjoy your summer break!

Ms Habib, Mr Da Costa, Ms Trimmer and Ms Rahman



Year 6



As the summer term draws to an end, we reflect on the exciting learning journey we have experienced, and what an exhilarating end to an amazing year. This half term we sang, danced, performed, designed, produced and sold an array of amazing products. Here are just a few of the highlights, of Year 6.

I liked going to the park to sketch, whilst enjoying nature and time out with class mates. Areesha, 6G



The past 4 years in this school have taught me how to grow and reach my full potential, and my amazing teachers at Parkhill have helped me along the way. They have taught me to be myself and learn how mistakes are a lesson. For me, the highlight of this year, was going to the Royal Albert Hall and performing there. Also being elected as prime minister, and knowing I made a difference to the school. I will leave feeling proud of myself as will everybody else. This is why Parkhill is the best. Thank you for these amazing opportunities. Zyna, 6S - Prime Minister



It has been a privilege to work with you this year. I have seen you show resilience and determination through a range of challenges you have faced. You have matured greatly and shown a deep respect for each other. I wish you all the best for the future and hope you will return to share with me your successes. Ms Castellanos



I am so proud of your achievements this year. It has been an absolute pleasure to be part of your learning journey. Keep smiling, working hard and being yourselves. It has been wonderful to see you develop and grow, as you faced challenges with determination and courage. Mrs Simms



It has been an absolute delight to have been your teacher (even if for a short time). I think each and every one of you has so much potential that I'm certain you'll all go on to achieve great things at secondary school. I wish each and every one of you the very best for your future. Mr Forbes



We have enjoyed our years at Parkhill and are thankful for all the wonderful memories that Parkhill has given us. We will look back with happiness and miss you all. Esha, 6C - Parkhill Parliament member

A big 'Thank You' to all Year 6 class teachers, parents and pupils for all your hard-work and support. Without you, our journey together would not be possible. I am glad to have shared a part of an exciting end to the beginning of your learning journey. All the best! Ms Ward



I really like school because we had so many opportunities to express our opinions. Being part of Parkhill Parliament has meant I have made a positive change. I will really miss Parkhill. Prathosh, 6A - Deputy Prime Minister



CALENDAR OF LEARNING AND CELEBRATION

(Additional dates are routinely added)

21 st July 2023		Last Day of Term Big Breakfast for Parents/Carers – 9:05am
24 th July 2023		Summer Holiday Begins... ... and not a day sooner!
Academic Year 2023-2024		
4 th September 2023		Training Day School closed to children
5 th September 2023		Training Day School closed to children
6 th September 2023		First Day Back to School for Children.
3 rd October 2023 to 28 th October 2024		Black History Month
20 th October 2023		Day Glow Day
23 rd to 27 th October 2023		Half Term Holiday
21 st December 2023 to 3 rd January 2024		Christmas Holidays
4 th January 2024		Training Day School closed to children
5 th January 2024		Training Day School closed to children
8 th January 2024		First Day Back to School for Children.

Are you caring for a child who is not yours?

Private fostering is when someone who is not a close relative cares for another person's child under the age of 16 (18 if disabled) for 28 days or more.

A close relative is considered to be an aunt, uncle, grandparent, step parent or siblings. Friends of the family and other family members such as cousins or great aunts are not classed as close relatives for the purposes of Private Fostering, neither are families hosting overseas students who are being educated in the UK.

You need to legally notify us of any private fostering arrangements in Redbridge to ensure the child is safe.

Please contact Redbridge Children's Services on 020 8708 3885 or by

email CPAT.Referrals@redbridge.gov.uk For more information please visit our

website: <https://www.redbridge.gov.uk/private-fostering>