



The Parkland Federation

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13th May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We wanted to start our newsletter by saying the biggest **WELL DONE** to our Year 6 children and teachers. Monday 9th - Thursday 12th May saw the first National Key Stage 2 SATs Week in 3 years and despite disruption to their learning in Year 4 and 5 due to Covid-19, the children have radiated our school values every single day by showing resilience, aspiration, positivity and cooperation. We are very proud of them! A huge well done also to the Year 6 Teaching Team who have worked so hard to prepare the children for Secondary School - and to Mrs Das, Mr Allison and Mrs Smith for serving more than 200 bacon sandwiches and lots of croissants at our special SATs breakfast sessions this week. A huge thank you to Mr Anderson too for doing the cooking! We wish Year 6 and their teachers a very well deserved, restful weekend.





EYFS

We've been very busy down in EYFS the past two weeks! We've been learning about 'Farmer Duck' and how important it is to work as a team. We've also been learning about sharing equally in Maths and making repeating patterns which the children were excellent at! We've also taken part in the 'Baton of Hope' this week and been designing some beautiful pieces of art work for our whole school project. The children loved exploring the paints and we can't wait to see the final piece of artwork. Finally, to add to all that excitement, our baby chicks have started to hatch! Hopefully next week you'll see a photo of our fluffy little friends.

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week Frankie & Bea (Kerr) and Henry & Tyler (Inkpen) - and also to our Dojo winners Willow & Harry (Kerr) and Tanci & James (Inkpen)



Year 1

It has been a busy few weeks for Year 1 and we are so proud of how well the children have been doing in their Phonics lessons! The children have also started a new book in their English lessons called 'Dear Greenpeace'. It has been so nice to see the children feel passionate about saving the environment and we look forward to seeing the children's results from the Big Plastic Count campaign! The children have been getting creative in DT, designing moving pictures for the story 'Bog Baby' and also creating pieces in Art in the style of Monet. Some of the children in Shireen class have also been continuing to whip up some healthy and tasty food in Let's Get Cooking!

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week: Yasmin W & Cayden (Donaldson) and Kody & Brooke (Shireen) and also to our Dojo winners: Katie & Alex (Donaldson) and Tyler & Kitty (Shireen).



Year 2

Something fishy has been going on in Year 2! We had so much fun investigating how a fish can survive under water, especially when we got to observe a real fish! We were able to look inside its gills and feel how its fins move! We have also started our 'Secret Agent Training' practise and the children have impressed us with their hard work and their positivity. We begin our real Secret Agent Training next week and we are sure the children will have just the same positive attitude all week. We were incredibly lucky to have been given some real Victorian artefacts from the Museum Service, which allowed us to explore life in Victorian times and compare it to our own lives. We loved looking at photos of people visiting the seaside - things were so much different then!

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week, Ruby & Jesse (Beaty) Nyla and Phoebe (Santat) - and also to our Dojo winners, Harlie & Joshua (Beaty) and Mollie and James L (Santat)



Year 3

We have been going fraction mad! The children have been building on their skills to compare, order, add and subtract and find equivalent fractions. So impressive! In art, we have been exploring clay and learning how to manipulate it in readiness to help us with our designs. As part of our PSHE, we have been thinking about relationships within our family and our friends and looking at ways we can help each other to build connections and support one another. In PE, we have been developing our accuracy skills and learning how to play in a team in rounders games.

The children have been so focused showing such consideration for their peers as they worked so quietly this week! Amazing effort!

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week Lukas & Frankie (Harrison) & Savannah & Krystal (Woodson) - and also to our Dojo winners David & Faith (Harrison) & Keira & Indiarna (Woodson).



Year 4



Year 4 have been busy painting their clay leaf designs. Using acrylic paint, the children created a range of earth-style colours and painted their leaves using this. I'm sure you'll agree they all look fantastic! Congratulations Year 4 on being such fantastic artists! We have also been busy working on our rounders skills, ready for the summer months! The children have been learning about how to bat, how to bowl and how to field. Year 4 have really developed their throwing and catching skills whilst playing this sport. What good sports people!

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week, Grayson, Tommy & Jack (Walliams) Oliver & Ciaran (Blackman) - and also to our Dojo winners, Arya, Aurelia and Amelia (Walliams) Brandon & Stephan (Blackman),

Year 5



Year 5 are learning about Hinduism. We learnt that Hindus believe that every action has a consequence. Hindu people invented the game of snakes and ladders to illustrate this. We made our own versions and wrote our own consequence cards. If it was a good consequence you could go up the ladder, if it was bad you went down a snake.

In P.E, we have had so much fun playing kick rounders! We started off by just getting used to being able to kick the ball and trying to get a home run and are slowly adding more rules into the game such as stumping someone out on the closest stump -or aiming for the stump they are running to.

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week: Esmee and Mya (Wilson) and Neveah B and Rosie (Zephaniah) and also to our Dojo winners: Tag and Tyler (Wilson) and Jessica S and Nakshatra (Zephaniah).

Year 6



What a truly amazing Year 6 we have!

As we are sure you are aware, Year 6 have completed their SATS tests this week in Grammar, Spelling, Reading and Maths. They have worked so hard and have shown real resilience and positivity. We could not have asked for any more. We are all very proud of them and know that they are proud of their achievements too.

To relax between tests, they have produced some lovely shape designs using a variety of 2D shapes and a range of medium. They look incredibly striking up on the wall. What a talented group of children we have at Parkland!

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week - All of 6 Mian and 6 Rosen - You have been fantastic! and also to our Dojo winners, Lewis and Kyle (6 Rosen) and Harry and Jayden W (Mian).

This week's attendance:

Excellent attendance at school allows a child to have the best possible start in life. All pupils should aim for at least **97%** attendance in order to ensure they do not miss out on their education.

Inkpen Class (YR) 93%	Kerr Class (YR) 94%	Shireen Class (Y1) 92%
Donaldson Class (Y1) 94%	Santat Class (Y2) 94%	Beaty Class (Y2) 94%
Harrison Class (Y3) 95%	Woodson Class (Y3) 94%	Walliams Class (Y4) 92%
Blackman Class (Y4) 90%	Zephaniah Class (Y5) 91%	Wilson Class (Y5) 93%
Mian Class (Y6) 94%	Rosen Class (Y6) 92%	The Highest Attendance Award goes to Harrison class. Super!

SCHOOL COUNCIL



School Council Update

The '**Citizen of the Fortnight**' at the Junior School is Sophia in 6 Rosen for her helpful nature and positive attitude this week during SATs. Well done, Sophia!

The '**Citizen of the Fortnight**' at the Infant School is Rupert in Kerr for going out of his way to help others at lunchtime. Well done, Rupert - and thank you for being a role model to your peers.



Eco Committee Update

Our **Eco tip** this fortnight is to try to cut out any **plastic** where possible. More details will follow on how you can join in with the **Plastic Count**. Greenpeace are promoting this count in order to demonstrate how much plastic waste is created by our local supermarkets. We can take a stand in our approach by also writing to the supermarkets to request they **use less plastic!** If your child would like to write a letter, these can then be handed in at the office. Mrs Walker will then personally hand deliver these letters...

Eco Committee update - We are very close to sending off our application for our **Green Flag Award** with all of the evidence that we have as a school which demonstrates how Eco-Friendly we are. We are very excited and will keep you up to date with what happens next over the upcoming weeks! Thank you so much for your support.



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SAVE THE DATE!



Drop in Parent Coffee Morning

Tuesday 7th June at 9am Venue - Parkland (Dahl Studios)

Following on from the success of our recent parent workshops, we are really keen to hear your views on how we can improve the support we give you and your child around emotional and mental health. On **Tuesday 7th June, at 9.00 am**, our Mental Health Support Team and our Family Liaison officer, Dawn Wingett, will be holding an informal drop in coffee morning for all parents from EYFS to Year 6.

At the meeting, we would love to hear your views and opinions on what we can do to improve the care and support that you and your child receive. Look out for our letter which will detail the link needed to book yourself a place. We look forward to seeing you there!

YOUR VIEWS MATTER

CHARLSTON FESTIVAL EVENT

Every year, Charleston holds an amazing literary festival with lots of well-known authors and speakers. This year, they're piloting some [family events for kids aged 8-14](#) featuring Michael Morpurgo and Jacqueline Wilson and more.

The festival will be held on 21-22 and 28-29 May and the recommended age for children is 7+. Adults are £10 and Children are FREE.

Join [Jacqueline Wilson](#), author of the Tracy Beaker and Hetty Feather books; nature lover [Michael Morpurgo](#); Charlie and Lola creator [Lauren Child](#), and magnificent world builders [Jessie Burton](#) and [Phillip Reeve](#) at Charleston Festival this May. It's a fantastic opportunity to hear some of your favourite authors share their stories and a chance to get your books signed.

Enter promo code **SCHOOLCF22** when you [book tickets](#) to ensure children can go free. <https://www.charleston.org.uk/>



Please Be Considerate Towards Our Neighbours

Please can we remind all parents and carers about our high expectations when on and around the school site. Modelling good manners and behaviour is something we do in school every day and it supports us greatly when children see this modelled outside of school too. Please respect our neighbours by parking considerately and ensuring you and your families do not drop litter or wait on gardens or driveways that do not belong to the school. Thank you so much for your support.

“Be someone kind, and considerate, and you will be admired.”



Our Bottle Top Sculptures

You may have noticed that some sculptures have appeared outside the School Office. These were made using leftover bottle tops from our beautiful murals and were created by Cristina Staicu. We love that these plastic lids have been repurposed into artwork that can be enjoyed by the children. They also remind us of our commitment to educating pupils about the importance of looking after our planet. Thank you, Mrs Staicu!



Win a family ticket - to celebrate the llama's birthdays

Luna and Star have some very exciting news to share. They will both be celebrating their second birthdays next week, as well as commemorating their first year living with us at Parkland. Luna and Star have become a firm favourite amongst children, staff and visitors. They love nothing more than spending time with the children, walking, being groomed and giving those special 'Llama kisses'. To celebrate these exciting events, we will be holding a raffle with a fabulous llama related prize - A llama walk with the birthday girls! The winner can bring along upto 6 family and friends for an after school experience like no other. Meet, groom and walk the llamas with members of our dedicated Animal Team on the school grounds for an hour! We also have a runner up prize of 2 free children's tickets to Drusillas. Raffle tickets will be available every morning next week, from Star and Luna themselves, during morning drop off time. £1 a ticket, enter as many times as you like, all money raised goes towards the care of all our wonderful animals. Winners will be picked at random by Mrs Berhane on **Friday 20th May**.



Mrs Smith

Mrs Smith is currently one of our wonderful Year 6 teachers and she has been with us at Parkland for many years, making a real difference to hundreds of children. Sadly for us, Mrs Smith has decided to retire at the end of this academic year. She will be greatly missed by everyone at The Parkland Federation but we consider ourselves very lucky to have had her as part of our team. I know you will all join us in wishing her a very, very happy retirement.

HAPPY Retirement!



"How lucky am I to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard."

Winnie the Pooh

BETT SHOW 2022

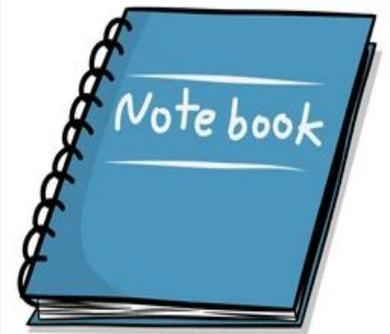
Last month, our Digital Leaders had the amazing opportunity to go to the British Educational Training and Technology Show (BETT) which is a showcase for every technology company involved in education. They had an absolutely amazing time, hands on coding robots and computers of every description. They even played basketball with an interactive wall and PE equipment, which the students loved. (At only £18000, we're still working on Ms Simpson to let us buy one.) It was a really eye opening experience to the fantastically creative world of technology for the students.



Important Dates and INFORMATION

Diary Dates

20th May 2022	<p>Design a Royal Spoon Competition FOPS) Entries must be in by this date. Entry is £2 to be creative and turn a wooden spoon into the Queen!</p>
24th May 2022	<p>Special Charity Mufti Day - More details to follow</p>
24th May 2022	<p>Circus Pazaz Performances and Mini Fair - Performances by ticket only - 3.45pm & 5.45pm - we hope you enjoy the shows and the Fair.</p>
27th May 2022	<p>Red, White & Blue Mufti and Picnic lunch - please ensure you complete the picnic lunch link by 20th May.</p>
7th June 2022	<p>Drop in parent coffee morning at the Dahl studios - more details to follow</p>
1st July 2022	<p>Colour Run - details will be coming out soon</p>



thank you!

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY



We are looking to recruit a **Parent Governor** who has a specific focus on The Parkland Federation. As a governor you will be able to raise questions and take part in discussion and decision making, working as part of a team to support the school. If you are interested in applying for the role or would like to know more, please call in to the Office to pick up an Application Pack. The closing date for applications is **Friday, 10th June 2022**.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about GROUP CHATS

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Occurring through messaging apps, on social media and in online games, group chats are among the most popular ways that young people engage with their peers online. Involving, by definition, three or more individuals, these groups allow users to send messages, images and videos to everyone in one place. While they are useful for helping friends, people with shared interests or members of a club to communicate and coordinate activities, they can also leave young people feeling excluded and bullied – as well as providing opportunities for inappropriate content to be shared and viewed.

BULLYING

Unkind comments or images which are purposely aimed at an individual can be shared freely in a group chat – allowing and often encouraging others to join in the bullying behaviour. If this content is shared in a group of their peers (especially a larger group), it serves to amplify the hurt, embarrassment, anxiety and isolation that the victim feels.

EXCLUSION AND ISOLATION

This common issue with group chats can happen in several ways: starting a new group, for instance, but deliberately excluding a certain child. Likewise, the chat may take place on an app which one child doesn't have access to, meaning they can't be involved. A child can also feel isolated when a group chat is used to discuss or share images from an event that everyone else but them attended.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some discussions in group chats may include inappropriate words, swearing and unsuitable images or videos. These could be viewed by your child if they are part of that group, whether they actively engage in it or not. Some chat apps have a disappearing message function, so your child may be unable to report something they've seen because it can only be viewed once or for a short time.

SHARING GROUP CONTENT

It's important to remember that – while the content of the chat is private between those in the group – individual users can easily share a message, photo or video with others outside of the group or screenshot what's been posted. The risk of something your child intended as private becoming public (and potentially going viral) is higher if there are people they don't know well in the group.

UNKNOWN MEMBERS

Within larger group chats, it's more likely your child will be communicating with people they don't really know. These strangers may be friends of the host, but not necessarily friendly toward your child. It's wise for young people not to share personal details and stay aware that they have no control over the messages and images they share after they've put them online.

NOTIFICATIONS AND FOMO

A drawback of large group chats is the sheer number of notifications. Every time someone in the group messages, your child's device will be 'pinged' with an alert: potentially, this could mean hundreds of notifications a day. Not only is this highly distracting, but young people's fear of missing out on the latest conversation results in increased screen time as they try to keep up with the chat.

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Advice for Parents & Carers

CONSIDER OTHERS' FEELINGS

Group chats are often an arena for young people to gain social status. This could cause them to do or say things on impulse, which could upset others in the group. Encourage your child to consider how other people might feel if they engaged in this behaviour. If your child does upset a member of their group chat, support them to reach out, show empathy and apologise for their mistake.

GIVE SUPPORT, NOT JUDGEMENT

Remind your child that they can confide in you if they feel bullied or excluded in a group chat, instead of responding to the person who's upset them. Validate their hurt feelings and help to put them back in control by discussing how they'd like to handle the situation. On a related note, you could also empower your child to speak up if they're in a chat where others are being picked on.

BLOCK, REPORT AND LEAVE

If your child is in a chat where inappropriate content is being shared, advise them to block the users sending the material, report them to the host app or platform and exit the group. If any of this content could be putting a minor at risk, contact the police. Emphasise to your child that it's OK for them to simply leave any group chat that they don't feel comfortable being a part of.

PRACTISE SAFE SHARING

In any online communication, it's vital for young people to be aware of what they're sharing and who might potentially see it. Discuss the importance of not revealing identifiable details like their address, their school or photos that they wouldn't like to be seen widely. Remind them that once something is shared in a group, they lose control of where it may end up and how it might be used.

AVOID INVITING STRANGERS

Sadly, many individuals online hide their true identity to gain a child's trust – for example, to gather information on them, to exchange inappropriate content or to coax them into doing things they aren't comfortable with. Ensure your child understands why they shouldn't add people they don't know to a group chat – and, especially, to never accept a group chat invitation from a stranger.

SILENCE NOTIFICATIONS

Having a phone or tablet bombarded with notifications from a group chat can be a massive irritation and distraction – especially if it's happening late in the evening. Explain to your child that they can still be part of the group chat, but that it would be healthier for them to turn off or mute the notifications and catch up with the conversation at a time which better suits them.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing Internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about THE OFCOM CHILDREN AND PARENTS: MEDIA USE AND ATTITUDES REPORT 2022

ONLINE LIFE

99% of children went online in 2021

Who owns a mobile phone?



GAMING AMONG CHILDREN



ONLINE SAFETY

42% of parents knew the minimum age requirement for using social media

90% of parents had high awareness of parental tools and controls, but only **70%** use them

89% of children got online safety guidance from parents

69% of children got online safety guidance from teachers

ONLINE BULLYING

4 in 10 children were bullied. How many of them were bullied online?

74% of 8-11s
92% of 12-15s
84% of 16-17s

FAKE NEWS

NEWS

Save the Tree Octopus!

72% of teens said they could tell real from fake – but in tests, **only 11%** chose reliable identifiers that a post was genuine.



PARENTAL CONCERNS

4 in 10 parents were concerned about their child's screen time

18 CENSORED **7 in 10** were concerned about age-inappropriate content

6 in 10 were concerned about content promoting self-harm

5 in 10 were concerned about extremist content online

POPULAR PLATFORMS

What percentage of children used ...



SOCIAL MEDIA AND LIVE STREAMING

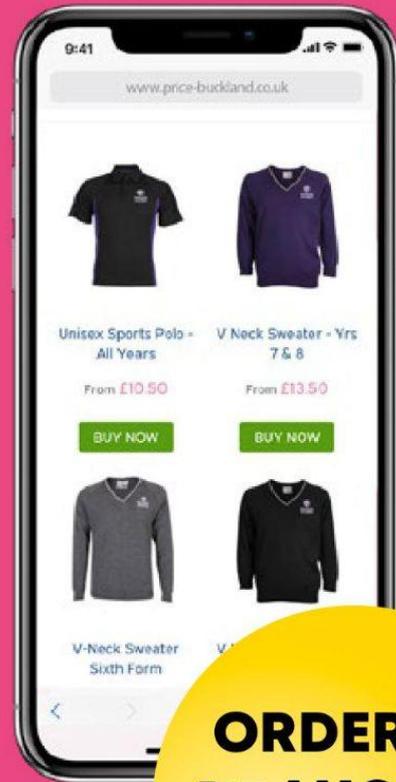
Age groups	Children who use live streaming apps	Children who use social media
3 to 4-year-olds	32%	21%
5 to 7-year-olds	39%	33%
8 to 11-year-olds	54%	64%
12 to 15-year-olds	73%	91%
16 to 17-year-olds	79%	97%

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09:00 - 13:00
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10:00 - 12:00
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16:00 - 17:00
Little Tekkers Football
4 - 6 Yrs.
£4.00

Fridays
10:00 - 12:00
Tennis Fun
£6.00

Wednesdays
13:00 - 15:00
Fridays
12.30-2.30pm
Football Fun
£6.00



SUMMER SPORTS

● FULLY SUPERVISED ● FROM AGES 5+
● EVERY WEEK THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER
● PRIZES & REWARDS

*Bouncy Castle & Treasure Hunt Fun (children aged 5-10yrs.) will be supervised but parents must stay the duration. All sorts of different Arts & crafts making will be available throughout too!

*'Sports For All' Camps! Brand New. Its simple, we run a variety of different activities that all children can enjoy together. Crash Mat Relays, Ultimate Frisbee, Hockey, Bench Ball, Racket, and Ball sports Galore! This is completely supervised , drop off and pick up. This activity has a lunch break included so please pack a lunch and drink for your child, any sun cream and sun hats for outside play too!

*Badminton and Table Tennis Fun- we'll be putting on fun challenges & games throughout our racket/bat sport experience!

*Tennis Fun sessions will be supervised, learning the basics of the game with fun drills, skills and matches along the way!

*USA Dodgeball is all about Ducking, Diving, Moving, Catching, & Throwing! With our FOAM PVC coated Dodgeballs, every moment will be remembered in this fast-paced action sport & extremely fun session!

* Football Fun sessions will run fun drills, skills, games, and tournaments.

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