



# The Parkland Federation

Aim High, Work Hard, Dream Big

## Welcome to 2021-22

14th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome to the new academic year. The children have all looked incredibly smart and have settled so well into their new classrooms. We couldn't be more proud of them! As well as welcoming a fabulous new cohort into EYFS, we have welcomed seven new staff members to our team too. Here they are:



Miss Message  
Year 1 Teacher



Mrs Walsh  
Year 3 Teacher



Mrs Santos  
Year 4 Teacher



Mrs Staicu  
Year 5 Teaching Assistant



Mr Allison  
Year 6 Teaching Assistant & ASC Leader





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Mrs Banton  
MDSA/Play Leader



Miss Akehurst  
MDSA/Play Leader



Our lunchtime meals have now returned to being in the school halls. If you would like further information about our providers, please use the following link:

<https://www.pabulum-catering.co.uk/primary-school-meals/>

## SEN & Pastoral Support

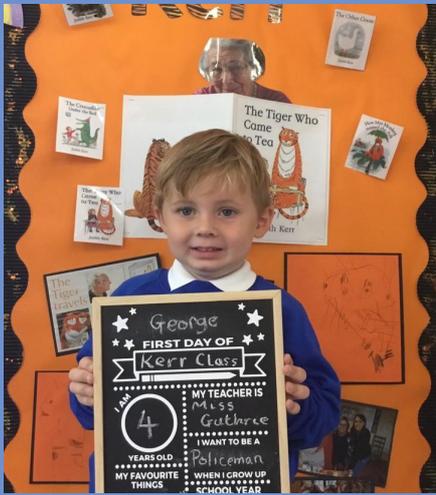
Miss Jewell has stepped up into the role of Assistant Head of Schools (AHoS) and SENco. She will be leading on pupils with additional needs alongside Mrs Moran who is our Deputy SENco. Mrs Das will continue in her role as Pastoral Leader and Assistant Head of schools. Please do contact them or your class teacher if you have any questions or concerns.



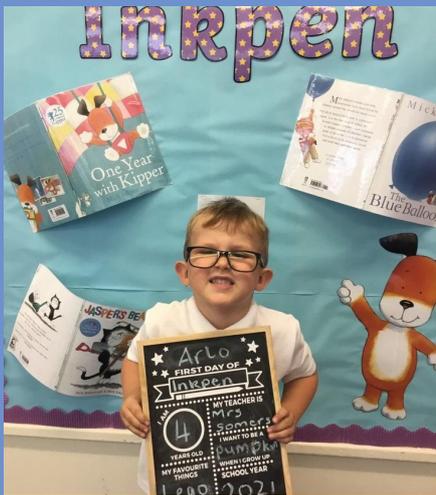
Miss Jewell AHoS & SENco Mrs Moran Deputy SENco Mrs Das AHoS & Pastoral



## EYFS



EYFS have settled into Parklands exceptionally well this week. Teachers have been on their travels, visiting our super new cohort at home. The children have also been into school for a shorter day to get them settled into school life.



During the days they've been at school, the children have been busy making lots of new friends, exploring the indoor and outdoor environment, going for a tour of the school and meeting some adults as well as all of our lovely animals. We are super excited to have all of the children in school with us full time now and are very much looking forward to this exciting year ahead.

## Year 1



Year 1 have had a busy first week getting to know their new classroom and adults. Their first topic "To Infinity and Beyond" is a super hero theme and the children have already had a lot of fun planning missions and dressing up in their Super Hero Headquarters role play areas! As well as exploring their new toys and outdoor area, the children have also created some beautiful pictures of their families, memories from their summer holiday and self-portraits. The children are easing into more formal learning and have worked very hard in their English, Maths and Science lessons so far!



Congratulations to our Stars of the Week - Honey (Donaldson) & Alistair (Shireen).

Well done to our Dojo winners, Clara (Donaldson) & Mackenzie (Shireen)!



## Year 2

The Year 2 team would like to say a big "Welcome!" to all of the children in Santat and Beaty class. We have started work on our exciting topic 'Dragons & Dinosaurs' by learning about castles. In English, our creative juices have been flowing as we write a recount for a video clip we have studied. We can't wait to see their final pieces! This week in Science we have been learning about materials and their properties. Thinking about why things are made out of specific materials and why. In our art lesson, we started to explore different tools for painting and had a practical session investigating a range of tools. Our RE lesson explored the story of Jesus as a healer and allowed us to discuss kindness and making good choices, even when it is hard.

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week - Suzie (Beaty) & Violet (Santat).

Well done to our Dojo winners, Freya (Beaty) & Harrison (Santat)!

## Year 3

A fantastic start for our newest Junior children! We are so impressed with the way the children have settled into their new routines and expectations. Harrison class have been learning about their author Vashti Harrison and have learnt how to draw characters in the same style. Woodson class have been practising drawing their self portraits, we have some very talented artists indeed! We have also started our Science topic learning all about the importance of good nutrition for growth and health. You may also have noticed our new outdoor area which is under construction. We will soon be covering this area so that it can be used for outdoor learning in all weathers. We are so proud of you Year 3!

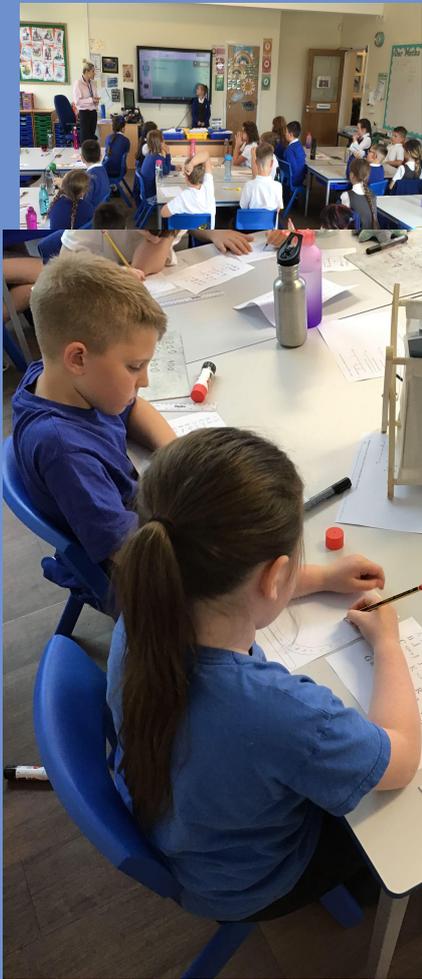
Congratulations to our Stars of the Week - Faith (Harrison) and Otilia (Woodson)

Well done to our Dojo winners - Alfie (Harrison) and Frankie (Woodson)

## Year 4

Welcome back to Year 4! We have had the most wonderful week back with the children and have been absolutely delighted with all of their hard work! We would like to thank all the children for their fantastic contributions, and to our wonderful parents and carers who support the children so well. Thank you, and here's to a fantastic year!

Our first topic is called Tomb Raiders and is all about the glories of Ancient Egypt! The children have been busy designing their very own cartouches, which we are sure you will agree look absolutely fabulous. [Congratulations to our Stars of the Week - Jack \(Blackman\) & Kirbie \(Walliams\). Well done also to our Dojo winners, Dante \(Blackman\) & Zach \(Walliams\).](#)



## Year 5

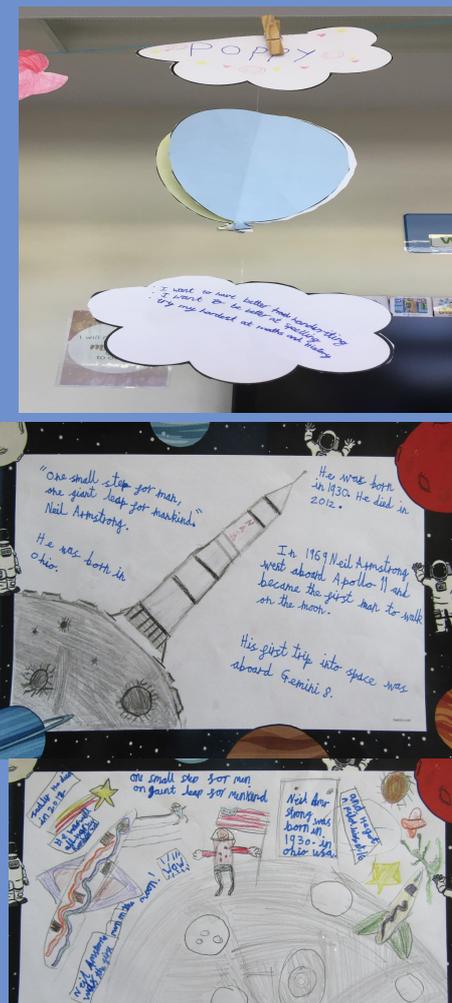
Oh my word! What lucky teachers we are to welcome our new Year 5. children. They certainly know how to make us proud. We are also delighted to have our wonderful parents/carers picking up from the playground again. We are keen to get to know you well.

The children have had the opportunity to find out facts about Jacqueline Wilson and Benjamin Zephaniah - surely two of the coolest class authors ever! Great work!

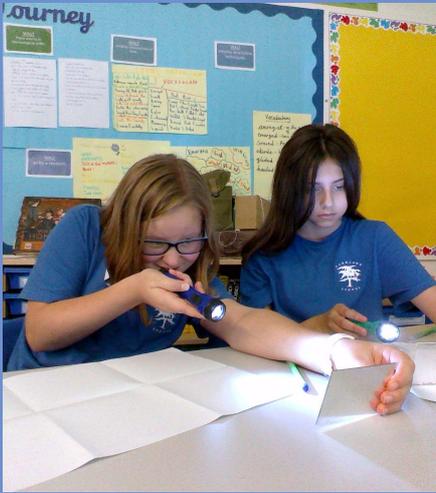
We launched our Autumn topic 'One Giant Leap' with an astronaut's training day. Learning about space is so exciting and they have worked so hard on researching Neil Armstrong. Their information posters are amazing!

[Congratulations to our Stars of the Week - Mya \(Wilson\) & Kai \(Zephaniah\).](#)

[Well done to our Dojo winners, Riley \(Wilson\) & Zahraa \(Zephaniah\)!](#)



# Year 6



.Welcome to Year 6! The children have made a super start to the year and we are impressed with their attitude and hard work.

Our first topic is "We'll Meet Again" and is all about World War II. Next week, the children will be designing and making their own air raid shelters, so if you have any used boxes, cardboard and tin cans these would be much appreciated.

We are also planning a trip to Newhaven Fort later in the term, more information will follow shortly.

Year 6 voted in their school council elections and democratically chose their new school councillors. Well done **Jasmine and Archie**.

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week - Riley (Rosen) & Gracie (Mian). Well done to our Dojo winners, Lillith (Rosen) & Lily-May (Mian)!

## Fortnightly Attendance Figures

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. This week's figures:

Inkpen Class (YR) No figures this week	Kerr Class (YR) No figures this week	Shireen Class (Y1) 99%
Donaldson Class (Y1) 96%	Santat Class (Y2) 97%	Beaty Class (Y2) 98%
Harrison Class (Y3) 98%	Woodson Class (Y3) 96%	Walliams Class (Y4) 98%
Blackman Class (Y4) 93%	Zephaniah Class (Y5) 97%	Wilson Class (Y5) 93%
Mian Class (Y6) 97%	Rosen Class (Y6) 95%	The Highest Attendance Award goes to Shireen Class. Bravo!

## Animal Update



Our lovely Animal Team members have had a fabulous summer break and have really enjoyed seeing the children return to school. During weekends and school holidays, there is always someone on site to feed the animals and ensure they get plenty of walks and treats. The llamas in particular were caught making good use of our new running track that has been installed around the field. During Term 5, we adopted 10 ex-commercial hens who were rather sad and undernourished. With a lot of love from our school cockerels and the children/staff, those hens are now thriving and laying eggs on a daily basis. The children collect the eggs and often use them for cooking in the classrooms and After School Club/Breakfast Club.

## School Routines

A huge thank you to everyone for adapting so quickly to our new routines now that we have lifted some of the COVID -19. restrictions. We are carefully monitoring these and will let you know if we need to make changes. We are aware that no longer operating staggered timings for separate bubbles has resulted in larger groups of people arriving at school at the same time, so please do remember that although the gates are open from 8.40am each morning, Junior pupils do not need to arrive in class until 8.50am and infant pupils do not need to arrive in class until 8.55am. The gates remain open until 9am to allow for a staggered entrance through the pedestrian gates. Please feel free to wear a face mask. Thank you in advance for your patience. Teachers have been **really** impressed with the way pupils start each day in such a calm and prepared manner, so your support has been greatly appreciated by the whole school team.





## Health and Safety

Please could we remind you that pupils should not be unattended by parents on the [Trim Trail](#) after school during pick up times. Children should be with an adult at all times once collected from their teacher.

Thank you to everyone for remembering not to ride [scooters](#) or [bikes](#) on school grounds in the mornings or after school. This is to ensure all members of the school community remain safe at all times.

# THANK YOU

## Safeguarding Updates

As you know, safeguarding is a huge priority for us. Ensuring that our site is a safe one and that the pupils have their needs met is at the forefront of everything we do. Our safeguarding team consist of a Safeguarding Leader (DSL) and three Deputy DSLs. All staff are trained in safeguarding so that they can support the school community.

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<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/research-resources/leaflets/parent-leaflets>

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## Support Available to You



The ESCC mental health support team now have social media. They aim to share self-help resources and information for your children on mental health and wellbeing issues, from their own team and also other organisations of relevance. Please do utilise this and remember to contact the Pastoral Team if you have any questions or concerns. We would love to help.

[Young People in East Sussex](#) – on Twitter, @YoungPeople\_ES

[Young People in East Sussex](#) – on Facebook, @YoungPeople.ESussex

[Young People in East Sussex](#) - on Instagram, @youngpeople\_esussex

### FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If you think you may be entitled to Pupil Premium funding, please use the link below. This will allow the school to provide free school meals as well as contribute to additional teaching/financial support for your child.

<https://eyeeonline.eastsussex.gov.uk/Synergy/Parents/default.aspx>