

# The Parkland Press!



The Parkland Federation Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As Term 3 draws to a close, we wanted to say a huge thank you for all of your support with home learning over the past six weeks. We fully understand the challenges brought by juggling home learning, wider family commitments and working from home. We certainly hope that the half term week gives everyone an opportunity to rest and enjoy a very well earned break. It has been an absolute pleasure for me as Head of Schools and for other Senior Leaders to spend time in the Google Classrooms and on Tapestry so that we can celebrate all of the wonderful learning going on. We were overwhelmed with the positive responses from our recent survey, so a very big thank you for letting us know your views. Your comments about things that have worked well with online learning have been shared with all teachers and we have also looked carefully at constructive comments in order to evolve our remote education practice. Offering live sessions with class teachers is something that many of you have asked for and is something that we were trialling with some pupils in Year 6. We were thrilled to be able to offer each class two live sessions over the past two weeks and we will be having these daily from Term 4. Please look out for the invitations through Google Classroom and Tapestry shortly. Please also make sure you have returned your remote permission forms to take part in live learning. Our teachers and support staff were absolutely thrilled to be able to see their classes together again!

All staff very much hope that we will be returning on March 8th so that pupils will once again have access to face to face teaching within the classroom. We are expecting an announcement from The Government on February 22nd and will update you as soon as we have further information. Thank you once again for your support and patience during the ongoing pandemic. It has been very much appreciated.

#### **ONLINE LEARNING EXPECTATIONS**



Please remember to ensure your child logs into Google Classroom or takes part in the work set on Tapestry for our EYFS children every day from **Monday 22nd February**. This is when we begin Term 4. A huge thank you for making sure assignments are completed and handed in for marking. If you do need any support, please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher or a member of the leadership team who will be very happy to help you.

#### FREE SCHOOL MEALS - VOUCHERS

Just a reminder to redeem all your vouchers that you have received via Edenred and Hugg. The first Edenred vouchers expire on 22nd February and we can see a few families have still not redeemed. You will have received a reminder from the Office. Once you have redeemed, the gift card will have a longer life span.

If your financial circumstances have recently changed or you wish to check whether you are eligible, then please click on the link below and complete the short online application. You will need to provide your date of birth and national insurance number.



https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schools/school-life/meals/free/

For those at school, please take advantage of the hot meal available daily.



#### **BEING SOCIAL ONLINE: A PARENT'S GUIDE**

Access to new tech over the winter period can provide new opportunities for children and young people but also present risks.

<u>This Think U Know guide</u> for parents looks at how they can support their child to be safer online this season by focusing on 3 key areas: viewing, sharing, chatting and friending.

#### WELCOME TO THE MAKATON SIGN OF THE WEEK

Each week, we will be bringing you a 'Makaton Sign of the Week'. Makaton uses signs and symbols to help people communicate. It supports the development of essential communication skills such as attention and listening, comprehension, memory, recall and organisation of language and expression. In school, we use a lot of Makaton when we sing and when we talk to one another. In order to keep promoting and using Makaton, we will include a Makaton Sign of the Week for the children (and adults!) to learn and use. The lovely Mrs Deaves will model it for you.

This week's sign is: 'finished.'

Put your finger tips together in front of your chest .Then curve them out away from each other, remember to say "finished" as you sign.

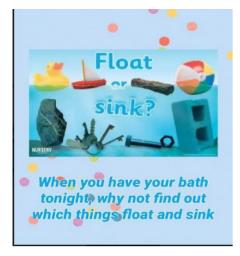




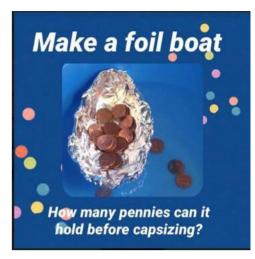
#### STEM CHALLENGE



Here are 3 watery challenges for you. Each one is testing buoyancy in some way. Does changing the material that you make a boat from make a difference? What do you notice about floating and sinking?







#### **TTROCKSTARS CHALLENGE - The Results**

Congratulations to our fabulous TT Rockstar Challenge Winners. They are:

Classes: 1st - Mian 2nd - Rosen 3rd - Jeffers 4th - Zephaniah Top Pupils in each Class: Owen S, Albert F, Elliott J, Matthew F, Phoenix B, Kai G, Stephan C, Bobby N, Frankie M and Isobella T. Congratulations! Certificates are on the way. A very big congratulations for the overall whole school winner, Owen S, who scored a staggering 58,085 points.



#### A VERY BIG THANK YOU!

We would like to thank the congregation of Kings Church who have made a very generous contribution towards the cost of purchasing some new computers for the school. We are very, very grateful for your support.



#### **NEW SMOOTHWALL SOFTWARE IN USE AT SCHOOL**



We have recently started using a new tool with all school technology called Smoothwall. It will filter the activity on all school devices and report back any concerns it finds, taking a screenshot to add context. E-safety is very important to us and this supports us in keeping all children and staff safe whilst online.

#### SPORTS PERSON OF THE TERM

Congratulations to **Samuel** on winning Sports Person of the Term at the Junior School and to **Barney** for winning Sports Person of the Term at the Infant School. Your sportsmanship, determination and commitment to sport and PE during lockdown has been amazing and you truly embody what this school is all about. Congratulations on this wonderful accolade - you are both very deserving recipients of this award!



#### **NEWS FROM BLUE PETER - HALF TERM**

Blue Peter are uploading videos to Youtube daily that are suitable for 5-11 year olds. They have all the top CBBC brands on there, with a wide range of genres from factual shows, news, dramas. comedy to entertainment. Programmes like Horrible Histories Blue Newsround, The Next Step, Saturday Mash-Up, Operation Ouch, the Playlist, the Dumping Ground, Heirs of the Night and Jamie Johnson. They are also welcoming back Dani Harmer in the brilliant new programme My Mum Tracy Beaker.

If your child would be interested please subscribe to <a href="https://www.youtube.com/cbbc">www.youtube.com/cbbc</a> - (it's obviously completely free to subscribe!) and don't forget to watch the CBBC live daily and on the BBC iPlayer.







#### YEAR 6 - RESIDENTIAL 2021 UPDATE

We are are very much hoping to offer our wonderful Year 6 pupils the chance to take part in the annual Residential trip to Blackland Farm. We have started planning this in order to secure dates for the summer term. These have been booked for **9th - 11th June 2021**. Once the Government has made further announcements about changes to restrictions, we will let you know a confirmed plan.

# Welcome to our new Become an online Raystede Ranger challenge.

Visit the Raystede website for a range of games, puzzles and make & do activities over the half term.

https://www.raystede.org/education/raystede-rangers-online-challenge





#### **ECO TIP OF THE FORTNIGHT**

#### **Use Eco-Cleaning Products to Clean the House!**

The ingredients that are in our cleaning products can actually be harmful for our environment. Some chemicals cause damage to our planet and biodiversity, so a way forward to reduce this is to switch to an eco- cleaning product as these contain no synthetic ingredients!



#### ONLINE LEARNING ATTENDANCE FIGURES THIS WEEK

Class	Percentage	Class	Percentage
Inkpen	83%	Kerr	93%
Donaldson	77%	Shireen	83%
Dahl	90%	Santat	94%
Angelou	94%	Jeffers	93%
Walliams	84%	Blackman	87%
Lewis	86%	Zephaniah	93%
Rosen	94%	Mian	97%

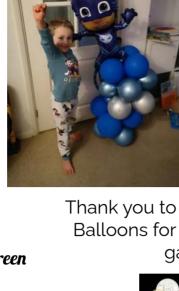
A very BIG well done to **SANTAT class** at Parkland Infant School and **MIAN class** at Parkland Junior School for having the highest attendance for online learning over the past fortnight. **What superstars!** Once again, a massive thank you to all of the wonderful parents and carers for supporting us in ensuring we can continue our pupils' education in the best way possible.







Alex's favourite colour is green so today he's a green superhero.



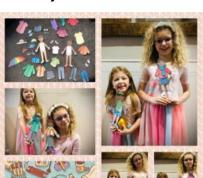
Thank you to Bryoni at Bespoke Balloons for the lovely balloon garlands.



Henry said he likes the skirt as the blue reminds him of the sky, the yellow in his top is a happy colour, pink is his favourite and the glasses because they are sparkly.

"You're braver than you believe, and stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think.'

Christopher Robin



<u>Wellbeing Day at</u> **The Parkland** <u> Federation - Friday</u> 5th February 2021

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Handmade by Claire.



Reception made a Heart of Gold for the front of the school gates. Well done EYFS!







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We saw lots of lovely book reviews. A big well done to Connor (Inkpen), Lilly (Dahl), Matilda (Mian) and Revathi (Mian), Thank you to Claire at CMS Crafts

for the gorgeous personalised bookmarks.



#### **Parent Competition**

Well done to Annabelle, Layla and Oscar's Mum for joining in with our parent challenge! You have won a free PT sessions with Ant from ABC Ants Boot Camp





#### **Battle of the Bands**

Well done to Nathan and his family for a great performance of 'Don't Stop Me Now'. Thank you to Dani from West End Studios for donating a food hamper.



# west end.



### Photography competition

Well done to Lottie for her stunning photo of Eastbourne seafront.
Thank you to Kienan for donating a beautiful canvas of Eastbourne beach for our lucky winner.

Thank you to Will at WTS Electrical Ltd for the personalised bags and caps. What a treat!













'Keep looking up..There may be a rainbow waiting for you'











Indoor picnic with Mrs Walker

An extra special thank you to Miss Guthrie for organising our Well Being Day!

#### **EYFS LEARNING**

Once again, we have been blown away with Reception's amazing learning. We have been learning about 'The Gingerbread Man' for the past two weeks. We have been doing prediction writing, making new characters, alternative endings and lots more. In Maths, we have been learning about our numbers of the week - 4 and 5. We have then been working on our number bonds to 5 and learning the names of 2D shapes.











Reception also had an amazing Well being day! We loved seeing all of the gorgeous things you got up to at home. The children in school also enjoyed joining in with all the lovely activities. A great two weeks had by all. Have an amazing and rested half term Kerr and Inkpen. We can't wait for next term's learning already! Love from, The Reception Team \(\bigvieq\)







#### **YEAR 1 LEARNING**

Year 1 have been extremely busy working their socks off over the last few weeks. Our topic this term is Kingdom of Ice which has fitted in well with the recent weather! We have conducted an ice experiment, have been building our own igloos, have been acting out parts of the Lost and Found story and have been learning about Robert Falcon Scott's expedition to Antarctica. We also managed to find some time to play in the snow! Look at the amazing learning that has been taking place!

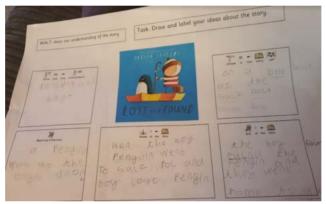






















We have also been learning all about what happens to our rubbish and how we can recycle. We have been learning how we can become more eco-friendly and look after the future of our planet.





#### **YEAR 2 LEARNING**

What a busy week Year 2 have had! It has been lovely to see how much fun you all had on our Wellbeing day on Friday. The children took part in so many activities and had a well-deserved break from online learning.

We have been learning about multiplication and division in maths, using technical vocabulary to describe how machines work in English and investigating the impact of exercise in science. The children have explored London before and after the Great Fire of London and have thought up ways to make a city safer.

Thank you to all of our lovely parents and carers for their amazing support over the week. We really enjoyed seeing you all at the Parent Consultations.

We hope you all enjoy a restful half term! Love from Mrs. BT, Miss. Timms, Mrs. N, Mrs. Sumner and Mrs. Walsh.































#### **YEAR 3 LEARNING**

Year 3 has been working spectacularly hard over the past two weeks! We have seen lots of lovely pictures from our well being day! Thank you very much for all those who took part! It was a lovely day! We have been busy making volcanoes in art, using recycled materials. It was great to see you all finding different materials that you could use around the house and turning it into something amazing! We have also been making the most of the snow! It was a lovely surprise waking up to see snow outside, and served as a nice break from all the hard work you have been completing indoors! Noah has also taken the time to write out his letter that we completed right at the beginning of term! How amazing, Noah!







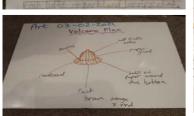














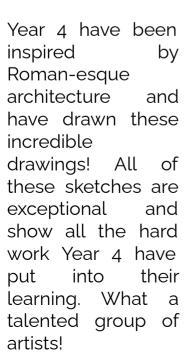




We hope you all enjoyed your wellbeing day here are some pictures of the fantastic things you have all been doing!







#### **YEAR 4 LEARNING**

#### **Wellbeing Day**















Congratulations, Elsie on creating this stunning cake. I am very impressed with these fabulous baking skills - I am sure you will all agree that it looks absolutely delicious!



Speaking of star-bakers, Jack created the outstanding millionaire's shortbread, seen above! Jack posted a series of videos to talk about the process involved in doing this. With this expert recipe and step by step guide, I know what I shall be making during the half term!

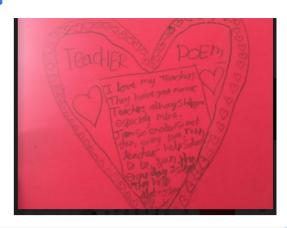
#### YEAR 5 LEARNING

Year 5 participation in **Wellbeing Day** was AMAZING! A huge thank you to all you lovely parents for helping make it such a wonderful success.

Mrs Rees has been making some fabulous Food Technology lessons and some of us have had a go. This week was Valentine's Day Smoothies. Last week was toast creations...









Our writing focus is currently creating information texts based around our topic, Traders and Raiders. We have also linked history and reading work to this. Here is one piece of brilliant work in progress:



#### **Anglo Saxon Life**

Being an Anglo Saxon was not very easy. Not only did they get involved in lots of battles, but they also had to work hard to live

They always settled in places where there was water, trees and stone. Moreover, the land had to be good enough to grow a lot of crops.

#### Farming

The churl had a little bit of land, where they grew tall crops. When they harvested, they made bread. This was slightly different to our bread today, but they could still put butter on their bread. This was because they had sheep and cows, so they could squeeze out the milk. The milk was then churned into butter.

#### Anglo Saxon Meals

If you were an Anglo Saxon, you wouldn't have all the same foods that we have today. However you would have:

- · Fruit
- . Soup
- . Honey
- . Bread
- . Cheese
- . and even beer



This is a bowl of Saxon fruit and vegetable





#### **YEAR 6 LEARNING**

As well as enjoying Well-being Day, Year 6 have continued to work on a wide variety of topics including locating and naming rivers of the United Kingdom, cooking South American food, understanding why some animals have become extinct and writing descriptive narratives. Here are some of the examples of our very high quality work!

#### WALT draft a comparative description (paragraph 1 about the woods)

The blanket of morning mist, that hugged the ground, slowly lifted as I made my way through the forest. The low sun was emerging from its sleep and beginning its journey in the sky. Woven threads of carefully spun gold filtered through the silhouetted trees. The autumn leaves danced around me, planting kisses as they fell, their earthy tones warm and reassuring. Despite my love for this beautiful forest that I called home, I longed to see what was beyond the boundaries of my safe place. The wise trees whispered words of encouragement as I made my way out of the forest on the pathway paved with glowing amber and gold leaves. In the distance, I saw angry clouds of steam above the trees, as dark as the deepest depths of the ocean and when I came to a clearing I spotted a train. Pondering, I saw the train, Dark and green it stood. It had the logo I was wearing... The question was, should I go on?













## Why save Pandas?

We should do everything we can to save the giant panda because pandas play a crucial role in China's bamboo forests. Giant pandas help to keep their mountain forests healthy by spreading seeds in their droppings and helping the vegetation to grow.

50, by saving pandas, we will also be saving so much more. Panda reserves don't just benefit the bears themselves; Pandas are an umbrella species which means protecting them protects other species in their habitat.

China's panda reserves are a safe home for creatures such a the golden snub-nosed monkey, dwarf blue sheep, golden

The panda's habitat is also important for the livelihoods of local communities, who use it for food, income, fuel for cooking and heating, and medicine. And for other people across the country.



#### THE INCLUSION TEAM



Parent Voice newsletter

County Fast Sussex Council produce a parent voice newsletter 4 times a year. The newsletter aims to inform parents of children with additional needs of information and support relevant to them. Parents receive the can sign up to newsletter direct by email.

The Spring newsletter can be found by using this link.

https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKESCC/bulletins/28bc08b

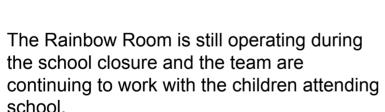


If you live in East Sussex and you're worried about managing your child's behaviour, supporting their development or their emotional wellbeing or you want support and advice to help build a positive relationship with your child, we can help.

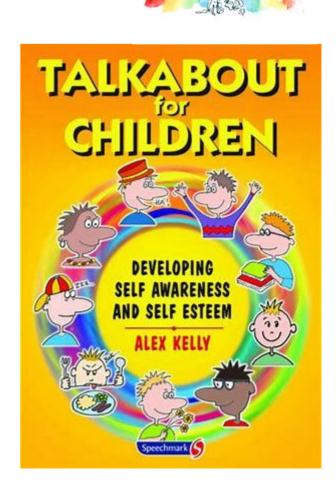
https://www.openforparents.org.uk/



#### **RAINBOW ROOM NEWS**



This term, as things are a little different, the team are using the opportunity to offer small intervention groups. They are using a social communication intervention called 'Talkabout'. which was created by Alex Kelly. The sessions are focusing on developing self awareness and self esteem skills using a variety of activities and games. The staff are enjoying working through the programme with the children who are engaging well and are very the sessions. Well receptive in everyone!





# Congratulations to the following pupils

# AWARDS OF THE WEEK AT PARKLAND INFANT SCHOOL

Class	Star of the Week and reason	Dojo Winner
Inkpen	Ruby - For all her wonderful home learning and for never giving up!	Connor
	Maisie - for working super hard on all her home learning, I have absolutely loved seeing all her amazing work!	Tyler
Kerr	Darcy - For all her outstanding home learning. I've been so impressed with the work she's been doing	Piper
	and I can see how hard you're working. Well done, Darcy!	Amelia
	Aurora - For an incredible weeks home learning. You've done amazing writing, shape hunts, gymnastics and tricky words. I'm so proud of you!	
Shireen	Layla - For always being so enthusiastic and ready to join in with learn with her phonics everyday! Superstar!	Flossy
	Maddox - For always coming in to school ready to	Athena
	learn and with a big smile! He is always trying his best - a little superstar!	
Donaldson	Mason - For always working his socks and for being so determined. You have made so much progress this year and that is down to your hard work. We are so proud of you!	Harlie
	Ruby - For outstanding efforts with her home learning and for having such a positive attitude. I have LOVED seeing all your photos and I am so proud of you!	Arthur
Santat	Lilliana- for taking some beautiful pictures and really getting stuck into her home learning	Frankie
	Bailee- for being so kind and thoughtful not only for	Brody
	people but for the environment and trying super hard on google classroom	
Dahl	Reggie - For writing creative stories full of imagination!	Louis
	Zak - For working consistently hard in class every day.	Rowan

# AWARDS OF THE WEEK AT PARKLAND JUNIOR SCHOOL

Class	Star of the Week and reason	Dojo Winner
Angelou	Zach- for coming in to the pod and adjusting very quickly to online learning. You have done amazing and should be very proud! Super big smiles from you coming into class!	Kirbie
	Lilia - For doing excellent work at home and really pushing yourself! I can see that you are believing in yourself more and it is paying off!	Aurelia
Jeffers	Joshua - for his dedication to home learning. You have shown excellent work everyday on Google Classroom and I am so proud of you!  Cody - for persevering even when he finds something really tricky. I am so impressed with the confidence you have developed!	Alex M Jack
Walliams	Jayden - for such a high standard of online learning - well done Jayden!	Sean
	Nevaeh A - for a consistently excellent attitude to learning - you are such an inspiration!	Keira
Blackman	Amy - For her amazing work on a castle that she has created and all of her fabulous work on Google classroom!	Tag
	Madison- For her amazing work showing her creative side and her baking at home!	Phoenix
Lewis	Lilia - For super focus and hard work at school	Jacob M
	Bailey - for engagement and taking on learning challenges at home!	Emily
Zephaniah	Ted Steer - for getting in an Google Classroom routine Devon - for working hard both in the pod and at home	Amelia Annabelle
Mian	Emma - for her AMAZING Amazon project! She has put hours of time into it and it looks fabulous!	Scott Georgia
Rosen	Lennox - for your superb Google classroom work both at home and at school. Sophie - for your effort on Google classroom this week. Well done!	Brady Oliver

#### HOME READING REWARDS

We know that there are many children who have achieved some important reading milestones during this period of home learning. These reading rewards are for extra reading at home enjoyed outside of the Google Classroom lessons.

Here is a reminder of the rewards:



Please let your teacher know if your child has achieved a milestone. We will match this up with our records and make sure your child received their rewards when we return to school.



#### **Advance Notice**

We will soon be letting you know the details of

## World Book Day -Thursday 4th March

We thought you'd want an advance warning to start thinking about costumes! We look forward to telling you more very soon...



#### **PARENT SUPPORT**

Holding space is a local organisation that provides support to parents, families and children who are experiencing mental health issues. Parents can contact Holding Space directly for more information about their sessions which include walk and talk and weekly parent support group meetings.





#### SAM ONLINE MUSIC LESSONS

Online weekly 30 minute one-to-one music lessons from home - learn to play the guitar, drum kit, piano / keyboard or to sing - Ofsted registered - Childcare Vouchers accepted - <a href="mailto:sammusicservice.com">sammusicservice.com</a> to enquire - Half-price taster lesson for £8.25! Watch this video about <a href="mailto:SAM's online instrument lessons">SAM's online instrument lessons</a>

SAM Music Service provides **30 minute one-to-one online music lessons**, allowing your child the opportunity of learning to play the guitar, drum kit, piano / keyboard or to sing.

Lessons are on a weekly basis, and available until 8pm on weekdays, and 9am to 5pm on weekends, there are plenty of times to choose from to suit your weekly diary.

You are welcome to book a **half-price one-off taster lesson for £8.25**, to be sure your child enjoyed the experience and is keen to continue.

<u>Tax-Free Childcare</u> - SAM is Ofsted registered and accepts payment through the government's **childcare voucher scheme**, along with other childcare voucher providers, a great way to help reduce the price of lessons.

Lessons are affordable at £16.50 per **30 minute individual lesson**, suitable for both **children and adults.** 

**To enquire**, complete the short contact form on <u>SAM's website</u>, and they'll be in touch soon, or you can email <u>lessons@sammusicservice.com</u>, or call **0800 756 9411** to speak to one of their friendly team.

Find us on social platforms @sammusicservice <u>sammusicservice.com</u> lessons@sammusicservice.com



Take-away only service available during lockdown periods





Family Cafe

New from February half-term 2021

We are starting a new family café at the Willingdon Trees Community Centre!

Do you find it difficult to stretch the grocery shop during the school holidays?

There will be <u>FREE</u> heathy, simple lunches available on weekdays for families that are struggling (plus fun activities on offer for the children).

Spaces are limited so book your table in advance by contacting Hannah or Lisa on

01323 504438 or eastbourne@sussexcommunity.org.uk

Willingdon Trees Community Centre
101 Holly Place, Eastbourne, Bn22 OUT





