



Parkwood Primary School Newsletter

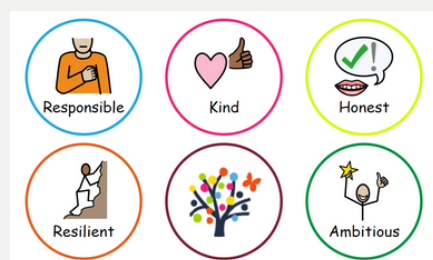
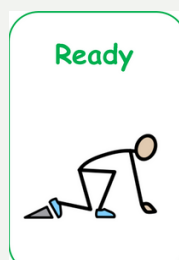
What a busy term we've had! The new term is likely to be no different as we head into the last term of this academic year!

The Colour Run was a great way to end last term! The children had a ball whilst raising money for new playground equipment. A huge thank you to Miss Yarrow, Mr Aldred and the children who helped to set up the course and change facilities. Thanks to our parent volunteers for giving up their time to supervise the obstacles and shroud our children in colour. All sponsorship donations should be made via ParentMail. The more we raise, the more equipment we can provide for the children.

Our wraparound care has been up and running for a whole term now. Our staff, Mrs Park, Miss Yarrow, Mrs Quinn, Mrs Rayfiled and Mrs Boardman, have made it a huge success. We look forward to growing and improving the service. Medway have now recruited a Wraparound Childcare Coordinator and we will work with her to improve our offer to children. We will also seek views of the parents using the facility before the end of the academic year so that we can gain your opinions on ways to improve the service.

I had the pleasure of teaching a number of our Year 6 children last term. All members of the Year 6 team were impressed with the way the children worked so hard in the lead up to the tests and how they conducted themselves during testing week. They couldn't have worked any harder. They will now be entering into their final term of their primary school education. They have many exciting events to look forward to, particularly the Isle of Wight and Activity Week. They will also begin their transition days to secondary schools. I am sure they will uphold our school values and make an excellent first impression.

Transition will also begin inhouse his term for our own children in preparation for their next phase of learning. Children will have three transition sessions. It will be an opportunity for the children to meet their new teacher and spend time in their new classroom. The first opportunity will take place on Tuesday 2nd July and the second will be on Thursday 4th July. Their final session will be on Tuesday 9th July. This should help to reduce anxiety for children over the summer.



OUR HEADTEACHER: MR MOIR

As you know, Mr Moir passed away on the 7th May with his family at his side. A private funeral will be held in early June for family and friends. We know there are a number of people who wish to pay their respects to Mr Moir therefore, after the funeral, we will be organising a memorial service. This will be led by Revered Pat. Further details will be released once this has been organised to allow those who wish to attend to do so. The postbox remains in the office for any cards or messages for his family.



SCIENCE MARK

Parkwood Primary School have been awarded the Primary Science Quality Mark. A HUGE well done to Mrs Edgley-Pearce and Mrs Mahon for leading our teachers to improve the science education our children receive. We are over the moon!

Primary Science Quality Marks have been awarded to 198 nursery, infant, junior, primary, middle, international and special schools this month to celebrate their commitment to excellence in science leadership, teaching and learning. So far, since its national launch in 2010, more than 5000 Primary Science Quality Marks (PSQM) have been awarded, creating a solid foundation of quality science education for over 1,000,000 children.

PSQM is a comprehensive evidence-based professional development programme that effectively develops science leadership, ensuring teachers have the knowledge, capability and support they need to transform science education and shape future generations.

The Primary Science Quality Mark is led by the University of Hertfordshire.

Helen Sizer, PSQM Co-Director said: 'By enabling effective science leadership, PSQM is powering the potential of all children to see the relevance and importance of science in their lives, now and in the future. Schools that have achieved a Primary Science Quality Mark have demonstrated a significant commitment to science leadership, teaching and learning and the profile and quality of science in each accredited school is very high. Science subject leaders, their colleagues, headteachers, children, parents and governors should be very proud.'

The logo for the Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM) features the letters 'PSQM' in a bold, sans-serif font. The 'P', 'S', and 'M' are purple, while the 'Q' is black and stylized to resemble a magnifying glass.

Primary Science
Quality Mark

A purple rounded rectangular badge containing the text 'PSQM' in white, bold, sans-serif font.

Valid 2024 – 2027

ATTENDANCE

The great work of Mrs Williams, our family liaison officer, and our partnership with Attendance Advisor, mean we have improved our attendance.

End of Term 4 Figures

Attendance measure	Percentage	Ranking ①
Overall attendance	94.0%	You are ranked 41 out of 69 schools
Overall absence	6.0%	You are ranked 41 out of 69 schools
Authorised absence	4.4%	You are ranked 47 out of 69 schools
Unauthorised absence	1.6%	You are ranked 39 out of 69 schools
Persistently absent	17.6%	You are ranked 45 out of 69 schools
Severely absent	0.8%	You are ranked 31 out of 69 schools

End of Term Figures

Attendance measure	Percentage	Ranking ①
Overall attendance	94.2%	You are ranked 41 out of 70 schools
Overall absence	5.8%	You are ranked 41 out of 70 schools
Authorised absence	4.2%	You are ranked 45 out of 70 schools
Unauthorised absence	1.6%	You are ranked 37 out of 70 schools
Persistently absent	15.4%	You are ranked 38 out of 70 schools
Severely absent	0.8%	You are ranked 32 out of 70 schools

We've managed to increase attendance by 0.2% and have reduced persistent absence by 2.2%. Thank you to our families for appreciating the importance of attendance and doing what they can to navigate the curve balls life throws at us sometimes to get their children into school.

Important Reminders

Parents/carers of FS, Year 1 and Year 2 should take their child to the school office if they miss the line walking in. Children shouldn't be taken to classroom doors by parents/carers unless the rainy day procedure is in operation.

Please remember to give our teachers a wave at collection to make dismissal quick for everyone.

It's important to remember that late arrivals to school can also result in an unauthorised absence mark if the child arrives after the register closes. For children, walking into a classroom of peers part way through learning is unsettling for the child and disturbs learning for others.

Year Group	Registration starts (line walks in)	A late mark (L) is given if the child arrives after:	Unauthorised absence mark (U) is given if the child arrives after the register has closed.	End of day collection time
FS	8.50am	8.50am	9.20am	3.05pm
Years 1,2 and 3	8.40am	8.40am	9.10am	3.10pm
Years 4,5 and 6	8.45am	8.45am	9.15am	3.15pm

REPORTS

Teachers are in the process of carrying out our end of academic year assessments ready to report on your child's progress. Reports will be sent home via the children on Friday 12th July. National testing outcomes will be printed on the reports (Year 6 SATs, Year 4 MTC and Year 1 Phonics).



MTC

Our Year 4 children will be taking the multiplication check online in school between Monday 10th June and Friday 14th June 2024. There is no pass mark for the test which consists of 25 questions. The aim of the test is to provide teachers with information regarding how confidently the children know their times tables as many other areas of Maths depend on the fluency of their times table knowledge.

PHONICS SCREENING

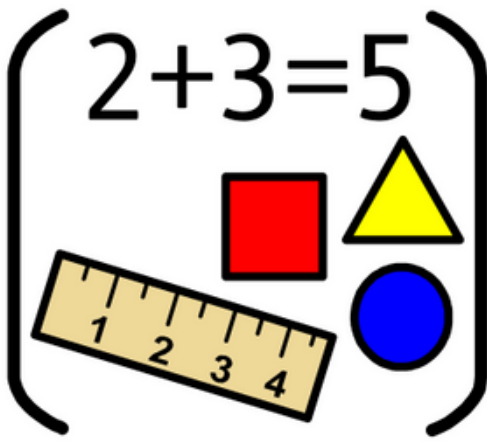
Our Year 1 children will have their phonics screening between Monday 10th June and Friday 14th June. Mr Davis, Mrs Pigott and our brilliant team of teachers in Year 1 have been preparing children for the screening so as to provide them with the building blocks to be fluent readers as they enter into the final stage of KS1 and enter into KS2. Those in Year 2 who failed the check last year (pass =32/40 approx) will resit the test this year.



OUR CURRICULUM

When children return to school, they will be continuing with their 'Create' project which is heavily based on Art. Many children have been inspired by the artists they have explored and have carried out additional work at home. Children will continue to build on their art skills using the knowledge and skills they have learned from the artist. An example of this would be Year 5's exploration of how the following artists portray water: Monet, Hockney and Hokusai. They will visit Minister this term and use their photography skills to take photographs of the water so that they can apply their skills and knowledge of portraying water to create their own artwork.





MATHS GAMES AFTERNOON

We look forward to welcoming all parents and carers into school on Thursday 6th June to play Maths games with your children. The double doors by the office will open at 2.40pm so that you can make your way to your child's classroom. Just like the cosy read, the bell will ring at 3.05pm so that parents can head out to the pick-up point for usual dismissal.

CONGRATULATIONS

Mrs Judd and Mrs Bunce are both expecting a baby later this year. I'm sure you will join me in congratulating them on such lovely news.



SMILE

Class photographs and Year 6 individual photographs will be taken on Tuesday 18th June. Full school uniform should be worn. There will be NO PE on this day.

SUMMER FAIR

Following the success of the Christmas Fair, a Summer Fair will be held in the same way therefore finish time will be 2.00pm or 2.05pm. Further details to follow: please use the link to let us know you will be collecting at the earlier time.
<https://forms.office.com/e/m2MhiWsbZG>



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[HTTPS://WWW.PARKWOODPRIMARY.ORG.UK/](https://www.parkwoodprimary.org.uk/)

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Ground Force Team

The children have been incredibly busy this term as everything is growing so fast. They have been watering the hedge they planted when it has needed water; planted a woodland area and a copes and they have also been keeping weeds and grasses down. They have not just been using the afternoons, on many occasions, they have chosen to give up their lunch and break time to get the jobs finished. Recently a small group of year six pupils have been helping the children at lunchtime too - a real team effort!



Eco Guardians

The children have created posters to encourage their peers to recycle the correct items in classrooms. The older children have also started to use the new litter pickers so next term they will teach the younger Eco Guardians how to carry out this role too. Some of the older children at our school also entered a competition to design an environmentally friendly school, the winners will be announced in June so we are hoping for good news.



Smart School Council

The children have been incredibly busy this term. They have been collecting questions from staff and checking all classes have been allowing time for pupil voice. They have been analysing the pupil opinions and checking the children's wishes are passed on. They are eager to meet with Mrs McCormack in term six for her next update.

THANK YOU PSA

Funds raised by our proactive PSA have been used to replace the screen in Jaguar Class. Boards like this open up a wealth of opportunities for children to visit places around the world from the comfort of their own classroom.



SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

Since Term 4, we have made further progress against our school improvement priorities. Check out our progress by looking at our school improvement plan on our school website.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Jun 2024

03 Jun 2024-03 Jun 2024	Term 6 - Pupils Back to School
06 Jun 2024-06 Jun 2024	Maths games afternoon with parents
07 Jun 2024-07 Jun 2024	PSA Fathers' Day Gifts
10 Jun 2024-14 Jun 2024	MTC Year 4
10 Jun 2024-21 Jun 2024	Phonics screen for Year 1
10 Jun 2024-10 Jun 2024	Isle of Wight Week
14 Jun 2024-14 Jun 2024	Registration closes for Medway Test
18 Jun 2024-18 Jun 2024	Class photos/Year 6 individual photos
24 Jun 2024-24 Jun 2024	YEAR 2 TRIP
28 Jun 2024-28 Jun 2024	Sports Day

Jul 2024

01 Jul 2024-01 Jul 2024	Year 6 Kent Police Day
02 Jul 2024-02 Jul 2024	Transition to new classes
04 Jul 2024-04 Jul 2024	Transition to new classes
05 Jul 2024-05 Jul 2024	SUMMER FAIR - 2.15 - 3.30 (early finish)
09 Jul 2024-09 Jul 2024	Transition to new classes
11 Jul 2024-11 Jul 2024	Year 6 Production to parents (time to be confirmed)
12 Jul 2024-12 Jul 2024	Reports to parents
12 Jul 2024-12 Jul 2024	Reserve Sports Day
16 Jul 2024-16 Jul 2024	Year 6 BBQ
18 Jul 2024-18 Jul 2024	Last Day of Term 6
19 Jul 2024-19 Jul 2024	Staff Development Day - No Pupils in School
19 Jul 2024-19 Jul 2024	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 11.00am

Safe



Respectful



Ready



Responsible



Kind



Honest



Resilient



Ambitious