



26th May 2023



Its Summer!

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have been making the most of the good weather at Parkgate Infants in the last few weeks. The Reception and Nursery team have been busy developing the outdoor environment. We are very pleased with the way it is looking and the children have been enjoying using the space. We are looking forward to having a new climbing frame installed the Early Years garden over the next few months. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the Early Years team for their hard work.

We also had another visit from Veolia UK this week. They helped us make seed bombs with the children which the gardening club enjoyed planting this week.

I hope that you all have a lovely half term break. We return on Tuesday 6th June.

Mr Pritchard



Absence Reporting

Can we remind all parents of the procedures for reporting absence:

- If your child is unwell you must call the office before 9.30am and leave a message, or you can email admin@parkgateinfants.herts.sch.uk
- You must leave details of your child's name, class and the reason for absence - please don't just say 'feeling unwell' or 'under the weather'. Please give specific details on your child's illness.

Parking

We have had reports in the last few weeks from the residents of Northfield Gardens of parents parking over driveways and then being abusive towards local residents when they are asked to move.

Please could we ask that you are respectful to the residents who live close to the school.

Thank you.

Attendance

Well done to **Badger class** who had this weeks best attendance!



Badger Class	97.9%
Fox Class	97.3%
Rabbit Class	91.1%
Squirrel Class	94.8%
Mole Class	91.8%
Hedgehog Class	94.1%

WEEK 1 (w/c 17/4; 8/5; 5/6; 26/6; 17/7; 4/9; 25/9; 16/10)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Bean & Vegetable Grill with Diced Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta (Ve)	Chicken Pie with Potato Wedges or Tricolour Pasta	Roast Gammon with Gravy with Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta	Beef Burger in a Bun with Diced Potatoes or Tricolour Pasta	Battered Fish Fillet with Oven Chips or Wholemeal Pasta
Macaroni Cheese with Garlic Bread (V)	Spanish Omelette with Potato Wedges or Tricolour Pasta (V)	Veggie Sausages with Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy with Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta (V)	Vegetable Pasta Bake (V)	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Oven Chips or Wholemeal Pasta (V)
Cheese Sandwich	Tuna Roll	Chicken Mayo Wrap	Ham Sandwich	Egg Roll
Jacket Potato with Tuna	Jacket Potato with Cheese	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans
		Halal Roast Chicken with Yorkshire Pudding with Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta		

Stars of the Week



Badger— Tamika

Fox— Elsie

Rabbit— Penelope

Squirrel—Lorenz

Mole— Darcie

Hedgehog—Ibrahim

Well done to our Stars of the Week

Learning Awards



Badger—No consent given

Fox— Eesa

Rabbit—Aaron

Squirrel—Lorena

Mole—Matthias

Hedgehog—Noah

Well done!

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon 29 th May—Fri 2 nd June	Half Term
Mon 5 th June	Inset Day (no school for children)
Tue 6 th June 9:00am	Fox Class Assembly (in the hall)
Tue 6 th June	World Environment Day Special Menu (see attached)
Wed 7 th June	Book Sale after school in the playground
Tue 13 th June 9:00am	Badger Class Assembly (in the hall)
Fri 16 th June	PTA Break the Rules Day
Tue 20 th June 9:00am	Squirrel Class Assembly (in the hall)
Thu 22 nd June	2.30pm Musical Extravaganza
Tue 27 th June 9:00am	Rabbit Class Assembly (in the hall)
Fri 30 th June	Sports Day
Tue 4 th July 9:00am	Hedgehog Class Assembly (in the hall)
Fri 7 th July	Reports sent home
Tue 11 th July 9:00am	Mole Class Assembly (in the hall)
Fri 14 th July	Year 2 Leavers Assembly/Party
Mon 17 th July	5-6.30pm Family Evening
Thu 20 th July	Theme Day
Fri 21 st July	1.15pm End of term

Donation Request

As it's now hayfever season, we are in need of boxes of tissues for our classes. If you can spare a box of tissues, it's much appreciated! Thank you!

Sun hats & sun cream

Please ensure your child has a sunhat (labelled with their name) in school and have sun cream applied before coming into school. Staff are not able to reapply this during the day so we would suggest applying an all-day type of sun cream before school.

Book Sale

Our book sale is on Wednesday 7th June after school in the playground. Books are a mix of donations, second-hand and ex-library ones. Only 10p each - please bring coins as we cannot change from notes. Also, bring a bag if you're expecting to buy a few!

Book Swaps

This normally happens every Wednesday after school in the playground. Bring a book, swap a book!

Please note, however, that on Wednesday 7th June we are having a Book Sale INSTEAD OF a Swap (see above).

Hongkongers Storytelling

Cantonese storytelling and Hong Kong stories in English - these very popular sessions are held the first Saturday of every month at Watford Central Library (in town centre near Leisure Centre), 2-3pm. Stories are for children of all ages. A great way for Hongkongers and everyone else in the community to meet up. Next meeting: Saturday 3rd June.

Walk to School Week

We are joining Living Streets Walk to School Week campaign to promote and encourage our children and families to swap the school run for a school walk, wheel, cycle, scoot or 'Park and Stride'.

Starting **Monday 22nd May until Friday 26th May**, children who walk, wheel, scoot, cycle or park and stride to school everyday will receive a sticker and certificate. Through this challenge, children will be well on their way to reaching the recommended 60 minutes minimum of physical activity per day before reaching the school gates.

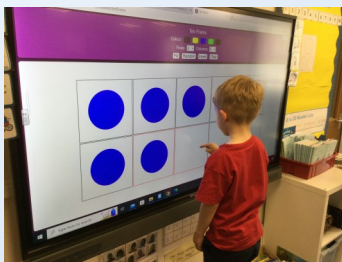
For more information on the campaign, please visit: <https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/walk-to-school/parents-info>



This week in Hedgehog Class ...

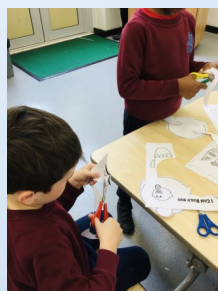
Finding one more

This week in Literacy we have been reading 'The Growing Story' and using the words big and bigger in our writing. In maths we have been looking at finding one more and teen numbers. We have used tens frames and minibeasts to help us with our counting. Some of us continued our maths outside and practised writing our teen numbers in the creative area.



This week in Parkgate Pirates ...

This week's theme was "Superheroes" and the children enjoyed colouring in their favourite Superhero pictures, reading books about Superheroes and they even played a game of Superheroes Bingo.



**5TH OF
JUNE**

HCL



WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY



OUR 'REDUCING FOOD WASTE' MENU

CHICKEN FAJITAS

OR

MAC 'N CHEESE WITH BANANA PEEL 'BACON' (V)

SERVED WITH

CAJUN POTATO WEDGES, BROCCOLI STEM AND APPLE SLAW

DESSERT

APPLE CHARLOTTE PUDDING WITH ICE CREAM

OR

BANANA AND OATMEAL MUFFIN

THIS MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE DEPENDING ON SUPPLIER STOCK AVAILABILITY.



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Book Sale!

Wednesday 7th June
after school

In the playground

- A mixture of donations, secondhand books and books withdrawn from the library
- **All books are only 10p each** (unless otherwise stated)
- Please come with change as we won't be able to give any change from notes
- And a bag if you're hoping to buy a few books!





May Half Term Fun

Monday 29 May - 2 June 2023

Join us in a celebration of art this May Half Term

Express your creative side with workshops on different artforms
each day, inspired by our new Open Art exhibition.

Discover more at discoverbucksmuseum.org
or scan the QR code



Monday 29 May - Become An Illustrator Course

Led by graphic illustrator Wendy Wootton, find out how to hone your drawing and design skills to be the best illustrator you can be.

Tuesday 30 May: Wire Sculpture Studios

Use wire to create a model person magnet as instructed by our art teachers.

Wednesday 31 May: Printing Workshops

Take inspiration from our exhibitions to make a design for a greeting card printed using polystyrene tiles.

Thursday 1 June: Textured Painting Masterclass

Create an abstract picture on canvas using thick and textured paints.

Friday 2 June: 3D Sea Collage Photo Frame Make & Take

You will be taught several simple 3D crafting techniques, using fabric, shells and other craft materials to use in decorating a photo frame.

Booking Details - booking essential

- There are 3-4 sessions each day and each session lasts for 1 hour. Activities are aimed at 7 years+ however 5 years+ are welcome but will need some adult support.
- £5 per attendee

Make a day of it and why not visit the Roald Dahl Children's Gallery and the rest of the Museum while you're here. We're open Monday 29 May - Saturday 3 June, 10am - 5pm.

For more event details, charges and to book please scan the QR code or visit discoverbucksmuseum.org

Join in

Share photos of your day using #DiscoverBucks and don't forget to tag us!

Superstar Sports

Dear Parent/Carer,

As Super Star Sport work with our children currently, we wanted to make you aware that they will be running a sports/activity camp at a local primary school during the May/June half term! Some of their activities include:

- A variety of sports
- Arts and crafts
- Water fights
- Party days

Please find the flyer and schedule below:

SUPER STAR SPORT

MAY/JUNE HALF TERM

PARTY DAY

ARTS & CRAFTS

KARATE/BOXING WORKSHOP

WATER FIGHTS

BOYS & GIRLS WELCOME

A VARIETY OF SPORTS

Watford Field Infant and Nursery School
Neal St, Watford WD18 0WF

30th May - 2nd June
8:45AM - 3:30PM

£22 PER DAY

£85 FOR FULL WEEK

SCAN HERE TO BOOK!

To book visit:
www.superstarsportnwl.com

DBS CHECKED
FIRST AID TRAINED
NO NUT POLICY



MAY HALF TERM ACTIVITY CAMP

30th MAY - 2nd JUNE

PARTY
DAY

Boys &
Girls
Welcome

Ages
4+

Watford Field Infants
Neal St, Watford WD18 0WF

TUESDAY

★ Arts & Crafts

THURSDAY

★ Sports day

WEDNESDAY

★ Water fight

FRIDAY

★ Party day

For more information:

Contact Harry on 07984 136 650 or
email us at harry@superstarsportnwl.com

SCAN HERE



TO BOOK!

CHALLENGE
SPORT & EDUCATION

MAY HALF TERM HOLIDAY COURSE

BEECHFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL



30TH MAY - 2ND JUNE



9AM - 4.15PM



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CHILDREN WILL:

- ✓ Have fun
- ✓ Play games
- ✓ Make friends
- ✓ Learn new skills
- ✓ Develop gameplay



DAYS FROM JUST

£17 / Day

Times

9am - 3pm (£17)

9am - 4.15pm (£21)

For timetables and to book visit www.challengesportededucation.co.uk

Three Rivers District Council

Proposed Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan Public Consultation



**Have your say
on the proposals
until 3 July 2023**

Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs) are a new approach to identifying cycling and walking improvements that are needed locally to encourage the highest number of people to walk and cycle, improve safety, and provide better travel connections. These include new cycleways that are separate from roads, footway improvements, new designs for junctions and better crossing points.

Scan the QR code or visit the website to find out more and respond to the consultation:

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/LCWIP-ThreeRivers





"What's On?"

FREE Junior Netball Coaching

Have fun, learn new skills and improve your game and get active. Sessions led by qualified Netball coach. All abilities welcome.

Venue: St Clement Danes School Sportshall

For Information on classes and how to book please visit;

<https://www.threeriversleisure.co.uk/junior-netball>



FREE Wild Play session

Using natural arts and crafts we will be exploring nature and learning through play.
Ideal for children aged 2-9 years.

Date: Thursday 1 June

Venue: Oxhey Woods, Oxhey Drive, HA6 3EX

Times: 10am – 11.30am

Cost: FREE

More info:

<https://www.threeriversleisure.co.uk/wildplay>



FREE May half term activity for the Kids!

Join us from 29th May - 2nd June for free crafting fun in the atrium! From 11am-4pm. There is a different theme every day, make sure you check out the themes of the days below.

Monday 29th May - Gardening Apron

Design and personalise your very own waist apron ready to get green fingered in the garden.

Tuesday 30th May - Birdhouse

Create a lovely home for the birds in this Birdhouse decorating workshop!

Wednesday 31st May - Wooden Wind chime

Decorate and personalise a garden themed wooden wind chime in this fun creative workshop.

Thursday 1st June - Toadstool Fairy door

Children can create their very own magical fairy door in this make believe workshop!

Friday 2nd June - Bug House

Create a cosy home for creepy crawlies in this bug house decorating workshop!

These are free sessions, no need to book!



Watford FC CSE Trust's May Half Term Football Holiday Courses 2023.

Please click on the link below to book / for more information. Any questions, please email community@watfordfc.com

Watford FC CSE Trust – May Half Term Football Holiday Courses 2023
Westfield Academy, WD18 6NS (3G Astro & Sports Hall) 10am-3pm
£20.00 per day or £5.00 discount if you book all days within a specific week.

Tuesday 30th May 2023 - Friday 2nd June 2023 (4 days)

<https://bookings.watfordfcsetrust.com/project/13328>



Watersmeet Theatre Films

- £6 Adult & £5 Child



Click on link to book;

<https://www.watersmeet.co.uk/film>

Parks and Open Spaces

<https://www.threeriversleisure.co.uk/parks-and-open-spaces>

<https://www.parksherts.co.uk/parks/>

[watford.gov.uk/directory/7/parks-open-spaces-and-playgrounds/category/13](https://www.watford.gov.uk/directory/7/parks-open-spaces-and-playgrounds/category/13)

