



PARKGATE INFANTS &
NURSERY SCHOOL

8 September 2023



Welcome Back!

Dear Parents,

It has been lovely to see the children back at school. They have all settled so well into their new classes.

Star of the Week and Learning Behaviour Awards

Today we will be choosing our first stars of the week and learning behaviour awards for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Star of the Week is given to a child in each class who has been a star this week; this could be for any reason e.g. working hard or being kind and helpful.

Every teacher will also nominate a child who has shown one of our learning behaviours to get our learning behaviour award. The learning behaviours are perseverance, resilience, co-operation and independence.

Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete

You may well have seen in the news that some schools have been affected by the presence of RAAC in their buildings. RAAC, or Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete, is a lightweight form of concrete which was used in schools and other building construction from the 1950's until the mid-1990s. After some time and in some circumstances this concrete can collapse.

However, I wanted to write to reassure you that the County Council had this school surveyed by properly qualified building surveyors in the last few years. We can confirm that there is no RAAC in this school, and no risk to pupils or staff.

Miss Johnson

I am delighted to announce that Miss Johnson is expecting her first child and is aiming to commence her maternity leave in January. The governors and I will begin recruiting to cover her maternity cover and will get back to you when I am able to share who will be covering Badger class

Jeans for Genes

Please be aware that on **Friday 22nd September** is Jeans for Genes day. Children are invited to wear jeans to school and bring in a voluntary donation £1 which we will pass on to the Jeans for Genes charity.

Nut Free School

We have children in school with nut allergies. We are a nut free school so we ask that you do not send any food that contains nuts in your child's packed lunch.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the weather,

Mr Pritchard

Violin Lessons for Year 2 Children

Hertfordshire Music Service are offering violin lessons at school to our year 2 children. If you would like your child to take part, please use the link below to register and pay for the lessons:

[Registration - Hertfordshire Music Service \(speedadmin.dk\)](https://www.speedadmin.dk)

Your child will need a violin to take part, you can hire them from Thwaites in Bushey.

<https://www.thwaites.com>

Attendance

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



Badger Class	99.3%
Fox Class	96.9%
Rabbit Class	94.1%
Squirrel Class	95.4%
Mole Class	96%
Hedgehog Class	95%

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Mild Chicken Curry with Rice	Veggie Sausages with Gravy with Creamed Potatoes or Pasta (Ve)	Roast Pork with Sage and Onion Stuffing and Gravy with Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta	Beef Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges or Rice	Battered Fish Fillet with Oven Chips or Wholemeal Pasta
Macaroni Cheese with Garlic Bread (Ve)	Sweet Chilli Quorn with Creamed Potatoes or Pasta (v)	Shepherdess Pie with Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta (V)	Vegetarian Roll (V)	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Oven Chips or Pasta (V)
Tuna Roll	Cheese Sandwich (v)	Cheese Baguette (v)	Ham Sandwich (v)	Egg Roll (v)
Jacket Potato with various toppings	Tomato pasta with Cheese (v)	Jacket Potato with various toppings	Cheesy Pasta (v)	Jacket Potato with various toppings
		Halal Roast Chicken and Sage and Onion Stuffing with Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta		

Stars of the Week

Badger— Lainey

Fox—Florence

Rabbit—Saoirse

Squirrel—Aiden

Mole—Isla

Hedgehog—Finnley

Well done!



Learning Awards

Badger—Uliyyah

Fox—Raaed

Rabbit—Jaheim

Squirrel—Sophie

Mole—no consent given

Hedgehog—Sienna-Grace

Well done!



DATES TO REMEMBER

21st September	Flu Vaccinations
22nd September	Jeans 4 Genes day
2nd October	School Photos
6th October 9am-9.30am	Badger Class Sharing Assembly
11th October 3.30pm-6.30pm	Parents Evening
12th October 5pm-8pm	Parents Evening
13th October 9am-9.30am	Fox Class Sharing Assembly
20th October 9am-9.30am	Rabbit Class Sharing Assembly

This week in Badger Class ...

We have been busy settling back into the routines of school. We read a book called 'Giraffes can't dance' and discussed doing anything we want to and just because we can't do something YET, doesn't mean we can't do it at all!. We made a display in our classroom and wrote things we can do and things we cannot do yet



Financial Pressures

Hertfordshire County Council are currently working with Parkgate Infants and Nursery School to understand how the rising financial pressures due to the cost of living crisis might be impacting on children's learning and to try to ensure that pressure on household income doesn't have a negative impact on any child's education.

Last term we asked parents if they would kindly fill in a short questionnaire. If you have not done so, please could you complete the survey by following the link in the letter attached to this newsletter.

This week in Parkgate Pirates ...

This week, we have been talking to the children about their summer holidays and their first day back at school.

It was really lovely to see the older children helping us settle the new reception children in the wraparound club.



PE Days....

We have had lots of queries about PE days and when children should come to school in PE kits. Please see the table below:

Class	PE Days
Badger Class	Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
Fox Class	Monday, Wednesday and Thursday
Squirrel Class	Week A Monday, Tuesday and Thursday Week B
Rabbit Class	Week A Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday Week B
Mole Class	Tuesday and Friday
Hedgehog Class	Monday and Wednesday

Parents in Year 1, please be reassured that you will be notified the dates for weeks A and B via email and a notice will be on the classroom doors.

Please could we remind parents that children must have a school PE bag in school which includes a pair of plimsoles.

Summer Reading Challenge

If your child completed the Summer Reading Challenge, please can they bring their certificate into school. They will be given a school certificate and a small reward to celebrate their achievement.





Super Star Sport

AUTUMN AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS



Looking forward to welcoming your children back for our next Autumn Term!! We have our popular Football Club, Spy Club, Construction & Gymnastics! Don't miss out!



13 WEEK SUPER PROGRAM



TUESDAY- FUNTASTIC FOOTBALL (Reception, Year1&2)

START DATE: 12th SEPTEMBER 2023 – END DATE: 12th DECEMBER 2023
TIMES 3PM – 4PM

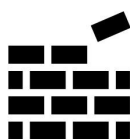
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WEDNESDAY – SPY CLUB (Reception, Year 1&2)

START DATE: 13th SEPTEMBER 2023 – END DATE: 13th DECEMBER 2023
TIMES 3PM – 4PM

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THURSDAY- CONSTRUCTION CLUB (Reception, Year 1&2)

START DATE: 14th SEPTEMBER 2023 – END DATE: 14th DECEMBER 2023
TIMES 3PM – 4PM

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FRIDAY-GYMNASTICS (Reception, Year 1&2)

START DATE: 15th SEPTEMBER 2023 – END DATE: 15th DECEMBER 2023
TIMES 3PM – 4PM

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For any additional information, please email us at operations@superstarsportnwl.com where Junior would be happy to answer any questions you may have!

HOW DO I BOOK???

Step 1: Enter the site www.superstarsportnwl.com

Step 2: Click 'BOOK NOW' on the home page

After clicking book now, you will be directed to another page on the site.

Step 3: Select your school/nursery location

Step 4: Select the block of sessions you would like to book your child onto and click 'info and booking'

Step 5: Once here please find the 'book this class'

Step 6: Time to sign up your child!!!! (If you have not created a profile with us, there is a short profile creation process)

Step 7: Your child attends their Super Star Sport club!!!

Subject to Cancellation depending on booking numbers

