



PARKGATE INFANTS &
NURSERY SCHOOL

1st March 2024



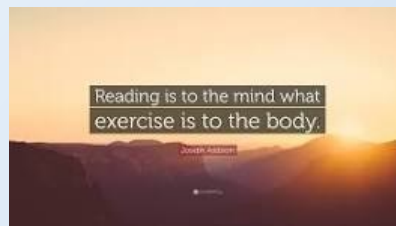
Dear Parents and Carers,

World Book Day

Next week we have our annual celebration of reading– World Book Day. World Book Day is one of the many ways, at Parkgate Infants and Nursery, that we aim to develop the children's lifelong love of reading.

Children on Thursday 7th March can come to school dressed as either a word (e.g. happy, excited, incognito) or they can come to school dressed as their favourite book character. I know that Mrs O'Brien sent a letter which gives some ideas of different costumes that children can wear.

As a parent, I know the pressure that sourcing a World Book Day costume can bring. Please be reassured that children will just love coming to school without their uniform and remember that there are lots of book characters that just wear normal clothes– Horrid Henry. If you need any help with a costume then please speak to myself or your child's class teacher.



Athlete

This week we were visited by Saffron Severn. Saffron Severn was part of Team England at the 2022 Commonwealth Games. She won a bronze medal. She taught us about the power of perseverance and resilience (two of our learning behaviours). The children all loved taking part in circuits.



Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Pritchard

DATES TO REMEMBER

07.3.24—World Book Day
 14.3.24—Computing Curriculum Session
 15.3.24—Squirrel Sharing Assembly
 18.3.24—Hedgehog Spring Walk
 19.3.24—Mole Spring Walk
 22.3.24—Hedgehog Sharing Assembly
 28.3.24—Easter Bonnet Parade

Attendance

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



Badger Class	93.3%
Fox Class	94.8%
Rabbit Class	89.3%
Squirrel Class	80%
Mole Class	93.5%
Hedgehog Class	81.9%

WEEK 2

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	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— Uliyyah
 Fox— Halima
 Rabbit— Dominic
 Squirrel—Akanan
 Mole— Rima
 Hedgehog— Louis

Learning Awards



Badger— Victor
 Fox— No consent
 Rabbit— Matilda
 Squirrel— Gabriel
 Mole— No consent
 Hedgehog— Finnley

Well done!

This week in Parkgate Pirates....



This week, we talked to the children about their half term holidays and they were invited to draw a picture of their favourite half term activity.

Some of the children enjoyed taking part in the Building Brick Challenge and created some fantastic work!

This week in Squirrel Class...



Nature Inspired sketches:

In today's lesson we began a new unit of work focussing on Flora and Fauna inspired artwork. We had a look at a variety of different art pieces and analysed the use of colour, objects and minibeasts. We used the artwork to sketch our own inspired pieces.

PTA Donut Sale

The PTA will be holding a donut sale after school on Friday 8th March 2024. In the play-ground.

Donations of Tissues

We have had many coughs and colds in school and we are in need of some donations of tissues.

If you can spare a box of tissues, please hand them to your class teacher. Thank you.

Hayward Services is hiring!

We are looking for cleaning operative [at Parkgate](#) Infant school

Pay rate: £11.44 per hour

Hours: to work 2 hours and 15 minutes per day

Monday to Friday 17.00 to 19.15

or 17.30 to 19.45

(key holder)



If you believe you are the right person for this role,
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or email

recruitment@haywardservices.co.uk

Children's Wellbeing

Just talk Herts are running a 'Power of Small change's campaign which started on Monday 26th February and runs until 18th March. It is focused on emotional wellbeing and how small change to your day can make a big difference to how you feel.

Just Talk Herts say that, "Emotional wellbeing is all about feeling good and being able to handle the challenges life throws at us. When we're not feeling good it can sometimes feel like a big mountain to climb to feel better, but it doesn't have to!

Doing small things can have a huge impact on your mood".

We will be completing small tasks in school that are designed for children to explore activities that can support their emotional wellbeing and make new connections.

These will be based on the 5 ways to wellbeing –

Connect

Be Active

Learn

Take notice

Give

For more information on the campaign please visit <https://www.justtalkherts.org/news-and-campaigns/the-power-of-small-changes.aspx>

There is also a series of fun learning activities that promote wellbeing to children. These can be found at - <https://www.justtalkherts.org/e-learning/five-ways-children/index.html>.

Book Sale!

Wednesday 6th March



after school
in the playground

A mixture of donations, secondhand books and books withdrawn from the library

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!

