



PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

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A BUSY WEEK!



We have all really enjoyed immersing ourselves in a week celebrating all things Science, followed up with a Mufti Day for Comic Relief. Many thanks for your family donations: We have raised £316 for the charity! Well done, everyone!

LISTENING TEAS



Some of our children who have been showing our school values so beautifully were chosen from Phase 1, Phase 2 and Phase 3 to receive a 'golden ticket' to a listening tea with their phase leader. During the session, the children had a chance to reflect and comment on the school changes since September. Here are a few comments from the children:

Phase 3:

'I enjoy that we're taking part in more sports competitions where we're trained by sports coaches. I've really enjoyed competing against other Trust schools.'

'I've enjoyed the visitors who've inspired our future learning. I enjoy lessons more now because the challenge of the learning has really helped me improve.'



Phase 2:

'We love the different topics that we cover, and the trips we have done like the Snozone expedition'

'I really enjoyed working with different children and teachers on our Phase Celebration Day'

Phase 1:

'Handwriting!' (!!!)

'We love our special celebration days' particularly memorable moments for the Phase 1 children were the Pirate and Fairy Tale celebration days in Year R & 1, and the Recycling Bus in Year 2.

Some of the ideas for improving the school are to increase equipment on the playground – especially in KS2, and having a 'quiet zone' to chill out in, which (thankfully!) we are already in motion with.

We will continue to run our listening teas on a termly basis, enabling more and more children to have a chat about the school to their Phase Leaders, sharing what they have enjoyed, and ideas for ways that we can make the school even better!

PARENTS EVENING BOOKING SYSTEM

We have had really positive feedback form our new Parents' Evening booking system. If, however, you are having any issues, please do pop into the office and the team will help you out!

SOCIAL MEDIA & E- SAFETY





Helping the children understand how to stay safe online is an important part of the school curriculum, and during each short term, we have a week where the assemblies are devoted to e-safety and the children all have an e-safety lesson.

Furthermore, if anything crops up during the school term that we need to speak to the children about (such as the Momo hoax early on this term) we also have more sessions with the children about e-safety.

We are, however, finding ourselves speaking to the children more and more about incidents that we are alerted to on group messages and WhatsApp groups, especially once the children get to the age that many of them have access to their own mobile phones. This is always covered in our e-safety assemblies, but it may be worthwhile keeping an eye on any iMessage or WhatsApp groups that your children are taking part in, as it is easy for others within the group to add other members to the chat – many of whom our children might not have met in real life. If you have any worries about anything you see or hear, please do get in touch with us, and we can advise you on any next steps.

PTA

A huge thank you to the PTA for organising the school discos yesterday. They raised a fabulous £300.00! All of this goes to the school to make it an even better place for you children.

On order currently is a SMOOGA wall, to ensure that we can have regular football on the KS2 playground and an outdoor air football machine for the playground!

EASTER GOODBYES

As our 5DB parents know, Mrs Bevan is leaving our school due to personal reasons at Easter. She has offered to do supply for us, so although she officially leaves at Easter, she will still be spotted around school every so often!

Mrs Coombs, who has played a vital role in helping myself and the new members of the team settle into the school is also leaving us for pastures new at Easter. Thanks so much to Mrs Coombs for all of her help, hard work, patience and smiles over her time here at Parklands. She will be very missed!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 5th April -End of Spring Term Reports Out and school closes for Easter break

Wednesday 24th April – Children return to school

Thursday 25th April – Parents Evening

Tuesday 30th April – Parents Evening

Have a fantastic weekend!

A few images from the last week or two:

Science in Year 5:





A crime scene investigation in Year 4 and Year 6





World Book Day fun:



