

Parent Newsletter



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Parklands Newsletter 20.10.23

From the Principal - Carmilla Cassidy

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Highlights from this term

What a busy term it has been! We have already had such wonderful experiences, here are just a few:

- Year 3 visiting The Lyceum theatre in London to watch the Lion King
- EYFS under the sea celebration day
- A visit from Saints rugby wheelchair team

- Celebrated Black history month is our first worldly wise week of the year
- Celebrated mental Health awareness day by wearing Yellow
- Wearing Red to show racism the red card
- Halloween disco

We look forward to more incredible learning opportunities next term!

Friends of Parklands



A huge thank you to everyone who recently supported our PTA Halloween disco and pumpkin competition! Head over to our School and Friends of Social media pages to find out who the lucky winners are! Next terms we look forward to film night and the Christmas Fair!

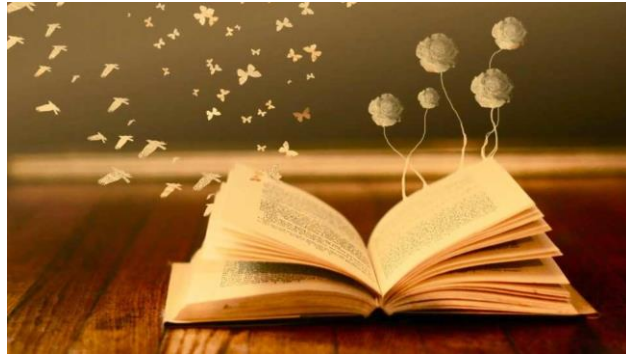
Pupil groups



Little legends

Little Legends are a group of key stage 1 children who have a true passion to make a difference in school and community life. We will be completing termly projects which will promote a great difference to the

lives of people around us. Our first project is about making a difference to vulnerable people at the time of Christmas. We can not wait to share our ideas and show what impact we have made!



Reading Ambassadors

We are delighted to share this year's Parklands Reading Ambassadors with you! We had a brilliant 40+ applications, so we're confident we have appointed 12 of the most dedicated, enthusiastic readers at Parklands who you'll see at events like the reading cafe, promoting reading in KS1; launching whole-school events like World Book Day; designing an exciting new reading area to further engage and inspire readers; and much more!



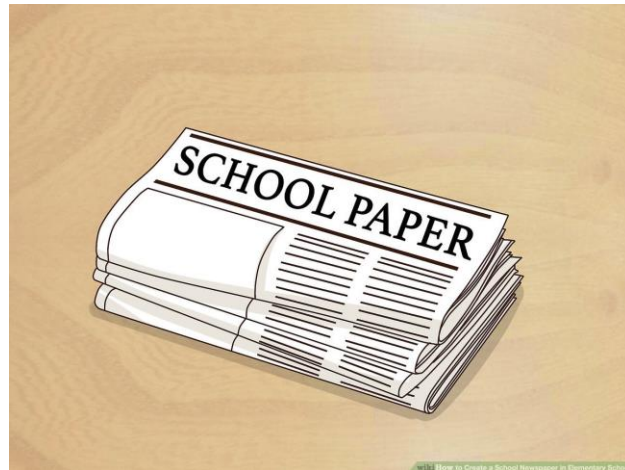
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Global Guardians

The Parkland's Global Guardians had a very successful first meeting this week and we are all very excited to get started! Our main aims for this year are: To raise money so we can improve the pond area in the school grounds. We feel this could be an important learning space for all of the children in the school and it is important to help our local wildlife. We are also looking into getting a sponsor to help fund litter-pickers for the school. We will then help to clean the school grounds before and after big events such as the Christmas Fair. We are fully committed to helping our local environment so please find a representative of the Global Guardians if you have any great ideas for us or any concerns that we might

be able to help with! There is no planet B, we have to look after the one we have. – The Parkland's Global Guardians.



Newspaper

Parklands Primary is proud to announce the launch of its brand new school newspaper!

This half-term, Parklands Primary are launching the first edition of their new school newspaper the Parklands Press.

The school has put together a team of hard-working pupils who will form the reporting and editorial team for the Press. This will be the place to be for news from across the year groups, sporting successes and the upcoming Christmas production.

Everyone at the Parklands Press is excited to contribute fully to our next Autumn 2 edition where we have lots of exciting events happening across the school!



United Parklands

The United Parklands Team for 2023 had their first meeting today, they got straight down to business and are working hard to plan exciting events for the children and families of Parklands. The selection

process was particularly hard this year, with over 50 applications from children with fantastic ideas on how they can help support the school. It was lovely to see so many thoughtful, exciting ways the children want to enhance the Parklands experience for everyone. Keep your eyes posted for our first event, the details are coming soon!



Tech Team

Say hello to the new Parklands Tech Team! It was incredible to see so many of our students from across the school send in an application, though we are sure our new, eager and dedicated team of tech enthusiasts will be more than up to the task as we strive to raise the profile of E-Safety around the school and supporting with other school events such as our discos and school productions!

Community updates



Some fire safety tips from our local police and fire service to keep everyone safe this Halloween and Bonfire night.

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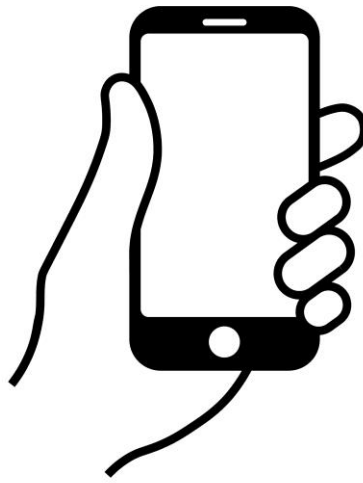


It is that time of year, once again, when we look for ways to support our local community. We would greatly appreciate any donations for Harvest appeal, which will support local people and families, with additional food over the coming months. Any donations of non perishable food, would be hugely appreciated in our first week back. These will be collected by the local church and used to support those in need of a little extra support within our local area. The food will be collected on Monday 6th November, so please drop off any donations ahead of this date.



We are proud to be working with Cynthia Spencer Hospice, who provide incredible support to people living with a incurable illness. Next term we will be taking part in a reindeer charity fun run. Details to follow in a letter outlining this about how you and your family can get involved and help such an important charity.

School Updates



Mobile phones on site

We have reminded KS2 children that once they're on site each morning, their phones should be in their bags until they hand them in to keep safe all day. We would really appreciate your support in reinforcing this message at home, so children are using their phones solely for ensuring they're getting to/from school safely and are not used on school site.

Parent workshops

Thank you to everyone who recently attended our parent workshops about how we teach Maths, reading, Spag and phonics. Don't worry if you missed these as they can be found on our website:

Key dates

Monday 30th October - Teacher training day

Tuesday 31st October - Children return for Autumn term 2

Tuesday 31st October - Friday 4th November - Harvest collection

Thursday 9th November - Film night - see Friends of Parklands pages for more details

Monday 13th November - Individual school photos

Monday 13th November - Open event for new Reception intake Sept 2024

Tuesday 21st November - Open event for new Reception intake Sept 2024

Thursday 30th November - Reception Nativity performance to Parents - AM and PM performance - Information about tickets to follow

Friday 1st December - Christmas Fair 4pm

Thursday 7th November - Reception school trip

Wednesday 13th December - ABM Christmas dinner

Friday 15th December - Winter reports sent home

Monday 18th December - Year 5 and 6 Christmas evening production

Tuesday 19th December - Year 1 Christmas Carols in the hall - 9:30am

Tuesday 19th December - Year 2 Christmas carols in the hall - 10:15am

Tuesday 19th December - Year 5 and 6 Christmas afternoon and evening production

Wednesday 20th December - Year 3 Christmas carols in the hall - 9:30am

Wednesday 20th December - Year 4 Christmas carols in the hall - 10:15am