



PARKLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER
Friday 12th March 2021



WELCOME BACK!

We were absolutely delighted to welcome all of the children back this week! As ever, the children continue to amaze us with their resilience and positivity, they have slipped back into school life seamlessly!

WORLD BOOK DAY

On Thursday 4th March, we celebrated World Book Day....a little bit differently!
We loved seeing all your amazing costumes, including, superheroes, Harry Potter, characters from Roald Dahl books and many more. Well done to all those who took part in the competition of reading your book in many wonderful and weird places.
Congratulations to the winners who received a brand-new book; we hope you enjoy reading them!





SCIENCE WEEK

The return to the classrooms this week also coincided with British Science Week. The children have had the opportunity to focus on great inventors looking at their inventions and completing exciting Science challenges.

Year 2 spend the afternoon becoming inventors and thinking about inventions that they would like to make one day!



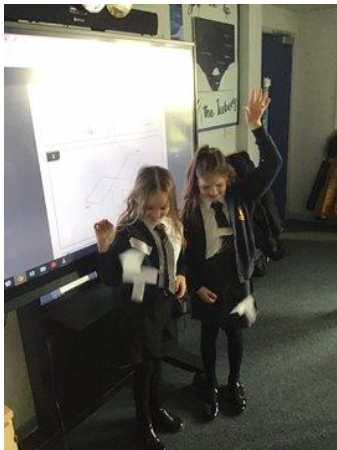
Year 6 spent time researching Professor Gilbert and then created their own documentaries about her for Science Week.



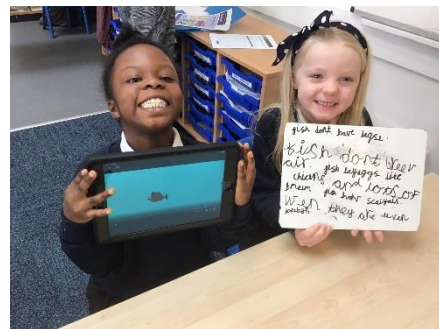


Biscuits dunking was taken very seriously and was of course a popular task.

In Year 4, the children became helicopter innovators and changed the prototype design to try and make it fly quicker.



Children in the younger years spent time exploring how Science is all around during their Forest School sessions. They also put their ICT to good use in order to complete research about different animals and exploring the different animal groups.



RED NOSE DAY

Red Nose Day takes place on Friday 19th March and we very much hope that you will join in the fun for a great cause. We thought it would be cool to keep the rock star theme going seeing as many of you will have been taking part in the TTRockstars competition, set up in aid of Comic Relief. Therefore, we cannot wait to see you dressed in your rock



star gear on the Friday. Any donations would be very welcome and can be done so via ParentPay.



SPANISH

We were pleased to be able to offer Spanish sessions for several year groups during the lockdown period, with recorded sessions and activities sent out on Seesaw. These sessions will now take place live in school for Years 6, 5, 3 and 1 for the remainder of this term. In addition, all children can now login to play Spanish games at home using the following website and password.

<https://www.kidslingo.co.uk/games/spanish-games/>

Password – KidslingoMerciGracias

STAFFING UPDATE

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Jones, one of our fabulous reception teachers is expecting her first child! Huge Congratulations to Mrs Jones and her husband.

Drop off and Pick up Times

As we come out of lockdown, it is more important than ever that we continue to follow the guidelines set out by the government. Therefore, staggered drop off and pick up times remain in place. We recognise that this is not always convenient, but our priority is to keep everyone safe. We kindly ask you to please follow the timings set out and also avoid waiting on the school grounds. We will inform you of any changes including when the timings will be lifted. Thank you for your support.



LATERAL FLOW TEST SITES

Many of you will have seen that families with school age children can access free lateral flow tests. The DfE advises that these can be picked up for use by the adults in the household (Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test. They are meant for the adults in the home.) Here are the details I have been sent if you wish to take part: You can collect 2 packs of home test kits at a local collection point. Each pack contains 7 tests. Anyone 18 or over can collect. Most collection points are open from 1.30pm to 7pm. You can check online if the location is open or busy before you go. You do not need to make an appointment.

Please do not visit a collection point outside opening hours, as it may be used to test people with coronavirus symptoms outside these times. Please click below to find your nearest collection point.

<https://find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>

KEY DATES

Year 3 Viking Day – Tuesday 16th March

TTRockStars – Rock Down Relief Competition – 12th March – 18th March

Red Nose Day, dress as a rock star – Friday 19th March

Last day of term – Friday 26th March

Training day – Monday 12th April

Children return to school – Tuesday 13th April

Take care and have a wonderful Weekend!