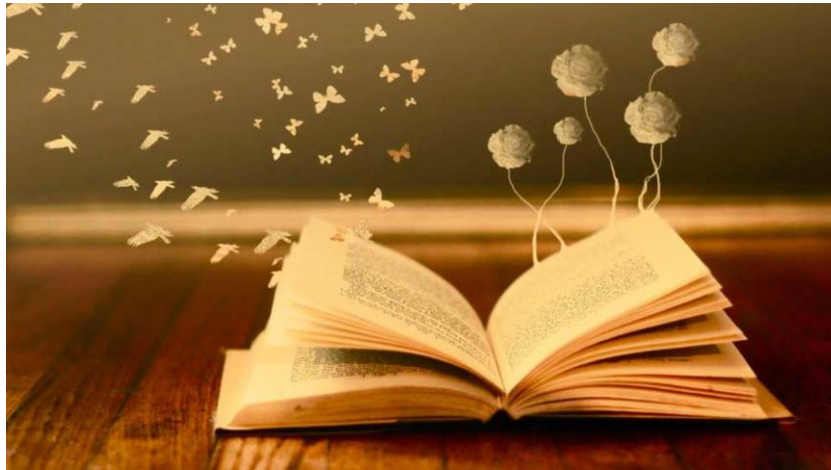




PARKLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL  
PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2021



READING

We are excited to launch SORA reading for pleasure at home! At a Trust, we have invested in SORA which is an e-library, focusing on reading for pleasure which is a brilliant addition to Oxford Owl (our scheme reading books). When clicking on the link: <https://soraapp.com/welcome>, select Preston Hedges Primary School and you will then be able to put in your child's username which your child will come from school with. From here, the children are free to choose from 1000s of books!

UNITED PARKLANDS

The united Parklands, is our very own Parklands school council that we have created and based ourselves upon the fantastic work of the United Nations. We are currently working with representatives from across different classes to discuss current issues and events from around the world. Keep an eye on our school website for more information from the United Parklands Group!

This week, all classes have been thinking about Freedom and what this means to us and to others. We have created some beautiful artwork designs the we feel present Freedom.

One design will be selected by the United Parklands group and be proudly displayed within the school.



### PTA

As mentioned in our previous newsletter, we are currently looking for parents to join a newly established PTA! The PTA is an essential part of school life and as life slowly returns to normal, we hope to host many exciting community events, with the help of the newly formed Parklands PTA! If this is something you feel you would be interested in, please contact Kate Clark to register your interest and more information will be shared with you.

### BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

(Parklands Learning and Care Centre – PLACC)

We have exciting plans for the Breakfast and After-school club including: revamping the environment, new furniture, the addition of a exciting new games and activities such as a console and mini snooker table and even a name change. We look forward to sharing some of the changes as they take place.

In the meantime, we do have some spaces left for both breakfast and afterschool club. The morning sessions run from 7:30am until 8:45am and the afterschool session 3:15pm until 6:00pm. Please contact Bev Kirk or Kate Clark for more information. Book now to guarantee your child's space for next term.

Please find Bev Kirk's updated contact details below.

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### KEY DATES

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May – half term

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Children return to school

**Take care and have a wonderful weekend!**



### A few highlights from the last few weeks!



Year 1 have been busy putting their knowledge into practice by identifying different trees and also learnt some new skills including, whittling, during the Forest School session.

In addition, they had their Japan Celebration Day where they made miniature Zen gardens and also completed lovely art activities based on Japan's environment.



Year 6 have been continuing with their renewable energy investigation, this week, looking into hydroelectricity and creating their own water wheels.







Reception Forest Schooler's learning about some of the nocturnal animals that live in our woodland ,as well as having fun practising their binocular skills, spotting jungle creatures!



Year 1 enjoyed using their knowledge of rural settings to create a map, which they then navigated the Beebot round.



