



PARKLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER
Friday 15th October 2021



READING

Next week, Dylan Uslu, who was in Y6 last year and who very generously donated a large sum of the school to promote reading, will be returning! He is extremely excited to be able to see his donations be spent on our wonderful vending machine and will join

Miss Lewis to announce this term's vending machine winners!

The winning child from each class will have shown positivity and enthusiasm towards their reading across school e.g R4P, home reading, comprehension, guided reading etc, and this is recognition of their hard work. We really look forward to seeing the children choose a book of their choice and have even further engagement in their reading.

ONLINE SAFETY

You may be aware that there has been much media coverage recently around a Netflix show called 'Squid Games'. This is a 15 rated show and although primary aged children should not be watching it, they are at risk of exposure to this through various social media platforms – particularly, TikTok. We have attached a parental guide about TikTok, as well as a link from

National Online safety around this issue.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/wakeupwednesday/squid-game-trending-across-platforms-what-parents-need-to-know>

If you need support in any way around this issue, or any other online safety issue, please do not hesitate to get in touch with a member of staff or a member of our Safeguarding team.



TT ROCKSTARS

Please see attached a parents' guide to TT Rockstars and how this can be used to further support maths skills at home. If you have any questions around TT Rockstars, please speak to your child's class teacher.

WATER BOTTLES

We have noticed an increase of metal water bottles in school. With this in mind, we have reminded our children to be careful with them as they are/can be considerably heavier than plastic bottles.

PTA

As the world slowly resumes to 'normal' we are looking to recruit and set up a new PTA, which would enable us to run lots of fabulous events throughout the school year, link with the local community and fundraise for the children, as well as offering children lots of additional wonderful experience such as discos and Christmas / summer Fates. If anyone would be interested in becoming part of our school PTA, please contact the office to register your interest.

VOLUNTEERS

If you have an interest in volunteering within the school, supporting children with their reading or do you have a particular passion such as Art or music which you would be passionate about sharing in a voluntary role? Please contact the school office for further information about how you could make a huge difference in a voluntary role in our school community.

Parklands Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children. All appointments, including volunteers, are subject to successful Disclosure & Barring clearance, references and medical clearance. The school provides equal opportunities for all.

BEAT THE STREET



Remember – Beat the street challenge will be running until Wednesday 3rd November 2021. A reminder of how to play:

1. Find Beat Boxes nearest to you on the map.
2. Hover your card or fob in front of the Beat Box until it beeps and flashes.



3. Walk, cycle, run or scoot to a different Beat Box within an hour.
4. Swipe the Beat Box with your card and fob until it beeps and flashes to score 10 points.
5. Now carry on your journey and score more points for each extra Beat Box you swipe.

For more information – visit the website -
<https://www.beatthestreet.me/northampton/how-to-play/>

KEY DATES

Tuesday 19th October – Parents’ evening
Thursday 21st October – Parents’ evening
Friday 22nd October – Last day of term
Monday 1st November – Training day
Tuesday 2nd November – Children return to school

W/C 2nd November – Eco week

Wednesday 10th November – KS1 parent workshop – further information to follow

Thursday 11th November – Ks2 parent workshop – further information to follow

Monday 15th November – New reception Sept 22 intake – Evening tour

Wednesday 24th November – Year 5 Brass Band performance

Wednesday 1st December – Reception Nativity performance

Friday 3rd December – Year 1 Nativity performance

Wednesday 8th December – Christmas dinner day – ABM

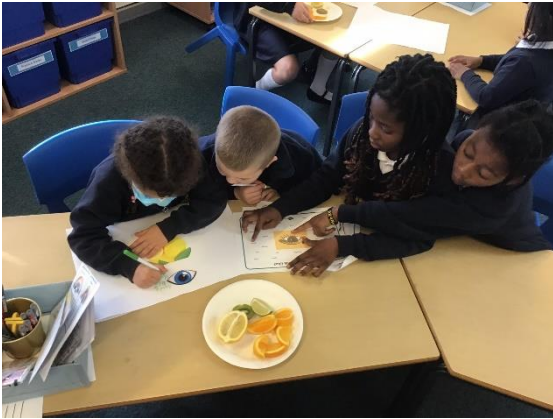
Monday 13th December – Year 5/6 evening production

Tuesday 14th December – Year 5/6 evening production

Take care and have a wonderful weekend!



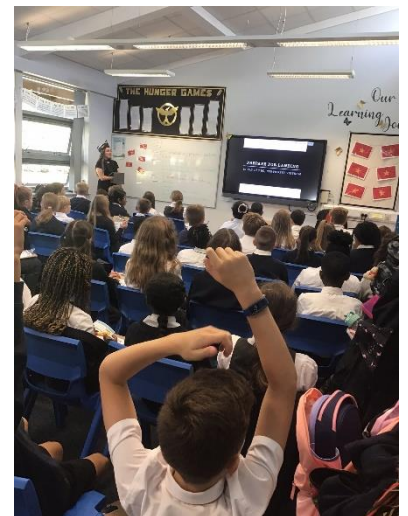
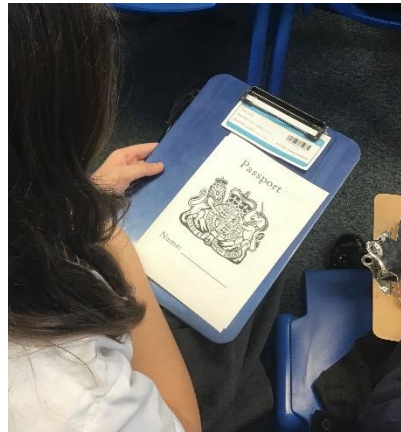
A few Highlights from the last few weeks!



Year 1 and 2 have been using their senses to gather vocabulary in preparation for their poetry writing.



Year 6 had the deliciously, delightful taste of sampling some Vietnamese cuisine. As well as being super busy, experiencing a virtual flight across Vietnam.





Year 5 have been busy practising for their Brass Band performance.



Year 2 have been investigating habitats during their science lessons.

