



PARKLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL  
PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022



### MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY

The children have been amazing, getting involved in Mental health awareness we celebrated by wearing what makes us happy, whether it be a costume, dress, pyjamas or a sports kit. In addition to this we all wrote down our feelings and all shared them in assembly, combining all of our feelings demonstrated how we are all in this together. This will be sent off to the Northampton Museum so they can create a permanent art installation. Also, we have created a soothe booth in the library to be used so children have a space to unwind and reflect on such a busy term.

### OXFORD OWL



This week, the office have emailed home your child's Oxford Owl login. Our subscription to Oxford Owl helps children aged 3-11 to develop their reading skills at home. You'll find books from Oxford's most popular brands including *Oxford Reading Tree* and *Tree Tops* all available for free. As well as much-loved characters such as [Biff, Chip and Kipper](#) and [Winnie the Witch](#), you'll also find some great [non-fiction eBooks](#) to help your child explore their world.

All our eBooks are free to use, and the children just need to use the login details that we've shared. Please note, the eBooks are best viewed on a computer, laptop or tablet.

We really hope to hear of all the exciting books the children have been enjoying reading at home in addition to their Reading For Pleasure book.

## READING AT PARKLANDS

Next term, we are excited to finally be able to welcome EYFS and KS1 parents in to read with your child from 2:45pm every Friday for our Reading Cafe! Here, you will be able to enjoy reading with your child, speak to teachers about recent reading learning and also receive resources and information on how reading is prioritised at Parklands. So if your child is in reception, year 1 or 2, please do come and join us on a Friday afternoon.

Once a term, we will also invite KS2 parents into classrooms at 2:45pm to enjoy the same opportunities with their child.

We really look forward to welcoming you in to celebrate reading with your child!



## SPORTS EVENTS

Next term, there will be Hockey competitions in Ks 2, across the Trust. Year 5 will also be swimming next term, Year 5 parents will have received information about this.

As the weather continues to improve there will be lots of exciting sported events coming up for all of the children!

## KEY DATES

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February – EYFS and KS1 Friday reading café begins

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February - Year 5 and 6 hockey tournament

WC 28<sup>th</sup> February – Silhouette Drama workshops and Poet visit

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – World books day celebrations

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March - Year 3 and 4 hockey tournament

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Last day

**Have a wonderful weekend!**



A few Highlights from the last 2 weeks!



Year 6 have had a wonderful afternoon taking part in the STEM workshop, building their own electric cars



Year 5 enjoying our Mental health awareness day

