



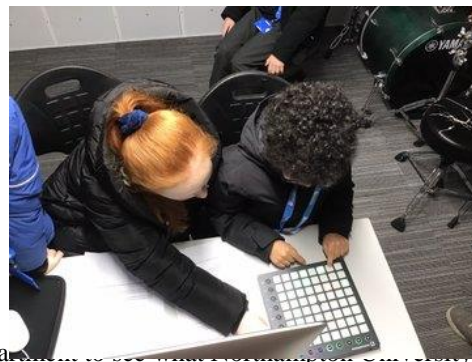
**PARKLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER
Friday 3rd February 2023**

MP visit

We were delighted to have MP Michael Ellis visit our school last Friday, where he toured the school and spoke with our school council representatives from the United Parklands group. The children had the opportunity to discuss local community and school based issues, as well as find out what life is like for an MP.



Northampton University



This week, some of our children visited Northampton University to see what the University has to offer! The children represented Parklands beautifully and had so much fun exploring around the music department, getting their own VIP lanyards for 'access all areas' and they even got to use maths to solve music problems! The children particularly enjoyed playing with the pad controllers that allowed them to layer sounds to create known and new music! We look forward to continuing to explore different departments of the University over the coming term to broaden their awareness on what life has to offer!

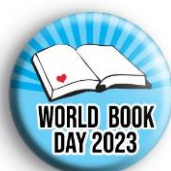
Oxford reading Buddy



We are excited to launch Oxford Reading Buddy which is in replacement of Oxford Reading Owl due to it being discontinued. Oxford Reading Buddy gives exactly the same levelled book access as we had before on Oxford Owl but additionally, it offers quizzes to complete after enjoying a levelled book to show understanding.

Your children have received their logins for their accounts, so are ready to have fun with their reading at home. They've been encouraged to record their reading in their reading journal to be the running to win a weekly prize for their reading engagement at home!

World Book day



World Book Day is fast approaching and everyone at Parklands is excited to join in! On **Thursday March 2nd** children will be able to come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book. There will be a host of literary based activities happening across the school to celebrate our love of reading!

Red Nose Day



We are delighted to be supporting Comic Relief this year . Parklands will be participating in Red Nose Day on **Friday 17th March**. We invite the children to join us for a non-uniform day by wearing something red and donating £1 to this worthwhile cause.

Uniform

A polite reminder that children should come into school in school and PE uniform – please ensure that children come to school in full school uniform, particularly school PE kits. If you require any support with this, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the school office.

Pupil Premium funding

If you think your child may be eligible for free school meals and/or pupil premium funding, please find further information on our school website <https://parklands.northants.sch.uk/pupil-premium/> and on : <https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/schools-and-education/free-school-meals-and-pupil-premium>

Parking

As Parking continues to be an issue in the local community, you may be aware of an increased police presence as they work with the school and the community to deal with repeat offenders who continue to park in dangerous and inconsiderate ways, often parking on corners and blocking the drive ways of local residents. Please do be considerate of this and consider the safety of your Parking during drop off and pick up times.

Key dates

Wednesday 8th February – Year 3 class assembly – PM - Information to follow
Friday 10th February – Last day of term
Monday 20th February – start of Spring term 2
Tuesday 28th March – Year 4 trip
Thursday 2nd March – World book day
Friday 17th March – Red nose day
Thursday 30th March year 2 class assembly -PM – information to follow

Have a wonderful weekend, everyone!

