



PARK ROAD

COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY UPDATE



13
October
2023



Next Week at a Glance

| Monday 16 | Tuesday 17 | Wednesday 18 | Thursday 19 | Friday 20 |
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| * Lunch Menu Week 2 | * 3.15 - 4.15 pm Performing Arts Club Y1,2,3 * 3.15 - 4.15 pm Crochet Club Y6 * 3.15 - 4.15 pm KS2 Boys Football | * 3.15 - 4.15 pm KS2 Netball Skills * 3.15 - 4.15 pm Gardening Club Y4 | * 3.15 - 4.15 pm Choir * 3.15 - 4.15 pm Multisports Y1,2 | * PFA Non Uniform for Chocolate * 3.15 - 4.15 pm KS2 Girls Football |

Current value/attribute: **Concern for Society**

Mrs. Quigley's weekly message:

This week in school we have been talking about Black History Month and how we can make a change. The theme for this year is 'Saluting our Sisters' recognising the contribution of women. We talked about the impact Nicola Adams had on the boxing world, and also a lady called Olive Morris who was an activist fighting against racism. From talking to the children, I know they have been learning about different people and having some wonderful discussions about how we can support change. We will continue with our learning around this area for the rest of the half term, so please do speak to your child to find out what they have been learning.

On Wednesday we celebrated Mental Health Awareness Day. The school was awash with yellow and all classes enjoyed extended My Happy Mind lessons as well as different activities to support Mental Health Awareness. Recently, Mrs Oakes sent a link out for the parent app My Happy Minds. If you haven't yet downloaded it, I would really recommend a look as it has some excellent ideas and resources.

In school, the teachers have been busy making plans for the scarecrow festival. The office one is certainly coming together with a little bit of 'magic' - perhaps that's a little clue for what to look out for.....? There is still chance to join in, and be part of the PFA fun event for half term - I can't wait to have a wander round and see all the designs.

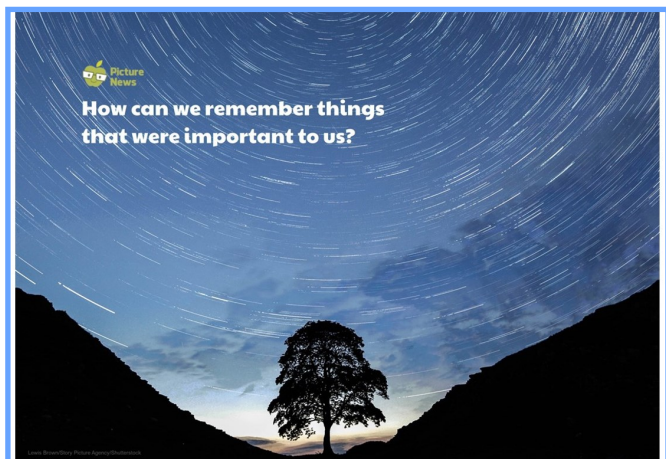
Finally, I must say a huge congratulations and well done to our wonderful Year 6's. We had our first open day on Tuesday for prospective parents and Year 6 took charge of the tours. Every single parent and grandparent said what a credit they were to our school and how lovely, polite and informative they had been. What more could we ask for! Thank you Year 6 for setting such a great standard as our 'Park Road Role Models'.

As always, have a wonderful weekend, and I will see you all on Monday. *Mrs Quigley*

Picture News

Next week's Picture News topic is

'Can anyone break a world record?'



The tree at the centre of the world-famous 'Sycamore Gap' on Hadrian's Wall, England, has reportedly been deliberately felled on the night of 28 September and was discovered by walkers the next morning. The National Trust said it was 'shocked and saddened' by the felling of the tree, which won English Tree of the Year in 2016. They confirmed that the tree had been 'deliberately felled' overnight. Currently, it is not known how or why the tree was cut down.

The stump of the tree remains healthy and could be used to grow new shoots Andrew Poad from the National Trust has said. Though others, including Rob Ternent, head gardener at the Alnwick Garden in Northumberland, warned the beauty spot will never be the same again.

The Sycamore Gap tree is an estimated 300 year old sycamore tree, which stood alongside Hadrian's Wall near Crag Lough in Northumberland, England. It was located in a dip in the landscape and was always a very popular photographic subject, often described as one of the most photographed trees in the country.

Things to talk about at home:

Is there a place in your local area that is very special to you? What is it that makes it special? How do you think the people living close to Sycamore Gap will be feeling? How do you believe the legacy of the tree could be remembered.

Hot Chocolate and Cake

Well done to the following children chosen this week:

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| Reception | Scott H |
| Year 1 | Noah C |
| Year 2 | Karter J |
| Year 3 | Jessica H |
| Year 4 | Joshua S |
| Year 5 | Sienna SC |
| Year 6 | Siena H |

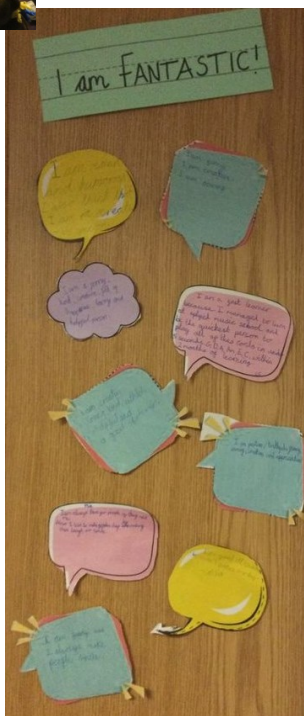
Poppy Appeal

From Monday 16 October, we will be selling Poppies in school. The paper poppies are available for a donation or children are able to purchase the items shown below, please send orders together with the cash payment in clearly marked envelopes with details of the items you wish to purchase. Please include your child's name, class and the colour option (if applicable) and the teachers will place the order with the office. Please note, we have limited stock on all items and will not be able to replenish it.

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| Paper poppies | Donation of your choice |
| Zip pulls | 50p each |
| Reflectors | 50p each |
| Ruler | 50p each |
| Wristband | £1 each |
| Snap Band/Ruler | £1.50 each |



Our Mental Health Day in Pictures



Harvest Festival Collection

Mrs Wilkinson has let everyone know on Seesaw that we will be collecting donations for our Harvest Festival and we intend to donate the items to our local Foodbank, who will provide hampers to vulnerable adults/families in the WA5 area. With the current economic climate, the demand on the Foodbank is very high so any help you may be able to give would be very much appreciated.

Items such as:

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| Tinned rice pudding | Custard |
| Tinned potatoes | Instant potato |
| Cream crackers | Tinned Fruit |
| Tinned meats (hot) | Fish/meat paste |
| Corned beef | Cat food |
| Angel Delight | Jelly |
| Long life milk | Selection boxes |
| Pasta | Tins of biscuits |
| Chocolates/Sweets | Shortbread |
| Pasta sauces | Cereal |
| Tinned vegetables | Tinned fish |
| Rice | Tinned puddings |
| Soup | Christmas food |

Please **check the "use by" dates** and only send in food with longer shelf-lives as the Foodbank need time to sort and distribute the items.

Data Collection Sheets

Please don't forget to check (amend if necessary) and sign/date the sheets and return them (even if there aren't any changes) as soon as possible to the school office.

Clubs Next Half Term

The clubs for next half term will be published on Seesaw next week so please watch out for them - it will also have the day/time that they will be going live to book on Parentpay.



Parents, Friends
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Scarecrow Entries Final Call

The closing date for entries to the Scarecrow festival is Monday 16 October. Then it's time for the fun to begin in making the scarecrows ready to be displayed by Friday 27 October. If anyone knows any local companies that would like to take part please let me know.

Personalised Christmas Gifts - My Child's Art

Thank you for the orders already placed. So far we have raised £40.88p from sales and a possible further £30 from referrals. Please browse the site for some lovely gift ideas, personalised with your child's artwork. Please find the details on the leaflets sent out in your child's bag from last week.

Christmas Fair

We are in our planning stages for the Christmas fair and as previously mentioned, in our response to the parent feedback, this year we have arranged for the event to be held on SATURDAY 9 DECEMBER and this date can only go ahead if we have the support from our community. Our event sign up link is below. Please volunteer any help you can. **If the sign up sheet is not filled by Monday 6 November, unfortunately we will be cancelling the Saturday date and reverting back to Thursday 30 November with a very basic event.**

Sign up link: <https://volunteersignup.org/EH7CC>

IF ANY PARENTS WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HAVING A STALL AT OUR EVENT THEN PLEASE GET IN TOUCH.

UNWANTED CHRISTMAS TREES.

If you are thinking of buying a new tree this year and looking for a home for your pre-loved one, please let us know.

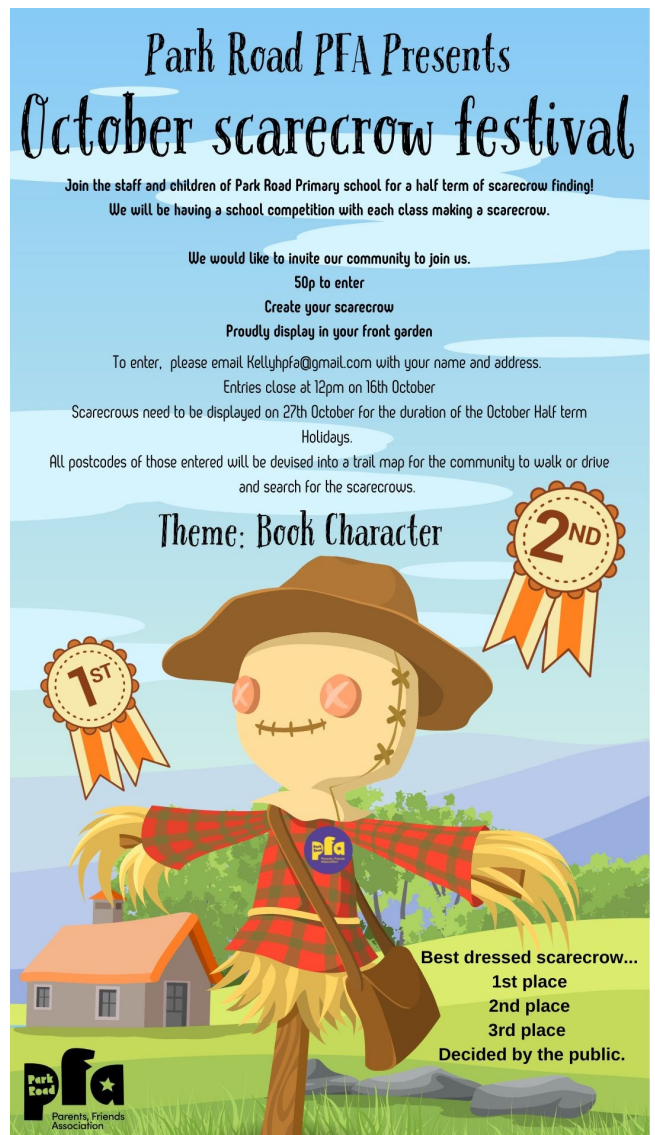
Finally- to keep up to date with all events please ensure you are on our social media platforms. Facebook search for Park Road PFA.

Have a lovely weekend and don't forget to sign up for any help you can give at the Christmas Fair

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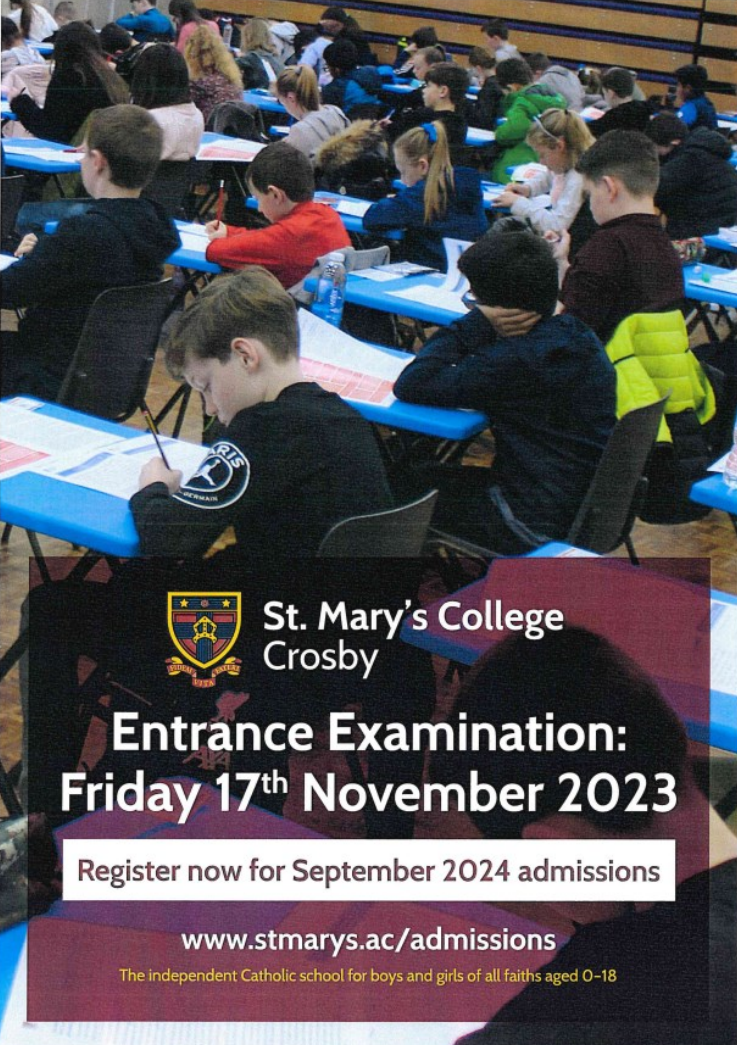
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Community Pages

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A photograph of a classroom filled with students sitting at blue desks, working on papers. The students are of various ages and are focused on their work. The classroom has wooden walls and a large window in the background.

 **St. Mary's College
Crosby**

**Entrance Examination:
Friday 17th November 2023**

Register now for September 2024 admissions

www.stmarys.ac/admissions

The independent Catholic school for boys and girls of all faiths aged 0-18