



PARK ROAD

COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY UPDATE



23
February
2024



Next Week in School at a Glance

Monday 26	Tuesday 27	Wednesday 28	Thursday 29	Friday 1
* Lunch Menu wk 3 * Parents Evening (NO clubs)	* 3.15 - 4.15 pm Rec/ Y1 /2/3 Performing Arts * 3.15 - 4.15 pm Y3/4 Book Club * 3.15 - 4.15 pm Y5/6 Crochet * 3.15 - 4.15 pm KS2 Cross Country	* 8.15 am Eco Warrior Meeting * 8.15 am Happiness Team Meeting * Parents Evening (NO clubs)	* 8.15 am HPL, Sports Crew and Innov8 Team Meetings * Reception trip to Delamere * 2.45 pm Choir 'Class Assembly' * 3.15 - 4.15 pm Y4/5/6 Choir * 3.15 - 4.15 pm Rec/Y1/2 Baking * 3.15 - 4.15 pm Rec/Y1/2 Indoor Running/Keep Fit	* Chicken raffle tickets on sale * 3.15 - 4.15 pm Rec/Y1/2 Circuits

Current value/attribute: **Confidence**

Mrs. Quigley's weekly message:

Welcome back after the half term. It's been a lovely first week back that has just flown by! This week we have introduced our new HPL Value, Confidence, and have thought about what it means to show confidence. During this week, the children were encouraged to 'be the best you!' and have thought about in their classes what this might mean.

Our new enrichment focus has also begun for Reception to Y5. This half term we are creating performances, and eventually videos, around an area of the children's curriculum. Teachers will share more information on Seesaw in the coming weeks. However, I heard some very catchy songs being performed this week across school so you're in for a treat! Our Y6's are saving their performance until the end of the year, when we are always treated to a wonderful show and some lasting memories.

Next week we have Parents Evening and by now you should have managed to sign up on the online system. It's an excellent opportunity to discuss your child's current progress and their next steps as well as have an in depth catch up with the teacher. I'll look forward to seeing you all in the hall next week. I will be handing out some questionnaires and would love to get feedback around things that are working well and areas we can continue to develop, helping us to become the best school we can be.

Finally, in a couple of weeks I will be hosting a community Big Dig Event, where I would like to invite parents, grandparents and families to come and join us in preparing the grounds for Spring and our next enrichment project. Details will follow shortly, but for now, if this sounds like something you would like to help with, please keep Friday 22 March free.

As always, if I can help with anything please call into the office or catch me on one of the gates in the morning. I'm sure lots of you know by now I always love to have a chat with you as you're coming and going!

Have a lovely weekend—please let's hope for no more rain!

Mrs Quigley

Picture News

The Picture News topic for next week is ...

'How can you make your voice heard?'



In countries across Europe, including Romania, Belgium, Hungary, Poland and Greece, tractors have been blocking city streets and motorways as farmers protest against certain European Union (EU) rules. Their concerns include falling incomes, rising red tape and competition from imports. Both national governments and the EU are under pressure to stop the demonstrations. One protesting farmer, Hygo Auge from France, told news reporters for CNN that the current system 'makes a mockery of both farmers and consumers'.

Some of the concerns of the French farmers, such as lots of extra paperwork, only apply to them and not other countries. Other concerns that apply to other nations include the increasing cost of fuel and animal feed, cheaper food coming in from other countries and the high cost of electricity.

Things to talk about at home:

- * Talk about the actions that farmers across the EU are taking and why you think they chose to block roads as one of their actions
- * What are some of the other ways you can take action if you don't agree with something?

Choir Class Assembly

On Thursday 29 February, it will be the Choir's 'Class Assembly' at 2.45 pm, where they will showcase the songs they have been learning in their after school club. Parents and carers of the choir are welcome to come along to watch the assembly and the KS2 gate will be opened at 2.40 pm. We hope the Choir parents/carers can come to enjoy their fabulous singing!

Hot Chocolate and Cake

Well done to the following children chosen this week:

Reception	Florence D
Year 1	Amelia E
Year 2	Ciara T
Year 3	Ava G
Year 4	Oliver W
Year 5	Alexander G
Year 6	Isla M

Attendance Update

As a parent, it can be difficult to know when to send your child into school if they are feeling unwell or mildly anxious, but finding solutions is a team effort between schools, parents and children, and there is support and information available to help you make the best decision for your child. If you have any concerns or would like support, you can speak to your class teacher, Mrs Quigley (who is usually available on one of the gates each morning) or by speaking to the school office, who will pass on any concerns.

Regular school attendance can help healthy relationships with other children, which is a protective factor for mental health and wellbeing.

It's usually safe for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild illnesses, like a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat, however, children should stay at home if they have a high temperature of 38C or above. The guidance is also that your child should stay off school for 48 hours after the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea. If you are unsure, you can check the NHS website www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/ or, again, contact the school office, who will be happy to help.

Goodbye and Good Luck

Today, we said goodbye to Deb in the kitchen. She has been a great member of the kitchen team and will be really missed by children and staff. We wish her lots of luck with her new ventures and look forward to still seeing her on the playground as part of the Cookies team.

Parents Evening Procedures—Please Read

On Monday 26 and Wednesday 28 February, we have our Parents Evenings for the spring term and hopefully you have signed up to an appointment on School Cloud. Please remember there are **NO after-school clubs** on these days.

For both evenings we ask that you enter the building through the doors at the back of the hall from the playground. There will be signing in sheets as you come in and to avoid duplications, we ask that you sign in **against your eldest child in school** (even if you don't have an appointment for that child on that day). You will need to confirm the number of people (including children) attending and the time in. Please remember to sign out so we know who is in the building in the event of a fire.

World Book Day

As you may know, World Book Day is fast approaching and we will be celebrating World Book Day on **Friday 8 March** with our theme: 'We are confident readers!'.

Our theme links to our High Performance Learning Value, as well as the national theme of 'Read Your Way,' encouraging children to read for pleasure and have confidence in their own reading interests and journeys.

Each class will be carrying out activities linked to nurturing children's love of reading, their identity as a 'confident reader' and celebrating the wonderful world of books!

To celebrate the children being confident, independent readers, we ask that they dress up as their favourite book character. Alternatively, children can come to school in comfortable clothes that they read for pleasure in, such as pyjamas for a bedtime story.

Regardless of whether your child is coming in costume or pyjamas, please can we politely ask that their clothing is appropriate for the school day and they wear footwear that will enable them to be safe and dry when playing at playtimes and lunch times. Happy reading!

Primary Arts Network (PAN) Exhibition

Over the last half term, as part of our enrichment provision, our children have been creating artwork for the PAN Exhibition at the Gateway (opposite the Town Hall on Sankey Street).

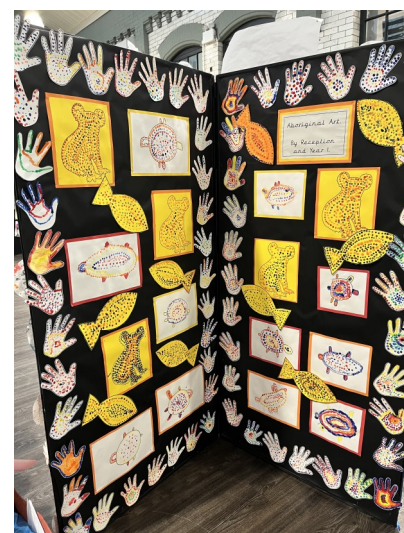


Children from every class took part to create these lovely displays.



The theme for this year's PAN is **'around the world in 80 days'** and there are many works on display from lots of different schools.

The exhibition is open to the public to view so you are able to go along and view the children's work—our artwork is on display from today until Wednesday 6 March.





Parents, Friends
Association

It has been a very quiet start to the year on the PFA front. We've had a few events booked in, however our very small team are working hard behind the scenes on other projects.

Last year our funds were mainly spent on the sensory garden, which we are looking forward to developing and using over the coming months. This year we are looking to provide the children with more experiences and opportunities with the funds we raise through events and to seek grants from external sources for projects such as the requested bike shelter for KS2 and some outdoor provisions for the school. We have submitted a number of grant applications so far and, as you may have seen, we are a chosen charity with our local CO-OP– please remember to choose us as your local cause.

PFA Quiz Night

Our Quiz Night will take place on Thursday 7 March and doors will open at 5:15 pm to allow everyone time to get settled in ready for us to start promptly at 5:30 pm.

The Quiz will consist of 9 rounds with a potential 120 points available to earn. Rounds include Disney, sports, general knowledge, famous doors, generation game, picture game and lots more fun! The cost per person is £2 to attend the quiz.

We will be taking bookings for teams with a maximum of 8 people per team, please check your child's bookbag for details and return the slip quickly to book your place. There will be a prize for the team with the best name!

Refreshments will be available to buy on the night and there will be a raffle, with tickets on sale during the evening only.

Sensory Garden

Over the coming months, we will be looking to start some maintenance of the sensory garden. We are planning to run some after-school sessions with a group of children - this will be for the sensory garden only - more information to follow.

Have a lovely weekend

Kelly

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