



PARK ROAD

COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY UPDATE



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Next Week in School at a Glance

Monday 5	Tuesday 6	Wednesday 7	Thursday 8	Friday 9
<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Lunch Menu wk 3* Mental Health Week* Y5 to GSHS to watch Shrek performance* 3.15 - 4.15 pm Disney Stars (ongoing)* 3.15 - 4.15 pm Rec/Y1/2 Baking Club (last one)* 3.15 pm Y5/6 Homework Club (ongoing)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* 3.15 - 4.15 pm Rec/Y1/2/3 Performing Arts - performance for parents at 4.00 pm (last one)* 3.15 - 4.15 pm Rec/Y1/2 Arts and Crafts (last one)* 3.15 - 4.15 pm Y5/6 Crochet (last one)* 3.15 - 4.15 pm KS2 Badminton (last one)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Y5/6 High 5 Netball Tournament at GSHS* No Boccia (completed)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* 8.15 am HPL Team Meeting* 8.15 am Innov8 Team Meeting* Reception Class Trip to Delamere Forest* NO Choir (to continue next term)* NO Y3/4 Arts and Crafts and NO Rec/Y1/2 Tennis (last ones)* 3.20 pm Community Cafe* 5 pm Y4 Residential Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Chicken raffle tickets on sale* Mental Health own clothes day 'Express Yourself'* 3.15 - 4.15 pm Y5/6 High 5 Netball (last one)

Current value/attribute: **Perseverance**

Mrs. Quigley's weekly message:

I cannot believe that next week is our final week before the half term! It seems just a moment ago we were returning after Christmas. It has been a busy half term but I know the children have enjoyed lots of lovely learning experiences.

Next week is Children's Mental Health Awareness Week and Mrs Oakes and the Wellbeing Team have organised daily opportunities for the children to explore ways they can support their own wellbeing. Teachers will be sharing examples of approaches in case this is something that may be of use for you at home too. Don't forget the My happy Mind app also has parent support ideas and the team will be hosting the Community Café on Thursday after school too! The details for the app can be found on your child's class Seesaw page and details about the café on page 3 of this update. Friday next week is dress to express yourself day—children are welcome to come as they feel as long as it's appropriate and safe for school.

The office has also shared details with regards to booking Parents Evening appointments using School Cloud, something requested via Parent Forum. Please do sign up as it is important that all teachers have the opportunity to share with you successes and next steps for your child. This really does help and support our home school partnership.

Finally, our PAN art display is coming together nicely. This will be on show at the Gateway from Thursday 22 February until Thursday 7 March. It is a whole school effort so if you are in town during this time, please do pop along and have a look. We know you will be very impressed.

As always, have a lovely weekend and see you Monday!
Mrs Quigley

Parent Forum Feedback.

You said....	We did....
<i>Can the path at the KS2 side of school be repaired and widened?</i>	This is ongoing and has been shared with the Trust. As I'm sure you can appreciate a job of this scale does take a lot of planning and funds, but please assured it is being looked into.
<i>Can ticketing for events be online too?</i>	This is a great suggestion and something the office will look into. We need to make sure that it is a system that works for everyone and therefore we are currently gathering more information. We will come back to you about this.
<i>Can anti-slip grips be put onto the new KS2 climbing frame as it seems to be out of use a lot?</i>	Again another great idea. I have passed this to the Estates Management Team for the Trust during Mr Finch's absence. If this is possible, and won't effect our warranty, we will look to do this.
<i>Can class assemblies be filmed for those parents who can't attend due to work?</i>	I have discussed this with the teachers and from next term we will take videos of some of the performance. This may be a key moment where all children are involved, or a song, therefore ensuring everyone gets to enjoy some of the assembly. This will be shared on Seesaw.
<i>Can the high school theatre be used so that more parents can attend KS2 performances and also all parents will be able to see?</i>	This is something we can discuss with the High School next year, or consider when planning our events. However, the High School also have their own plans and commitments for their pupils so may not be a possible option. We will keep in mind options for parents and hopefully ensure everyone has a good view during any performances.
<i>Can there be a waiting list for baking club as it's filling up very quickly?</i>	We are aware of the popularity of this club and would like to work with parents to ensure as many children as possible can access. The club can only take 6 children for safety purposes, therefore, we would like to ask parents whose children have already attended, not to book on again for now to make this fair. We are looking into holding this club on other days to increase availability. We will keep reviewing the clubs and the popularity to try to ensure we can accommodate all of those children keen to attend at least once this year.

Hot Chocolate and Cake

Well done to the following children chosen this week:

Reception	Sophie M
Year 1	Archie H
Year 2	Julio T
Year 3	Oliver C
Year 4	Lauren H
Year 5	Chelsea S
Year 6	Oscar O

Mental Health Awareness Week

Children's Mental Health Week was launched in 2015 and each year, hundreds of schools, children, parents and carers take part. Now in its 10th year, the national theme is 'My Voice Matters'. My Voice Matters is about empowering children and young people by providing them with the tools they need to express themselves.

In School next week we have a theme for each day which will be our focus across school.

- * **Mindful Monday** - focus of 'listening'
- * **Terrific Tuesday** - focus of 'things that are important to me and I'm proud of'
- * **Words Wednesday** - focus of the power of words: how words can be used in a positive way but also how they can be used in the wrong way and how that can affect us
- * **Thankful Thursday** – focus of gratitude
- * **Fabulous Friday** - focus of national 'Express Yourself' day: children can come to school dressed to express themselves (bright colours, a sport kit etc). This day is about celebrating each other and ourselves

Although children can come to school dressed to 'express themselves' on Friday 9 February, please remember that they should still be dressed appropriately for school with the usual safety requirements of no dangly earrings etc. Thank you.

Choir Performance - Save the Date

Our wonderful choir will be performing for the school on Thursday 29 February and parents/carers of children in the choir are welcome to come along to watch. The KS2 gate will be opened at 2.40 pm and it will start at 2.45 pm.

Picture News

Next week's Picture News topic is

'What makes someone inspirational?'



45-year-old Mar Galcerán from Spain has become the country's first elected parliamentarian with Down's syndrome. Maria del Mar Galcerán Gadea is thought to be the first person with the genetic disorder to join a European regional or national parliament. She has been involved with politics since she was 18, when she joined Spain's conservative People's Party and was voted in as a member of the Spanish parliament in January 2024. Speaking to the media, Mar Galcerán said she wants to be seen as a person, and not for her disability.

Maria del Mar Galcerán Gadea was very interested in politics and how decisions were made as a child. When she was 18, she joined a Spanish political group and over the next few years, she worked in many different political roles. She worked hard to make people more aware and understanding of people with Down's syndrome in Spain. She also worked at an organisation that helped families with children who have Down's syndrome.

Things to talk about at home:

- * Make a list of people you find inspirational. What about them inspires you?
- * Think about some of the places you find leaders (eg schools, councils, clubs). For each place, how are the leaders chosen? Share how important you think it is for leaders to be from a diverse range of backgrounds and with different experiences.

Community Café Thursday 8 February

Don't forget our next Community Café on Thursday 8 February from 3.15 pm to coincide with Mental Health Awareness Week. It will be run by our school's Wellbeing and Happiness Teams. Tea, coffee, juice and cakes will be provided, so why not come along to join us and get to know other people in our school community.



All lost property will be put out so you can help yourself to any unnamed items or may be able to decipher names that we couldn't work out! In our Café in May, we will be offering a uniform swap shop so why not keep hold of old uniform until then and give it a new lease of life!

Clubs

This weekend is your last chance to sign up for any clubs for next half term. The deadline is midnight on Sunday 4 February as all clubs will be closed on Monday to allow us sufficient time to generate the registers.

We are sorry for the level of short-notice cancellations of clubs this half term, this has been because of staff illness and clashes with other events organised. We do try, wherever possible, to indicate the dates the club won't run when they are advertised to allow sufficient time to arrange childcare etc.

Egg Boxes Needed

Each week, our Year 6 class holds a raffle with the prize being the eggs they have collected from our chickens. If you have any spare egg boxes for them to safely store the eggs, please could you either hand them to the staff on the gates or drop them off at the school office. Thank you.

Facebook Page

We wanted to let you know about a change to our Facebook page. There is now a new page for Park Road Community Primary School www.facebook.com/people/Park-Road-Community-Primary-School/61552032341248/, where you can see activities and events from across school. Our old Facebook closed site will be removed this week as it is no longer used - information is now securely communicated through Seesaw.

Community Pages

Any items shared on these pages are for information only and are not endorsed or vetted by school.

Calling parents of Warrington

Do you have a child aged 0-11 years? If so, the Early Years Funding team want to hear from you. They've developed a questionnaire that is to help them understand how families access formal and informal childcare in the borough. It should take about 5 minutes to complete and all entrants that agree to supplying their contact details, will be entered into a prize draw for a chance to win a family activity of your choice, in Warrington. A total of 3 lucky families will be selected at random. Entrants will be contacted once the draw has been completed which will be after the closing date. Closing date to be entered into the draw is Monday 5 February, please note, entries may still be able to be submitted after 5 February but will not be included in the draw. Prizes include a soft play session or a trip to the cinema. For a chance to have your say and win, let the Early Years Funding team know your thoughts at www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/wbcearlyyearsparent.



Half Term Forest Holiday Club



About CommuniTree

At CommuniTree we facilitate a nurturing and safe environment for children to play, explore and take risks at their own pace and rhythm.

No two days are the same at forest holiday club as we encourage children to follow their own passions and interests.

Activities

- Den building
- Tree climbing
- Foraging and cooking
- Story-telling and music
- Crafting with tools
- Woodland unstructured play

How to book

12-16 February 9am-3.15pm
For 5 - 11 year olds (Year 1 - Year 6)
£42 a day (inc. VAT)

Childcare vouchers, tax-free childcare accepted.

visit | communitree.co.uk/holiday-club
email | info@communitree.co.uk
call | 0800 086 8837

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Autism Empowerment Webinar



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This one-hour lunchtime webinar is a brief exploration of how Autism can present, the history of Autism, diagnosis as well as differences in communication and social interaction. We will also be looking at how the environment can impact on someone with sensory processing challenges.

The main aim of this webinar is to focus on the many strengths autistic individuals have and how we can increase understanding and Neuro-inclusivity through education and raising awareness.

Webinars are held on Zoom on the following dates:

Thursday 29th February 12:30 to 13:30

Friday 29th March 12:30 to 13:30

Friday 26th April 12:30 to 13:30

At the end of the webinar, you will receive a certificate of attendance that will be emailed to your given email address.

The cost of this one-hour webinar is only £5.50!

To book your place on the webinar please either scan the QR code below or go to: www.theautismtrainingnetwork.com/training

"For every person who understands Autism better, another Autistic person will be happier."-
Libby Scott, Autistic Author (at age 11)

