



PARK ROAD

COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY UPDATE



6
October
2023



Next Week at a Glance

Monday 9	Tuesday 10	Wednesday 11	Thursday 12	Friday 13
* Lunch Menu Week 1	* Open Day for Intake September 2024 (appointments only) * 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	* Wear Yellow for Mental Health Day * 8.15 am Eco Warrior & Happiness Team Meetings * 3.15 - 4.15 pm KS2 Netball Skills * 3.15 - 4.15 pm Gardening Club Y4	* 8.15 am Innov8, HPL and Sports Crew Meetings * 3.15 - 4.15 pm Choir * 3.15 - 4.15 pm Multisports Y1,2	* 3.15 - 4.15 pm KS2 Girls Football

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

Mrs. Quigley's weekly message:

This week started with great excitement during our science assembly with Menna from LJM University. Menna shared the importance of science in the everyday world with us, and then took us on a journey of chemical reactions resulting in 'custard bombs' which caused lots of shrieks of laughter and amazement! Following this, all classes took part in a science day where we had classes exploring solids, liquids and gases, minibeasts and chocolate 'rocks' - to name a few. Lots of photos were shared on Twitter but some highlights are also later in the update.

The children enjoyed the day so much, we have now set them the challenge of hosting their own science fair. Dates were shared for parents in the 'Dates for the Diary' and after half term, your child's class will send an invite for you to come and experience some of the science learning they have completed this half term. Keep an eye out in the newsletter and on Seesaw for more information in the coming weeks and hopefully we will see many of you there.

Last week, you may remember, I mentioned that we were starting out HPL (High Performance Learning) journey which is the belief that #everyone can. Attached to the newsletter is a link for a very short questionnaire around this - less than 5 minutes. Please could you help by completing this as it really will help us to get the most out of the 2-year project. You don't need to know anything about HPL, just have a spare 5 minutes.

Finally, thank you to those parents who have volunteered to be our parent reps for the year. It is really helpful to have a class link and hear the positives as well as any queries. There were some excellent points raised and I will share an update with everyone in the next few weeks around some of the developments from a whole school perspective. I am sure the reps will share an update for any class specific details with you shortly, if they haven't already. We do have vacancy for our Reception class so if you think this is a role you can help with, please let the office know.

As always, have a wonderful weekend – I hear we might even see some sunshine! - and I will see you all Monday.

Mrs Quigley

Picture News

Next week's Picture News topic is

'How does change happen?'



October is Black History Month in the UK. This year's theme is 'Saluting our Sisters' - highlighting the role Black women have played in shaping history, inspiring change and building communities in the UK. Commemorations will feature Black women, who have made outstanding contributions to many areas including music, literature, fashion, sport, business, politics and health care.

Women from the past such as Mary Seacole, Claudia Jones, Rosa Parks, Diane Abbott including

- highlighting contemporary black women who are breaking barriers and shattering stereotypes in their respective fields;
- featuring black women who have used their voices to speak out against injustice, with quotes from their speeches or writings;
- showcasing black women who have made significant strides in business and entrepreneurship;
- featuring black women who have broken down barriers in sports, entertainment, politics, and other fields;
- celebrating black women who have made significant contributions to science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields
- showcasing black women who have made significant contributions to leadership and governance.

Things to talk about at home:

- * Share what you already know and understand about Black History Month in the UK
- * This year's theme is 'Saluting our Sisters'. What are some of the ways that you think we could do this?

Hot Chocolate and Cake

Well done to the following children chosen this week:

Reception	Spencer W
Year 1	Jenna A
Year 2	Sophia M
Year 3	Martin W
Year 4	Isla L
Year 5	Mustafa S
Year 6	Max B

Communication of Head Injuries

Following feedback given at the Parents Forum, we would like to clarify the procedures for reporting head bumps to parents/carers.

If your child has a minor head injury/head bump in school, it is recorded in our accident books and the class staff will monitor your child and complete our monitoring form. If there has been no need for further action from the monitoring, the staff will send a copy of the form to you on Seesaw for your information.

If your child has had a more significant head bump/injury or where something has been picked up while your child was being monitored, we will ring to speak to you directly. Please be assured that we will contact you with any concerns.

Parent Forum Class Reps

Thank you very much to Mrs Lamb, mum to Eva, volunteering to be our Year 2 Class Rep. Year 2 families can contact Mrs Lamb by emailing prpsintake2021@prps.omegamat.co.uk.

If any parents or carers in our Reception class would be interested in the Class Rep role, please contact the office via Seesaw, email or by just popping in for a chat.

Wear Yellow for Mental Health Day

We will be celebrating World Mental Health on Wednesday 11 October and would like to invite children to come to school wearing their own clothes including something yellow - it can be a whole outfit in yellow, a yellow ribbon, a pair of socks with a yellow dot on it. Please remember, as with all non-uniform days, clothes should be appropriate for the school day so please bear this in mind.

Our Science Day in Pictures



Menna the scientist led the assembly, which included chemical reactions inflating gloves and, of course, the custard bomb.



Reception class made and explored gloop,



Year 2 investigated the preferred habitat of woodlice,



while Year 6 used a red cabbage to investigate the pH of a variety of household liquids.

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:

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.

Park Run Success

Leonard in Year 4 took part in the 2km Orford Park Junior Park Run on Sunday. He did amazingly, winning the run, and also bringing his personal best from 8:18 down to 7:57.

Children aged 4-14 can take part each Sunday at 09:00 in the fun run. They can walk, jog or run. Parents can run alongside until the



finishing funnel. It is a great free event for kids to become involved in. When you register your child/children will be given a barcode to print, or can be scanned on a phone. They bring this whenever they go to an event and the volunteers will scan it to give your child their run time. To register please go to <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/register/> or for more information and to see the course please go to <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/warrington-juniors/>



Parents, Friends Association



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Park Road PFA

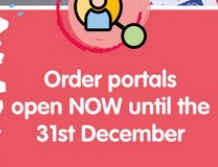
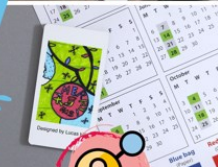
Order personalised Christmas cards as well as unique gifts and keepsakes printed with your child's Christmas design!

Park Road PFA will receive 20% commission on all product sales!

To order, login to the parent order portal at www.mychildsart.co.uk/order
Login details for the portal will be issued via leaflet.



NEW & Improved Website Has launched!



Christmas Cards

Today we are sending home letters with details on how you can purchase Christmas cards and a range of gifts featuring your child's artwork.

Not only can you buy Christmas cards and a great range of gifts but for the next 2 weeks, you can get **10% off** AND the PFA receives **20% commission** on all sales.



Early bird discount for Park Road PFA

10% OFF

All products for 2 WEEKS ONLY!

Use code: **ParkRoad**

during checkout

One use only. Excludes VAT and P&P. Valid for 2 weeks from the portal opening date - not the date that you see this promotion. Not automatically applied and cannot be added once an order has been confirmed.

Scarecrow Festival

Don't forget to get in touch if you'd like to join in our Scarecrow Festival. Entry is 50p and we will let everyone know the participating postcodes so that everyone can go on a scarecrow hunt during half term to see the wonderful creations! Mrs Quigley and the office's scarecrow is all ready to go!

Don't forget that there will be prizes for the best dressed Scarecrows (voted by the public) - we can't wait to see how creative you can be!

Have a lovely weekend

Kelly
PFA Chair
kellyhpfa@gmail.com

October scarecrow festival

Join the staff and children of Park Road Primary school for a half term of scarecrow finding!
We will be having a school competition with each class making a scarecrow.

We would like to invite our community to join us.

50p to enter

Create your scarecrow

Proudly display in your front garden

To enter, please email kellyhpfa@gmail.com with your name and address.

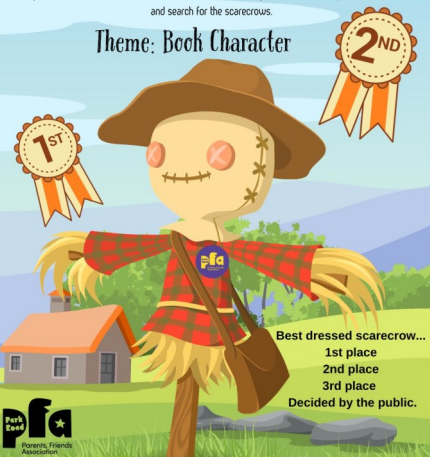
Entries close at 12pm on 16th October

Scarecrows need to be displayed on 27th October for the duration of the October Half term

Holidays

All postcodes of those entered will be devised into a trail map for the community to walk or drive and search for the scarecrows.

Theme: Book Character



Best dressed scarecrow...

1st place

2nd place

3rd place

Decided by the public.



Community Pages

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



Pumpkin Picking

VISIT PRIMROSE THIS OCTOBER TO PICK YOUR OWN HOME GROWN PUMPKINS

EVERY WEEKEND - 10AM-4PM
EVERY FRIDAY EVENING - 5-9PM
HALF TERM 23RD - 31ST OCT - 10AM-5PM

PRIMROSE HILL
NURSERIES
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PUMPKINS - HALLOWEEN THEMED LUNCHES
CAFE - COFFEE - CAKES - HALLOWEEN TRAIL
PAINT YOUR PUMPKINS - FACE PAINTING
PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES - INDOOR TOILETS - CAR PARK

Warrington Road, High Legh, Knutsford, Cheshire WA16 0SQ 01925 752635



Cheshire Police **ALERT**



"Working Together" in Warrington – register now

Residents in Warrington are being invited to a local 'Working Together' event to discuss the latest policing issues with Police and Crime Commissioner John Dwyer, Chief Constable Mark Roberts and local Chief Inspector Neil Drum.

The event will be held at Warrington Youth Zone, Dallam Lane, Warrington, WA2 7NG from 7pm – 8pm on Monday 16 October 2023. You can register your free attendance for the event at [WarringtonWorkingTogether.eventbrite.co.uk](https://warringtonworkingtogether.eventbrite.co.uk) by 12 October 2023.

Nine 'Working Together' events are being held across the county – one in each Local Policing Unit (LPU) - encouraging Cheshire's communities to hear about the latest developments in policing and to ask any questions they might have of their local team and senior officers.

Register your attendance for the 7pm meeting on 16 October 2023 at [WarringtonWorkingTogether.eventbrite.co.uk](https://warringtonworkingtogether.eventbrite.co.uk). Registration must be completed by 12 October 2023.

Residents advice for Halloween/Bonfire Night

- Secure property such as wheelie bins and fence panels to prevent them being removed and used for unauthorised bonfires.
- If you see an unauthorised bonfire being built, report this to your Local Authority for removal. If the unauthorised bonfire has been lit, report this to the Fire Service.
- Check on vulnerable neighbours.



Autumn '23



Our **ComputerXplorers** Holiday Tech Clubs

ComputerXplorers leads the way in providing technology-based activities that are both inspirational and educational. Our unique brand of hands-on programmes are always full of fun and interaction. We encourage children to find out what's behind the technology, building in collaboration, creativity, critical thinking and confidence along the way!



AUTUMN TECH CLUB

WARRINGTON

Culcheth High School
Warrington Road,
Culcheth, WA3 5HH

**Tues 31st October -
Thurs 2nd November**
9am-3pm (half days available)
Morning sessions include Coding, Game
Design & Animation with a seasonal **MINECRAFT** afternoon challenge!

Scan the QR or follow the link for full information & bookings:

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Halloween and Bonfire period advice

For many people, Halloween and Bonfire night is an enjoyable, harmless few days to partake in activities with family and friends. However, for many it can be a frightening time, especially vulnerable people including the elderly, and those with physical and mental disabilities.



Halloween and Bonfire Night also sees a spike in anti-social behaviour, with people believing they can get away with bad behaviour just because it is Halloween. The police are aware of this and increase patrols around this time, particularly focusing on areas where trouble is well known, and where many vulnerable people live. As well as patrols, other plans are put into place, such as local shops not selling flour and eggs on the night of Halloween. Please see below for some useful tips on keeping you, your family and the local community safe during this period.

If you are a parent/guardian of young children

- Be sure that either you or another responsible adult accompanies your children
- Encourage your child to stay with their friends and not to split up into smaller groups
- Advise your children not to talk to strangers and not to go into anyone's house
- Talk with your children about road safety, encouraging them to stick to areas that are well lit, to wear something bright so that drivers can see them and take extra care when crossing roads
- Make sure that your child looks out for 'No Trick No Treat No Thanks' posters. Residents will put these up on their doors or windows if they don't want to be disturbed
- If someone does not answer the door, move on! They may not want trick or treaters or may be vulnerable and frightened
- Throw away any treats or sweets that have been opened or unwrapped and do not accept homemade treats
- Do not attend unauthorised bonfires, attend an organised event instead

Ask them:

- What they are planning to do?
- Where they are going?
- Who they are going with?
- What time, and how they will be getting home?

Tell them:

- To think about what they are doing
- Not to cause distress or annoyance to others
- Not to cause damage to property
- Not to put themselves or others in danger

If you are a parent/guardian of teenage children:

Be aware:

- If they are under 18 they cannot possess a firework in a public place
- Police often put a dispersal zone in place at locations that have previously been hotspots for ASB. This is to reduce incidents and protect the public. Please ensure your child is not attending an area with one in place

If you are feeling nervous about the upcoming period

- Do not open your door if you don't know who is there, use a spy hole, look out of the window or use a door chain if you decide to open your door.
- Have a contact number of a relative, friend or good neighbour close by in case you need to call them.
- If you feel frightened lock windows and doors, keep the house well lit and close the curtains.
- If you are part of a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, let your co-ordinator know that you will be on your own at Halloween. If you are a co-ordinator, identify people that may be alone and offer them reassurance.
- Avoid putting out Halloween decorations if you do not want visitors, this is an indicator for some children to call at a house to trick or treat.
- Put a sign on your door / inside your window that states clearly whether trick-or-treaters are welcome. If you run out of sweets and goodies to give to visitors, put a sign on your door that says "Sorry, no more treats".
- If you feel threatened call 101 or 999 in an emergency.