

# Park Community Academy



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As we come to the end of my first half term as Headteacher, I have been reflecting on how lucky I am to work with such wonderful children & young people, their families & carers, PCA staff and Governors. Even in these difficult times, PCA has done what it always does best and pulled together as a whole community to ensure that our pupils receive the very best learning experience possible throughout the pandemic. Twitter and Google Classroom have been full of examples of the fantastic activities which have been taking place both in the PCA classrooms and also at home with families. So I send a huge well done and thank you to all our staff for the range of in school and home learning that they have provided, and also to our #pcaamazingfamilies for your resilience and the fantastic support that you have given to your children & young people. Have a great half term! There is no expectation that any home learning will take place. It is a week in which we can all rest, recharge our batteries and enjoy some family time. The current arrangements will remain in place for at least the first 2 weeks after half term. However, I will be updating you about future reopening plans following any Government announcements. Thank you.



Mrs Hughes (Headteacher)

**National Apprenticeship Week** - This week we have been celebrating National Apprenticeship Week. We currently have 11 Apprentices working in school and their support for the children's learning is invaluable. Alongside their work in school our Apprentices are also completing their Level 3 teaching and learning qualification through GP Strategies.

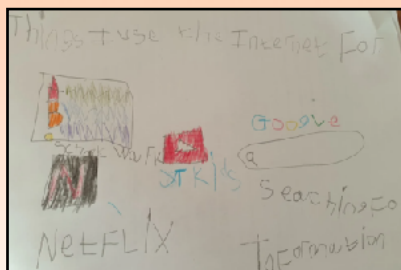


## Upper Primary

Pupils in Mrs Chaloner's bubble enjoyed exploring weaving with paper in their Art lesson this week. They chose contrasting colours to make these checkered patterns.



Pupils have also been learning about internet safety in Computing. Archie made an informative poster at home to show the different ways that he uses the internet.



## Lower Primary

The pupils in Lower Primary have all shown fantastic resilience to the changes that have happened this term. All pupils have worked really hard in their learning at home and in school. Pupils this week have really enjoyed PCA Number Day and worked hard on their Maths skills at home and in school. Heidi used the song 'Ten Green Bottles' to practice recognising her numbers, Darius has been working on his addition skills and Sienna and Harryblu have been counting out the toppings to go onto their pizzas!



## Sign of the Week

This week's sign is "rest". We hope you all enjoy a hard earned rest over half term! Well done for all the fantastic learning which has been taking place.



## Lower & Upper Primary Stars of the Week!

- 1B - Harry D for fantastic singing of nursery rhymes at home with his Dad.
- 1P - Leanne for counting to 10.
- 1C - Darius for completing lots of home learning, we especially enjoyed looking at your fantastic Maths sums.
- 2B - Cameron for engaging in a practical home learning task.
- 2HD - Franklin for his hard work everyday.
- 2M - Lottie for being really hard working and understanding of changes.
- 2HY - Charlie for engaging in home learning on Google Classroom.
- 2H - Darren for meeting his home learning target.
- 2C - Aiden for fantastic Maths work whilst learning from home.

**Assemblies** - So that we can continue to bring our school community together on a Friday afternoon, we are going to continue to hold assemblies which allow us to celebrate the achievements of our pupils at home and school, as well as various theme days. We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the following rules in place to keep everyone as safe as possible: -

Parents/Carers whose children are remote learning from home will receive a link to their email address shortly before the assembly begins at 2pm. No screen shots or recordings of the assembly should be made.

**TO SAFEGUARD ALL OF OUR PUPILS AND STAFF, NO LINKS PROVIDED BY PCA SHOULD BE SHARED ON ANY SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM.**

You can find the full assembly protocol on the school website under the Coronavirus Update tab.

### **Key Stage 5 (WSFC)**

The part time bubble in KS5 have worked incredibly hard creating Haiku poems about feelings and emotions.

Whilst the full time bubble have taken inspiration from Hugh Fearnley Whittingstall and made pizza with pear as one of their toppings!



At home, Alicia has been practising numeral recognition. Well done!



### **Key Stage 3 'Achiever of the Week'**

3G - Matthew and Patrick for having superb attitudes to home learning via Google Classroom.

3T - Alfie for finding adjectives in his English work.

3W - Callum for continuing to develop life skills alongside his home learning.

3S - Jasmine for being an absolute superstar, an amazing friend and a great role model for others.

3GR - Christina for all her hard work in school and at home this half term.

3J - Kyle for having a mature attitude to all the recent changes.

### **Dates for your Diary**

**Monday 22 February** - School re-opens

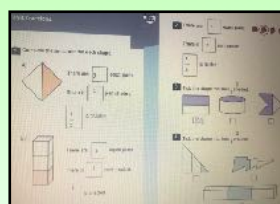
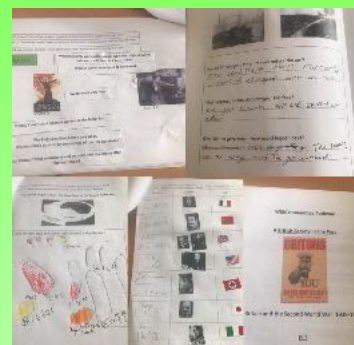
**Tuesday 9 March, 10.30-11.30am** - SENDIASS session for parents & carers

**Friday 26 March** - School closes for Easter

**Monday 12 April** - School opens for the Summer term

### **Key Stage 4**

KS4 have been working hard this week completing Entry Level work, engaging in Safer Internet Day lessons and developing ways to monitor and improve their mental health as part of Children's Mental Health Week. Here is some of the Humanities Entry Level work completed by Luca and Liam - they are learning about what Britain was like during the Second World War.



Also, Katie in 4W has been working hard daily on her home learning and showed a good understanding of fractions in her Maths work this week - keep up the good work!

### **KS4/5 'Achiever of the Week'**

4H - Victoria for an excellent Lego Man drawing.

4W - Brittany for having a really good go at Google Classroom, and trying hard.

4M - Sophie for always being so kind to others, and Finley for trying really hard with his work all week.

4I - Hannah for working at home and trying to get it right.

5T - Robert for showing bravery and resilience.

5C - Lewis C for brilliant work on 'My Maths'.

5P - Javier for working exceptionally hard and completing his tasks on Google Classroom.

5B - Alicia for a great effort with her remote learning.

### **Key Stage 3**

KS3 have been learning about Lent this week. Lent is an important time in the Christian

calendar where Christians often choose to give up something for 40 days. It requires commitment & makes them reflect on the sacrifices that Jesus carried out.

Pupils have thought about what they would give up for Lent. Jenna thought she could give up tea, Angel said

Roblox, Ruby said BluTac, Aimee said slime, and Ellie said squishies. Lent is on 17th February - 29th March 2021.

At home, Nathan has been learning about the human body, as well as completing his Google classroom work.

