

Park Community Academy



20 November 2020

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Baby News

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr and Mrs Blair on the birth of their beautiful baby girl, Nellie Mae. Mum, Baby Blair and Dad are all doing well!



Lower Primary

This week 1B have been learning all about the festival of Diwali. The children read a story about the first Diwali and how people lit lanterns and lights to guide Sita back home. They also made some traditional Diwali sweets, decorated Rangoli patterns and made their own window lanterns.



Teaching Awards 2020

PCA were very proud to be a major feature of the BBC broadcast of 'Classroom Heroes' for the 2019 Pearson National Teaching Awards last October. Unfortunately this year's winners are not able to get together for the usual UK ceremony. But the BBC have done a great job ensuring this year's winners and their schools are still showcased by the BBC, starting next week on 'THE ONE SHOW'! Tune in to BBC One Monday - Friday at 7pm to see a week long 'Celebration of Teaching' and find out all about the achievements of the worthy winners.



Upper Primary

It has been Anti-Bullying Week and class 2C have been doing lots of work about this in PSHE. The children thought about friendship qualities and acted out scenes where they were being good friends to one another.



Lower & Upper Primary Stars of the Week!

- 1B - Robbie for fantastic communicating this week.
- 1P - Aliylah for fantastic work in Maths with 2D shapes.
- 1C - Amber for contributing at together time and matching lots of 2D shapes.
- 2B - Addison for reading well and building upon his comprehensions skills.
- 2HD - Kenzie for excellent reading in class.
- 2M - Kelsey for being super in all her lessons and asking fantastic questions.
- 2HY - Leo N for being creative and working really hard in Design Technology.
- 2H - Tegan for being much more independent in her learning.
- 2C - Louise for her thoughtful contributions during Anti-Bullying Week.

Sign of the Week

The sign this week is 'Earth'. To celebrate the Big Switch Off this afternoon. Can you think of any ways we can save electricity and look after the world?



★
The Best Class Attendance of the Week
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CONGRATULATIONS

to class 2B & 2C who had **98.5%** attendance this week.

Weekly Attendance - The average weekly attendance this week is **94.6%**

Key Stage 3 'Achiever of the Week'

3G - Lee for being calm & settled in class and producing some great work this week.

3T - Savannah for much improved handwriting when wearing her new glasses (she also looks really cool!!)

3W - Brodie for trying really hard to get it right in all his lessons throughout the week.

3S - Jason for showing great enthusiasm towards his remote learning.

3GR - Tori-Lea for settling into her new class.

3J - Crystal for excellent reading and for sharing the funny articles she found in the paper with her teachers.

Key Stage 3

3G had great fun on Wednesday during the 'No Pens' afternoon. They started with communication and memory games, then completed a Picasso style portrait using only scissors & glue.

They finished the afternoon with a Who Am I? game.



KS4/5 'Achiever of the Week'

4H - Kasharna for producing some amazing handwriting.

4W - Tyler Q for working hard in all of his lessons.

4M - Seven for his excellent work in Maths this week. He has also been trying to develop his verbal reasoning skills.

4I - Alex and Elicia for being good friends and playing a social game during 'No Pens' afternoon.

5T - Samuel for scoring a hat trick in PE - champion!

5C - Kowen for a brilliant effort in his accreditation work.

5P - Francesca for making lunch for her family, and Javy for working hard & completing his home learning.

5B - Kieran and Alicia for adapting well to changes and making us smile with their positivity this week.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 18 December, 2pm - End of Autumn Term

Tuesday 5 January - Start of Spring Term

Friday 12 February - School closes for half term

Monday 22 February - School re-opens

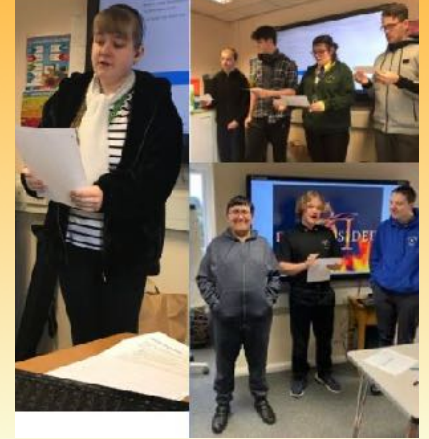
No Pens Wednesday

On Wednesday PCA took part in No Pens Wednesday. The afternoon was all about putting pens and pencils down to concentrate on developing our speaking and listening skills. The whole school took part and it was great to see everyone getting involved. Take a look at our pictures on the PCA Twitter feed.

Key Stage 5 (WSFC)

Pupils in 5C and 5T have been working on their enterprise ideas. Each group performed a Dragon's Den style pitch to try and persuade Mrs Mills to give them the start up fee for their business idea.

Watch this space!



WhatsApp launches new disappearing messages

During November, WhatsApp will be rolling out 'disappearing messages'. The feature will allow WhatsApp users to enable disappearing messages on chats, videos and photos. These may be called 'snaps', 'secret conversations' or 'vanishing messages'. Whilst WhatsApp's minimum user age is 16, many children and young people have accounts. They may think their messages will disappear, but they can still be saved elsewhere by whoever they send them to.

Talk to your child about the use of disappearing messages. Help them to understand the limits of disappearing messages and how almost everything posted can be saved. Help them to understand what they should and shouldn't share with others and check they know who to speak to if they run into problems online. Contact our Family Support team if you have any concerns.

Key Stage 4

This week in English Entry Level, the pupils have focused on comprehension. Jermaine extracted information from a letter and answered questions in full sentences.

