



Park Community Academy



4 December 2020

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Christmas Jumper Day - We are having 'Save the Children' Christmas Jumper Day on **Friday 11th December**. Please send in donations to wear Christmas Jumpers if your child chooses to join in.

Upper Primary

Christmas is really in the air at PCA now. 2H have been learning about the features of comics in Literacy. They are excited to use this knowledge to create their own Christmas comics.

They have been busy designing their setting and deciding which good and bad characters they will have.

Some children have even created naughty Santas!



Welcome back Miss Beck!!

Pupils & staff were delighted to welcome back our Learning Mentor, Miss Beck, following her maternity leave.

It was a big step to leave baby Joey at home, but she is excited to be back and the children were really thrilled to see her!



Lower Primary

In PSHE, the children in 1C have been learning about being a kind friend. Each child was paired with someone to play with. All of 1C showed fantastic sharing, kindness and care towards their friend - well done.



Lower & Upper Primary Stars of the Week!

1B - Aiden for playing a hide & seek game with Mrs Crossley.

1P - Dante for fantastic writing in all of his lessons.

1C - Brentley for trying lots of healthy foods at our healthy food role play shop in Science.

2B - Leland C for being a kind and supportive friend in PSHE.

2HD - Caitlin for excellent singing in our KS2 Christmas production.

2M - Logan P for having great ideas and being really thoughtful with his answers.

2HY - Aaron M for improved sensible choices.

2H - Logan P for being so confident and giving 100% during Play rehearsals.

2C - William for outstanding effort in Swimming.



Useful Websites for our Parents & Families: -

Safehands Thinking Minds:

This useful website provides resources and links to support children & adults around anxiety, worry, stress and fears; including those related to Covid.

<http://www.safehandsthinkingminds.co.uk/covid-anxiety-stress-resources-links/>

Compass Fostering:

We can also recommend this website as it has lots of brilliant links for children & families to do activities, watch shows, take part in discos etc virtually over the Christmas holidays. The virtual events include famous museums, Harry Potter World and Disney!

<https://www.compassfostering.com/virtual-childrens-activities-dec-20/>



The Best Class Attendance of the Week



CONGRATULATIONS

to classes **1C, 3S & 5B** who had **100%** attendance this week.

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

The monthly attendance for November is **95.3%**



Key Stage 4

4M have been using their financial planning skills to organise their Year 11 prom. They have calculated all expenses, any revenue they could generate from ticket sales and the advertising costs which they would incur. They have organised all of this expenditure into a table and then

extended this further by using the Numbers app on the iPads to create graphs and charts to represent their outgoings and any income sources. This is excellent preparation for their future household budgeting, something which is a key life skill.



Key Stage 5 (WSFC)

Keira and her family have kindly donated two Oak saplings to plant in our school forest. Keira had grown them from acorn seeds and they are now 6 years old.

Keira and her friends have researched the life cycle of oak trees before planting the saplings into their new home. They can live to 1000 years old, so plenty of time for 5B to come back and visit the trees they have planted!

Thank you to Keira and her family for donating the special trees to us.



KS4/5 'Achiever of the Week'

4H - Victoria for ALWAYS trying hard, especially in English.

4W - Katie for working hard in all of her lessons.

4M - Josh S for a much better attitude towards his learning this week and particularly for trying hard in PSD.

4I - Lexi for completing a lot of work in her free time on RM Easimaths.

5T - Hannah for quality painting in Enterprise.

5C - Kowen for fantastic work in the Sixth Form Christmas enterprise challenge - a true team player.

5P - Josh H for trying really hard in every lesson and being a great role model. He is a real asset to the class.

5B - Nickayla for lovely, neat, independent writing and spelling this week. Well done Nickayla.

Key Stage 3 'Achiever of the Week'

3G - Alice for showing growing independence and trying new things.

3T - Alfie for trying his best to improve his handwriting.

3W - Daniel W for being a good role model to his classmates.

3S - Lucius for showing a good understanding of money.

3GR - Jorja for her excellent work in Arts Award. She chose Olly Murs as the artist who inspired her and did some research so she could write about him.

3J - Aimee-Leigh for trying so hard with her reading this week.

Sign of the Week

The sign this week is 'Christmas tree'.

The school is now decorated for Christmas and we are all feeling festive!



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

Key Stage 3

In English this week, 3GR have been looking at some old propaganda posters from World War 2. The pupils have been looking at the different types of persuasive language used in the posters to influence people to do what the government needed.

They have also looked at how the posters were presented, and discussed why the messages were important at the time they were displayed during World War 2.

