

Park Community School

Key Dates

Tues 15 th Jan	Parents Mental Maths workshop 5.00pm
Fri 18th Jan	Inset Day – school closed for staff training
Tues 22 nd Jan	Parents' Resilience workshop led by Mrs Greenfield and Miss Street 5.00pm
Tues 22 nd Jan	Ezekiel Ewulo's visit!
Wed 23 rd Jan	Year 1 Trip to Polka Theatre to see In the Winter Wood
Wed 30 th Jan	Wimbledon Junior Tennis Initiative at Park for the day
Mon 4 th Feb	Works start on new playground
Wed 6 th Feb	Winning house party
Fri 15 th Feb	Choir concert and Parents' Showcase: Rec: 8:55, Year one 9:10am, year 2 9:25, year 3 9:40, Year 4 9:55.
Fri 15 th Feb	Jigsaw fundraiser – wear own clothes
Fri 15 th Feb	British Value day House Groups
Tues 5 th Mar	Year 3 Trip to Kew Gardens
Thur 7 th Mar	World Book day
Tues 12 th Mar	Year one phonics workshop 5.00pm
Thur 14 th Mar	Wimbledon Year 3 & 4 Tag rugby 11.00-2.30pm
Mon 18 th Mar	St Patricks – Wear Green day
Tue 19 th Mar	Year 3 Morden Hall Trip 9.30-1.30
Tue 19 th Mar	SATs parent workshop for Year 2 parents

ATTENDANCE

**Whole school attendance
September to date 95.90%**
(National average is 95.46%)

Last week's attendance
Year 4 –94.14%
Year 3 –94.57%
Year 2 –97.35%
Year 1 –95.85%
Rec –97.23%
School Persistent Absence
(Children whose attendance is below 90%)
8.26%
National average for PA: 8%

Headteacher's update

Welcome back to Spring Term. The time seems to be passing really quickly this year. I will have the new term dates for the next academic year in the next few weeks so please bear with me for these. I trust you were able to log on to SPTO to assess your child's progress and attainment over the autumn term. If you are having any trouble logging on then please let me know. Please remember that clubs start next week so sign up; information is on the school website. A polite reminder not to park in the school car parks. Please also remember that the school is shut next Friday for a Chapel St training day.

Literacy in Year Four

This week in Year Four, the children have enjoyed the start to their new class novel Charlotte's Web. We have discussed the characters, the setting and made predictions. They used adjectives and prepositions to describe a scene from the book, whilst their partner drew it.



Iron Man in Year Three

The children have come in with such an excellent attitude towards their learning this week! We have started looking at Iron Man in Literacy and the children have been identifying the descriptive language and how the author has created suspense. We have also started a wall of WOW words, which I think may end up covering the whole classroom!

Art in Year Two



This week in Art the Year Two children were investigating the styles of different artist and seeing how they had created different designs. Once the children had viewed and discussed a number of pieces of art they then designed their own piece using some of the techniques and styles of the

artists. The children were really pleased with their outcomes and the designs they had drawn.



Six Dinner Sid in Year One



This week in Oak Class, we were introduced to a new character - Sid from the story "Six Dinner Sid" by Inga Moore. We learnt about the beginning of the story, where it was set, who the main characters were. We read the story up to a point where the problem was going to be introduced. As a

class we discussed what predictions are, and what educated guesses we may make about the story. The children have then worked in groups of four to record their predictions and act out their problems. At the end, children presented their ideas and shared praise and advice on their performances.



Athlete Visit:

We are now collecting in the sponsorship for the athlete Ezekiel Ewulo's visit. He will be coming to Park Community School on Tuesday 22nd January. The school is very excited about the circuit that the will complete with each class. He is raising money for his journey to achieve more gold medals. A portion of the proceeds will also go to the school to raise money for more PE equipment. The sponsorship form has also been sent home electronically. Thank you for your continued support.

Taco's In Reception

This week the children were introduced to their first dragon story of the half term: 'Dragons Love Tacos'. They learnt that dragons love tacos but only with mild toppings as the spicy ones might end up in them burning down a party! To show the children what dragons were so excited about they made their own tacos using the mild toppings that the dragons liked. They had to create clear



instructions to make the tacos and this took time as they had to ensure that they were clear instructions for the tacos to be made correctly. Apple class learnt that 'lettuce' did not work as an instruction they needed to say 'Put the lettuce in the taco shell' to make it clear.



Office Reminders:

- We have an inset day on Friday 18th January so please remember that school is closed for the day.
- There has been a delay on starting the works on the new playground these will now commence on Monday 4th February, but we are looking forward to this.
- Please make payment for any overdue invoices on parentmail.
- All payments must be made through parentmail we will not be accepting bank transfers, cash or cheque. If you are having any problems registering or using parentmail please speak to Gemma, Kelly or Polly for help.
- Clubs will start next Monday 14th January.
- Science club has been cancelled due limited uptake. They required 10 children to attend and they only had five sign up. Apologies about this inconvenience.