



The Parkside Weekly



Friday 15th September 2023

Good afternoon everybody. It has been a great week in school with lots to tell you about. The children have settled well into their new classes and have made a good start with their learning. Here are a few brief highlights from the week:

Year 4 had their first swimming session on Thursday. The first session is an assessment lesson where the swimming teachers get an understanding of how well the children can already swim to put them in groups for future sessions. Miss Wilson Schofield was very impressed by how sensible and mature the children were – well done Year 4. I am looking forward to hearing about the progress you all make in your swimming over the coming months.

On Monday, our Year 6 children went on their residential trip to the Robinwood outdoor centre in Todmorden. You can read more about this wonderful experience later in the newsletter.

Year 2 have started their music lessons with a specialist music teacher. Throughout the year they will be covering the National Curriculum and learning a range of musical skills, including singing and playing the chime bars.

Week beginning 18th Sep	Y6 Bikeability Training
Tues 19th Sep	Meet the Teacher meetings 3.20pm-4.30pm
Thurs 28th Sep	First Aid Training for Y1-6
Fri 13th Oct	School closed – training day
Fri 27th Oct	Break Up
Mon 6th Nov	Back to school

Attendance Information

Our school attendance target: 97%

Last week's attendance: 96.1%

This year's attendance: 96.9%

The class with the **highest** attendance last week was: Hazel (Y3)

The class with the **best punctuality** last week was: Beech (Y1) and Willow (Y6)

The class with the **most improved** attendance last week was: Hazel (Y3)



Please remember how important it is for children to be arriving at school on time and attending every day.

Y6 Bikeability

The Bikeability sessions (which focus on how to cycle safely) will be taking place for Year 6 children next week. Mr Jolley will be sending some more information out to Y6 parents before Monday to let them know



which groups their children are in so that they know which days the children need to bring their bikes.

School Development:

At Calverley Parkside, we are continually reflecting on our provision and working hard to move our school forwards. This is what we have been focusing on this week:

This week in our professional development meeting, teachers were allocated some time to take part in some structured reflection on one element of their teaching from so far this term. They were provided with a number of models to support reflective practice and spent the session working through one of these. One of our professional values at Parkside is a commitment to continuous improvement and providing teachers with time to reflect on their teaching is an important element of this.

Parkside Superstars...

Well done to the following children for being awarded an achievement certificate this week to recognise their hard work and positive attitudes towards their learning:

Star awards:

Beech: Holly R, Sienna

Chestnut: Seb, Eva

Hazel: Teddy, Leo

Rowan: George, Avneet

Sycamore: Ewan, Blake

Willow: Rufus, Aida



Maths awards:

Beech: Harry T

Chestnut: Alby

Hazel: Hibba

Rowan: Arjun

Sycamore: Millie

Willow: Ava



Over and Above:

These children have gone over and above with their behaviour and attitudes this week...

Tyler (Y3)- For being incredibly polite and helpful all the time

Our Assembly Focus...

Each week, children in years 1 to 6 have an assembly on a Monday morning during which we focus on something linked to our school values. We also have a Key Stage assembly every other week in which we look at something linked to current affairs.

These have been our assembly themes this week. Please ask your children about what we have been discussing in assemblies.

Monday assembly: Showing Kindness

Key Stage assembly: What can we learn from new adventures?

Our assembly music...

Each week, we choose a different band, artist or composer to listen to as the children enter and leave assembly. The intention is to provide the children with additional opportunities to listen to a wide range of different musical genres.

This week's music has been brought to us by:

The Beach Boys

Quote of the week

One of the activities the Y6 children did on residential was the trapeze. This involved them climbing to the top of a tower and jumping off to try to grab a trapeze which was hanging in front of them. The children who weren't jumping had the job of helping to hold the rope for the person who was. When it was my turn, I reminded the children that they needed to hold the rope nice and tight. Harry said to me, "Don't worry, if you fall and hurt yourself I'll make..."

I thought he was going to say that he'd make me a get-well card, which I thought was lovely. What he actually said was...

"I'll make Mr Jolley the headteacher!"

Meet the Teacher meetings: On Tuesday 19th September, we will be holding some informal 'meet the teacher' meetings straight after school for children in Reception through to Year 6. This will be an opportunity for you to visit your child's classroom, have a look at the learning environment, see a few examples of the work they have done so far this year and have a chat with your child's teacher. Classrooms will be open from 3.20pm until 4.30pm.

Friends of Calverley Parkside: The Annual General Meeting has been arranged for 7.30pm on Thursday 21st September at the Calverley Arms. It would be brilliant to have some new members this year contributing to this amazing team. Any questions you may have can be sent to friendsofcalverleyparkside@gmail.com

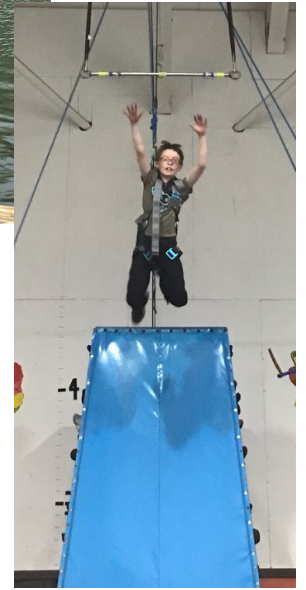
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Year 6 Residential

This took place on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week. The children travelled to the Robinwood outdoor centre in Todmorden for three action-packed and fun-filled days. From the minute they had finished breakfast to the minute they went to bed, they were busy taking part in a range of different activities including zooming down zip-lines, swinging high in the air on the giant swing, navigating their way through an indoor cave, building and paddling their own rafts, crossing the dreaded piranha pool and many more. The children had a wonderful time and were a real credit to themselves, their parents and our school. The instructors spoke incredibly highly of the children's behaviour and attitudes throughout their time with them. Well done Year 6, you should all be very proud of yourselves for giving it your all, pushing yourself out of your comfort zones and representing Calverley Parkside School so admirably.



Keep talking....

Please remember that should you have any questions about any aspect of school life, you can contact the school office or speak to a member of the senior leadership team in the playground before or after school. Alternatively, you can contact the leadership team by emailing us at:

cpsleadership@cps.owlcotesmat.org

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