



The Parkside Weekly



Friday 19th April 2024

Wed 1st May	Class photographs
Mon 6th May	Bank Holiday Monday– school closed
Mon 13th May– Thurs 16th May	Year 6 SATS week
Mon 20th May	Owlcotes Theme Week
Friday 25th May	Break up for half term
Mon 3rd June	Return to school
Wed 5th–Fri 7th June	Y4 residential trip
Saturday 6th July	Summer Fair

Good afternoon everybody and welcome to this week’s newsletter. Welcome back after the Easter break, I hope that you all had a lovely holiday and that our families who have celebrated Eid had a wonderful time with family and friends.

The summer term has started well in school; it has been a really busy week with lots to tell you about as usual. You wouldn’t have known that we were starting the summer term if you were using the weather as your guide– strong winds, heavy rain, hail storms and icy mornings! Hopefully things will pick up soon.

Summer Fair

I know that it seems like a long way off but our summer fair will be taking place on **Saturday 6th July**. The Friends of Calverley Parkside are already busy planning this event and will be in need of volunteers to help, both to prepare for the day and on the day itself. If you are able to help out in any way, please contact the Friends of Calverley Parkside via their Facebook page. Thank you in advance for your support.

Attendance Information

Our school attendance target: 97%

Last week’s attendance: 96.2%

This year’s attendance: 95%

The class with the **highest** attendance last week was: Year 2 (98.9%)

The class with the **best punctuality** last week was: Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5

The class with the **most improved** attendance last week was: Year 2



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

Movement and Mindfulness...

Over the past 8 weeks, our Year 6 girls have been taking part in the M2 programme which focuses on using movement and mindfulness to raise confidence and self-esteem. This has been a real success and culminated in a 5k run in the park on Tuesday after school. Well done to everybody who took part in the programme and for completing the run. Thanks also to Mr Cuthbert for organising this, to Mrs Rawnsley for leading the sessions and to the staff and parents who attended the 5k run.



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, we took part in some training which looked at how we can support children with their personal, social and emotional development. We began by looking at how the brain works and discussed the impact of building positive relationships. The training was excellent and we are looking forward to the future workshops that we have coming up.

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:

Reception:

Active listener: Phoenix

Maths: Effie

Reading: Clara

Independent learner: Olive

Handwriting: Igor

Writing: Talia

Year 1:

Active listener: Vienna

Maths: Evelyn

Reading: Olive

Independent learner: Liya

Handwriting: Rowan

Writing: Isabella

Year 2:

Active listener: Leo

Maths: Jude

Reading: Annie

Independent learner: Arthur

Handwriting: Oscar

Writing: Aoife



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: No assembly this week

Key Stage assembly: Singing Assemblies

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:

Assorted artists

Quote of the week

I went into Reception earlier in the week and was greeted by the wonderfully smiley face of Harvey. He took one look at me and announced...

"What?! No tie?"

Sorry Harvey, I thought I'd go for the Spring look with an open collar, but you've made me think a bit more carefully about my clothing choices!

Sports Achievement Assembly

Our half-termly sports achievement assembly will be taking place on Monday (22nd April). As usual, children are invited to bring any medals/ trophies/ certificates etc they have received since the last assembly and these will be recognised as part of the celebrations. It is always great to see the variety of things the children bring in which reflect the wide range of sports and activities they take part in.

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Year 4 Skipping Festival

Over the past few months, our Year 4 children have been taking part in a Skipping Schools programme which culminated in them attending a skipping festival on Wednesday morning. Each child took part as an individual and the scores they achieved were all added together to create an overall team score. You are excused for imagining that we are talking about a simple skipping action here, but no, there are a wide range of skipping moves the children needed to master, some of which make my back hurt just thinking about them. The children all performed excellently on the day and were fantastic ambassadors for our school. Our Year 2 class will be attending their festival later in the summer term.



Key Stage 2 dance competition

You may recall that last half term the Key Stage 2 dance competition was postponed due to bad weather. This was rearranged for the final Thursday of the half term and I am delighted to announce that our teams did brilliantly! The Year 4 team won the competition, with the Year 5 team coming second. Well done to everybody involved. It is worth reminding you that the children did all of the work for this themselves, organising the choreography (despite my offers to help, which for some reason they politely declined) and practising at break and lunch times. The creativity, dedication and talent the teams displayed was incredible, and this includes all of the teams who didn't make it through to the final. A huge well done goes to all of the children involved.



Year 3 and 4 football event

On Tuesday after school, a group of children from years 3 and 4 attended a 'come and try' football event at Priestthorpe School. They played a number of games against other schools, winning a few and losing one. They all played brilliantly and tried their best, representing school in the way we expect. Well done to everyone, especially to those children who were playing in such an event for the very first time. Thanks to Mr Corbin for attending and to all of the parents who provided the transport.



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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