



The Parkside Weekly



Friday 29th September 2023

Wed 11th Oct	Individual photos
Thurs 12th Oct	Parents' evening (3.30-7.00) (Reception to Y6)
Fri 13th Oct	School closed- training day
Mon 16th Oct	Parents' evening (3.30-5.30) (Reception to Y6)
Fri 27th Oct	Break Up
Mon 6th Nov	Back to school

Good afternoon and welcome to this week's newsletter.

As mentioned last week, our first parents' evenings of the year will be taking place on Thursday 12th October (3.30pm-7.00pm) and on Monday 16th October (3.30pm-5.30pm). The information about how to book a slot has now been emailed out by the school office; if you haven't received this information or if you are having any issues using the online booking system, please contact us in school.

Another date for the diary... On Wednesday 11th October, children will be having their individual photos taken in school. As usual, we try to do the younger children first to give them a better chance of still having a clean jumper by the time they have their pictures taken 😊.

Attendance Information

Our school attendance target: 97%

Last week's attendance: 94.6%

This year's attendance: 95.7%

The class with the **highest** attendance last week was: Year 3 (Hazel)

The class with the **best punctuality** last week was: R/Y1/Y4 and Y5- no lates

The class with the **most improved** attendance last week was: Y6



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

First Aid Training

On Thursday, children from Years 1-6 took part in some first aid training in school. They learnt about how to keep themselves safe in an emergency situation and how to perform CPR.



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 focused on leadership development. We introduced our Leadership Curriculum to our subject leaders and spent some time thinking about the first module in this, which is self-awareness. We thought about our own leadership beliefs and values and how these guide our leadership actions.

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:

Ash: Russell, Clara

Beech: Liya, Ilaria

Chestnut: Rose, Safiyah

Hazel: Rومان, Imogen

Rowan: Elijah, Ruby M

Sycamore: Eleanor, Ethan

Willow: Max P, Hazel



Maths awards:

Ash: Igor

Beech: Olive

Chestnut: Oscar Co

Hazel: Leo

Rowan: Frankie

Sycamore: Ben

Willow: Freya



Over and Above:

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

Adam (Y4): For tidying up the Lego in the quiet area outside without being asked to. Thanks Adam.

Christopher (Y6): For being recognised for being respectful at the dodgeball tournament.

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: Working together and looking after each other at break and lunchtimes

Key Stage assembly: How important is space exploration?

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:

Deacon Blue

Quote of the week

During their trip to Leeds Art Gallery on Wednesday, Year 4 were asked to draw a picture of themselves using their dominant hand. They were then asked to draw a picture of the person next to them using their non-dominant hand and see which they preferred. The teacher told them that she preferred the second pictures the children had done, and when she asked why they thought this was, Ruby M answered...

"Is it because art is all about expressing yourself, and the picture doesn't have to look exactly like the thing you have drawn? Art is about being creative."

We were all amazed by your answer Ruby, well done!

The Imagination Station...

We have some new equipment in the playground which we are using at lunchtimes. The children have loved playing with the wooden blocks, planks, tyres and tarpaulins, working in teams to build a whole host of imaginative creations! A special mention goes to our Year 6 team who get the equipment out and our Year 5 team of expert organisers who are putting the equipment away at the end of every lunchtime and keeping the shed nice and tidy.

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Year 4 trip to Leeds Art Gallery

On Wednesday, Year 4 visited Leeds Art Gallery. The purpose of the visit was to gain some experience of how a gallery exhibits the different pieces of artwork, in preparation for the unit of work they are focusing on in their art lessons this half term, which is entitled 'Pocket Galleries'.

During the visit, the children spent some time with Amanda, the gallery teacher, thinking about what art means to different people and how to use art to express your thoughts and feelings. They created their own sketch books and walked around the gallery, finding pieces

of art which stood out to them. Overall, it was an excellent trip and the children were amazing, listening carefully and learning lots about the gallery and the artistic process.



Sporting Events

We have had a couple of sporting events this week. On Tuesday, a team of children from Years 3 and 4 went to Priesthorpe School to take part in a come-and-try dodgeball event. They practiced some of the key skills and then put these into action against some other schools.

On Thursday, we attended the first competitive event of this year's sporting calendar. Two Year 6 teams went to Crawshaw Academy to compete in the School Games Dodgeball Tournament. I am pleased to say that not only did Parkside win the tournament, the children did so in a sporting and respectful manner.

Well done to all of the children who have represented school this week at these sporting events, we are very proud of you all.



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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