



# The Parkland Federation

Aim High, Work Hard, Dream Big

## Joyeux Noel - Merry Christmas (French)



16th December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

*Merry Christmas*

Well, what an eventful couple of weeks we have had at Parkland!! We had an Ofsted Inspection at the Infant School on 7th and 8th December and are very much looking forward to sharing the feedback with you once it is made official. The children shone and were very proud to share their books and learning as well as talk confidently to the inspector about their experiences of school. A huge thank you to all of the incredible staff too!

As we draw 2021 to a close, we wanted to say a huge thank you to parents and carers who have supported us through another challenging year where we have all had to be flexible and expect the unexpected. Positivity is one of our core school values and we have seen this in bucket loads from our school community throughout some very difficult times. A big thank you for this. It really does make so much difference as we work towards continuing to provide the best possible education.

We would also like to say a HUGE thank you to the wonderful FoPs Team who work relentlessly every year to think of fun and innovative ways to raise funds to support the learning in school. What you do is very much appreciated and we are immensely grateful.

We would like to wish you all a **very happy Christmas** and hope that you have a safe, restful break with your families. We look forward to seeing you in 2022!



## EYFS

Reception have had a very busy 2 weeks! We've been out on a local walk where we were busy looking out for landmarks and people who contribute to our community. The children were incredible role models on our walk around the area and we're very proud of them all!

We've also been learning all about 'Harvey Slumfenburger's' Christmas Present' and discussing how different people celebrate Christmas around the world. We've put our Christmas trees up in our classrooms and enjoyed decorating them. To end our week, Reception came dressed up as something they'd like to be when they grow up to finish off a fabulous term of 'People Who Help Us'. You all looked amazing and it was lovely to see the children all dreaming BIG!

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week - Milly & Teddy (Kerr) Molly & Joe (Inkpen). Well done also to our Dojo winners, Finley & Myles (Kerr) Henry (Inkpen)



## Year 1

These last few weeks have been rather busy! Year 1 have been hard at work making their own houses in DT. They looked at materials that would work well, but also different designs and styles of homes to inspire them. They all focused and created wonderful pieces. In Maths, we have been learning all about shapes. We also found out about the properties of lots of 2D shapes and were then introduced to 3D shapes with practical activities. Superstars!

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week - Lizzie & Yasmin W (Donaldson) Mackenzie in week 5 and All of Shireen (week 6). Well done also to our Dojo winners, Rudy & Alfred (Donaldson) Emilia & Vicky (Shireen)





## Year 2

In the last two weeks, we have travelled all around the globe to discover the seven continents and the five oceans of the world! Phew, what an exhausting adventure! We built on our previous learning about the UK and used the same skills in using a range of materials to learn, including Google Earth, a globe, an atlas, information sheets and printed resources. In maths, we have discovered how to use the skill of exchanging to allow us to work out addition and subtraction using the column method. Our creative juices were flowing in English, as we began to map out our alternative traditional tale by creating a comic strip version of the story. The children are so excited about writing their own full story! Congratulations to our Stars of the Week, Evie & Suzie (Beaty) and Hannah and Phoebe (Santat) - Well done also to our Dojo winners - AJ and Bailey (Beaty) and Violet and James F (Santat)



## Year 3

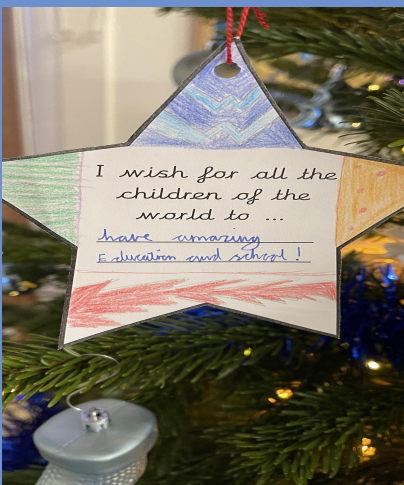
As a part of our learning for Deadly and Dangerous, we were lucky enough to go to Drusillas Zoo! The children had a fabulous day exploring all of the animals and investigating all the extra activities. They were able to share their knowledge of the rainforest with James, the Education Lead, during our Rainforest workshop. They also had the opportunity to handle a variety of animals. The children enjoyed a trip on the train and Rainforest Carousel. It was a great day spent outside in the sun! The children were a credit to the school, showing amazing behaviour!

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week - Florence & All of Harrison class and Sophie & Indiarna (Woodson). Well done also to our Dojo winners - Lukas & Lilliana (Harrison) and Edison and Krystal (Woodson)





## Year 4



Year 4 have been hard at work designing their clay canopic jars during Art. The children sketched, planned, designed and then created their designs. These jars were inspired by the canopic jars the Ancient Egyptians used to store organs of those who were mummified - luckily, these ones are empty! Green Day also came to Parkland! Not the band, I'm afraid, but all children across the Parkland Federation wore green to show support for the environment. This was a sponsored event which raised £200 - with every pound raised resulting in a tree being planted! The children discussed why it was important to look after the environment and designed some absolutely fantastic posters to demonstrate their understanding!

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week, Matthew & Danielle (Blackman) Henry and Lily Fe (Walliams) Well done also to our Dojo winners, Bella & Matthew (Blackman) Eden and Beth (Walliams)

## Year 5

Year 5 are fabulous scientists! We have been learning about forces and in this lesson we were thinking about water resistance. We discovered which shapes fell fastest and tested our first predictions. In PSHE, we have been thinking about creating a wish for children around the world. In Maths the children have learnt about area and perimeter. The children have practised using the formula for area and can now help you with ease when you are ordering a new carpet!

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week - Bobby and Nakshatra (Zephaniah) Tommy and Angel (Wilson) Well done also to our Dojo winners, Sean and Oscar (Zephaniah) Darren and Ebony (Wilson)

## Year 6



Year 6 have been hard at work learning how to add, subtract, multiply and divide fractions. The children will tell you that they now feel far more confident and are beginning to use these skills when problem solving. In French, they have been learning words relating to where they live - Jasmine explained 'J'habite dans une maison dans un village' (very impressive!) During this week's history lesson, the children looked at a wide variety of resources and were able to discuss which they thought were the most reliable and why. It was agreed that some resources may not be as accurate as they first appear to be! The children also designed Christmas cards, which I hope you agree, look amazing!

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week - Freya and Oliver (Mian) Ted and Seraina (Rosen). Well done also to our Dojo winners, Oliver and Harry (Mian) Maddie and Coby (Rosen)

## This week's attendance:

Excellent attendance at school allows a child to have the best possible start in life. All pupils should aim for at least **97%** attendance in order to ensure they do not miss out on their education.

Inkpen Class (YR) 95%	Kerr Class (YR) 96%	Shireen Class (Y1) 94%
Donaldson Class (Y1) 93%	Santat Class (Y2) 95%	Beaty Class (Y2) 95%
Harrison Class (Y3) 96%	Woodson Class (Y3) 94%	Walliams Class (Y4) 93%
Blackman Class (Y4) 91%	Zephaniah Class (Y5) 94%	Wilson Class (Y5) 93%
Mian Class (Y6) 96%	Rosen Class (Y6) 94%	The Highest Attendance Award goes to Mian, Kerr and Harrison class Well done!



## SCHOOL COUNCIL

### School Council Update



Our School Council had a visit from the local MP, Caroline Ansell, last week. She wrote in her update: **'Nativity preparations were in full swing when I was at Parkland School this last week and songs filled the air. I met the School Council and was impressed with the very thoughtful, searching questions the children posed – unsurprisingly, the virus and lockdown featured but the lead question was on the environment. I went on to cite the children of Parkland School in Parliament when I led a debate on introducing a new qualification in Natural History on Wednesday. I can't imagine many schools have pet llamas!'**

Our 'Citizen of the Fortnight' at the Juniors is... Matthew F in Mian Class for being a fantastic role model and school representative! Our 'Citizen of the Fortnight' at the Infants is Mrs BT. She was nominated by several children for always going above and beyond to care for the children. We couldn't agree more! Well done, everyone!



### Eco Committee Update



We are very excited to announce that we raised £200 during our Dress up Green for **Just One Tree Day!** Thank you very much for your support as the money raised will go towards the planting of **200 trees!** What an amazing effort as we work to help preserve our planet!



Our **Eco tip** this fortnight is to use **Recyclable wrapping paper or fabric!** As Christmas is fast approaching and many presents need wrapping, we can all do our bit to help the environment through this approach. If you want to know if your wrapping paper can be recycled or not, use the **scrunch test**. If the paper stays crunched up then it can be recycled.

# Mental Health and Wellbeing Support



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Thank you to those parents who have been in touch about ideas to support the continuing work we are doing around emotional health and wellbeing. Your ideas are highly valued and we love hearing them. Do feel free to let us know if you have any more suggestions or ideas about support we can provide.

[Young Minds](#) is a charity for children, young people and parents affected by mental health issues. They provide practical advice and tips on supporting your child - from how to encourage your child to open up about their feelings to dealing with mental health services. [Click here for the link to Young Minds](#)

[Holding space](#) is an Eastbourne based charity who aim to support parents, children and young adults who are struggling with their mental health and they can help instigate conversations around this topic. They also offer a safe place for families to come together. They hold weekly parent coffee mornings and walk and talk sessions as well as offering help and advice through telephone consultations and counselling. They also offer therapeutic interventions. [Click here for the link to Holding Space](#)

Our parent virtual workshops tab also has a fantastic information session on Zones Of Regulation which supports children's ability to communicate their feelings.



If you require any help or advice about pastoral support, please contact Mrs Alison Das at [alison.das@swale.at](mailto:alison.das@swale.at)



## VIRTUAL PARENT WORKSHOPS



CLICK HERE



We are really looking forward to having parents and carers back into school for meetings and social events once it is safe to do so. In the meantime, we have put together a selection of the virtual information sessions that we have recorded over the past year to support you at home. If you have any questions about any of the presentations, please do not hesitate to let us know. We will shortly be updating our reading presentation, so watch this space! Happy viewing!

## HOMEWORK POLICY

In Term 3, we will be re-launching our Home Learning Policy now that we have some new online learning platforms. The children all have new accounts for Spelling Frame which you will have read about earlier in the term. Mrs Blakiston is holding a competition during the holiday to find the pupil with the highest usage. If your child does not have their log in, please ensure they speak to their teacher before the end of term.

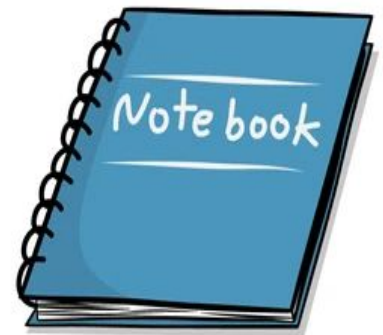




# Important Dates and INFORMATION

## Diary Dates

4th January 2022	First Day of Term 3
10th January 2022	Infant School Photographer - Van Cols <b>Individual &amp; family</b>
11th January 2022	Junior School photographer - Van Cols <b>Individual &amp; family</b>
15th January 2022	Deadline for submitting Applications for EYFS & Y3 for a September 2022 start
11th February 2022	Final day of Term 3



thank you!

