



The Parkland Federation

Aim High, Work Hard, Dream Big

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26th November 2021

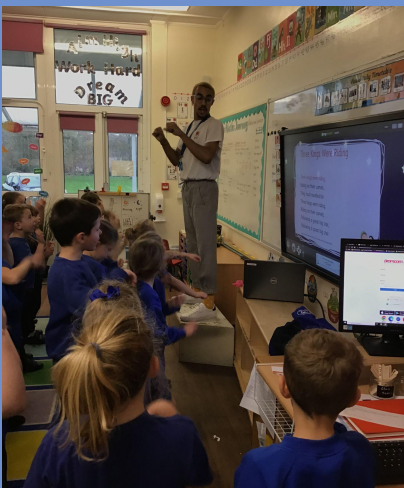
Dear Parents and Carers,

It's hard to believe that we are more than half way through Term 2 already and that Christmas is just around the corner! It has been wonderful to hear the children singing and rehearsing Christmas plays - we really do have some talented individuals at Parkland!

You should have received a letter from The East Sussex Director of Children's Services this week reminding you that Covid-19 cases are on the rise in our County and that many schools are experiencing staff shortages and partial closures due to absence levels. Please help us keep our school community safe by following the advice shared with you and continuing to test at home should you or any family member experience symptoms.

**ONE KIND WORD
CAN CHANGE
SOMEONE'S
ENTIRE DAY**





EYFS

It has been a very busy two weeks in EYFS, as we have been learning all about what a fantastic job Vets and Postal Workers do in our community! We have read the stories, "Mog and the Vet" and "The Jolly Postman" and we have written all about our favourite animals and favourite characters in the stories. We have also been learning all about 2D shapes and have immersed ourselves in lots of activities to recognise and make them. Nativity rehearsals are also now underway, and the children are already making us extremely proud! Congratulations to our Stars of the Week - Alfie & Billie (Kerr) Luca & Alfie T (Inkpen). Well done also to our Dojo winners, Billie & Loxley (Kerr) & Aoife (Inkpen).

Year 1

Year 1 has had an exciting few weeks getting started on their Nativity! The rehearsals have been going brilliantly and some children have already learnt their lines, which is fantastic! In Science the children have been learning about anemometers. The children had a lot of fun experimenting with windmills to measure the speed and direction of the wind! The children have also worked very hard in maths this week, learning how to subtract. Congratulations to our Stars of the Week - Yasmin R & Katie (Donaldson) & Nya & Teddy (Shireen). Well done also to our Dojo winners - Rogan & Rudy (Donaldson) and Thomas & Ruby (Shireen)

Year 2

What a busy two weeks we have had in Year 2! We have celebrated Odd Socks Day where we explored Anti-Bullying Week and thought about ways we can celebrate our differences. We have also enjoyed dressing in green for 'Just One Tree Day'.

In Geography, we used a range of sources including a globe, an atlas, Google Earth and giant floor maps to discover what and where the seven continents are. We enjoyed exploring the traditional tale of Jack and the Beanstalk in English, ready to write our own story. Excitingly, we have also started the countdown to Christmas by starting to rehearse our Nativity show!

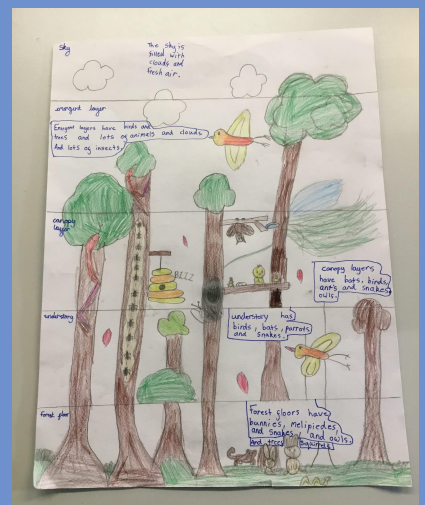
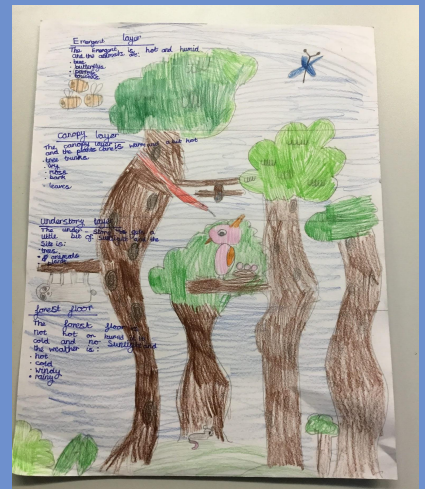
Congratulations to our Stars of the Week - Eydan & Pallavi (Santat) and Evie & Suzie (Beaty).

Well done also to our Dojo winners, Katie & Amelia (Santat) and Madison & Jesse (Beaty).



Year 3

The children have had a busy two weeks drafting their own stories based on the text 'The Great Kapok Tree.' The children have practised writing dialogues that reflect the importance of the rainforest. In Geography, the children have studied in depth the layers and structure of the rainforest. They have also learnt about the biodiversity of plants and animals in the different layers. Linking with our 'Just one tree day', the children have begun to think about the effects of deforestation. In Science, we have been learning about parts of a plant and what a plant needs to grow! Congratulations to our Stars of the Week - Emelia & Iyla (Harrison) and Lily & Indiarna (Woodson). Well done also to our Dojo winners, Ellie & Bailee (Harrison) and Lucas & Serene (Woodson).





Year 4

Year 4 have been hard at work making their canopic jars; but fear not, we don't intend on placing any organs inside of them! The children worked really hard on sculpturing their designs and worked incredibly hard on making them look just like the gods on the canopic jars the Ancient Egyptians used all those years ago.

During PE, the children have been testing out their athletic skills on the trim trail and showing off their agility and balance. The children put their skills to the test really emphatically and showed fantastic resilience throughout - one of our school values! Well done Year 4 and keep up the good work!

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week - Cody & Brandon (Blackman) & Emilie and Amelia (Walliams).

Well done also to our Dojo winners, Ruben & Noah (Blackman) Tigerlily and Grayson (Walliams).

Year 5

Year 5 have had a fantastic two weeks! We have been working very hard to get ready for our Christmas Show at the end of term and have been working brilliantly learning the songs and lines for those assigned an acting role!

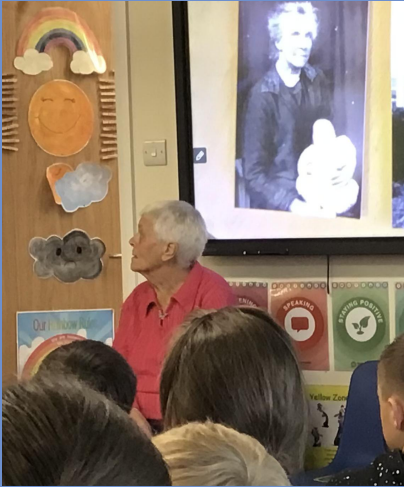
In Science, we looked at friction and tested different materials to see if it would affect the speed of a toy car down a ramp. We worked as a group to ensure it was a fair test and repeated our experiment in order to get an average.

Don't forget reading log day is Thursday!

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week Bridie & Madison (Wilson) and & Nakshatra and Sean (Zephaniah)

Congratulations to our Dojo Winners Daisy-Mae & Tommy (Wilson) and & Sean and Brooke (Zephaniah)

Year 6

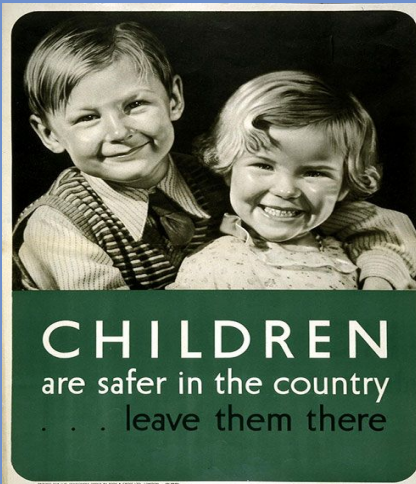


Year 6 have continued to work hard over the past fortnight. Last week, they were lucky enough to have a visit from a real WWII evacuee who told them stories about her experiences in the War. They are now writing their own recounts.

In drumming they have started to compose their own rhythms using 'insects' to help them identify different notes. The children have found this to be great fun and there are clearly several budding composers among us!

In science the children loved using the new 'locktronics circuit boards' and are now compiling their own investigations - Well done!

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week - Kaleb & Freya (Mian) Mason and Ted (Rosen). Well done also to our Dojo winners, Brayden & Ebenezer (Mian) Alfey and Maddie (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) 95%
Donaldson Class (Y1) 94%	Santat Class (Y2) 95%	Beaty Class (Y2) 95%
Harrison Class (Y3) 96%	Woodson Class (Y3) 97%	Walliams Class (Y4) 94%
Blackman Class (Y4) 91%	Zephaniah Class (Y5) 94%	Wilson Class (Y5) 93%
Mian Class (Y6) 96%	Rosen Class (Y6) 91%	The Highest Attendance Award goes to Woodson class. Well done!



School Council Update



Thank you for your amazing donations for the recent coin race that we did for **St. Wilfrid's Hospice!** We are incredibly proud to announce that we raised a staggering **£553.71** thanks to YOUR support!



Last week during **Anti-bullying week**, we started the week with **Odd Socks day**, organised by our innovative school council. We were excited to see such an array of fun coloured socks on both teachers and children, signifying that our differences are cause for celebration. !



Our 'Citizen of the Fortnight' at the Juniors is... Lewis H in 6 Rosen for being an amazing role model. He is always so positive and helpful!

Our 'Citizen of the Fortnight' at the Infants is Lexy in Shireen class for always following the Rainbow Rules and being a kind person to everyone!



Eco Committee Update

Thank you so much for all of your support for **Just One Tree Day**. We will let you know how much we raise very soon...

Our **Eco tip** this fortnight is to cover your saucepans with a lid when cooking. You can **reduce** your **energy use** by up to two thirds and you will heat your food much quicker!

Mental Health and Wellbeing Support



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A BIG thank you to everyone who completed our recent parent survey about Mental Health and Wellbeing in school. Several of you asked for further information about what the school does to support children and families and also for further details about the award we are currently working towards. On our website, we have a special tab that contains a wealth of information for you. Please do take a look and if you have any questions or would like to share any ideas, please do get in touch!

[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](#)



If you require any support or advice about pastoral support, please contact Mrs Alison Das at alison.das@swale.at

Important Scooter and Bike Safety

In order to keep your little ones safe, please can we ask that you ensure any child riding a bike or scooter to school wears a safety helmet. Please also ensure that they do not ride bikes or scooters on school premises at any time. This will help us avoid any accidents and injuries. Thank you in advance for your continued support



Thank you

England Rocks Times Table Competition

In a recent **nationwide** competition that involved over 4,000 schools, we are extremely proud to announce that Parkland Junior School was placed as one of the **top 400 schools**.

Furthemore, out of over 83,000 classes taking part, Rosen class came within the top 1,000. This is a massive achievement. Well done to everyone who took part!

Our Top 10 Players

1. Elliot - Year 6
2. Ted - Year 6
3. Hollie - Year 4
4. Stanley - Year 6
5. Mollie - Year 4
6. Stephan - Year 4
7. Alfey - Year 6
8. Annabelle - Year 4
9. Alexander P - Year 4
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10. Ethan S - Year 4

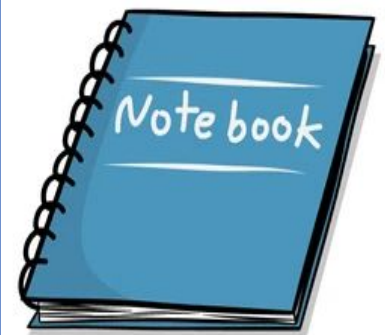
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Important Dates and INFORMATION

Diary Dates

10th December	Christmas Jumper Day and FOPs Reindeer Run
15th December	Christmas Dinner Day in School. A link has been sent to your email account. Please book your child's lunch by 1st December and pay on Parentpay (if applicable).
10th January 2022	Infant School Photographer - Van Cols
11th January 2022	Junior School photographer - Van Cols Individual & family
15th January 2022	Deadline for submitting Applications for EYFS & Y3 for September 2022 start



Thank you!



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about CRYPTOCURRENCY

What is cryptocurrency?

Cryptocurrency is software enabling the exchange and storage of digital 'coins' representing financial value. To monitor who owns which coins, platforms save an online record of every transaction, called a 'ledger' or 'blockchain'. This is secured by cryptography: a set of methods for protecting sensitive information. Bitcoin, released in 2009, was the first cryptocurrency; other platforms have since launched such as Ethereum, Tezos and Filecoin. As cryptocurrency becomes a more established part of digital life, young people are bound to encounter it – so it's vital that trusted adults understand its risks, and how it can be explored and used safely.

COMPLEX TECHNOLOGY

Like any new software, cryptocurrency comes with bugs, flaws and limitations. Broadly, it hasn't yet evolved to be as user friendly as web browsing or social media. Using it safely means spending time learning about the complicated technology it uses. We would strongly suggest anyone considering getting involved in cryptocurrency should consult specialised tutorials to learn about it properly in advance.

WIDESPREAD EXAMPLES

Cryptocurrency software for smartphones is often free to download from app stores. Emails with links to cryptocurrency services can land in any inbox. Cryptocurrency is also advertised on search engines, on social media and in online games (for example to buy add-ons which help players level up). It can't be purchased easily without a credit card or bank account, but young people will still be exposed to cryptocurrency in various settings.

CHANCE OF SCAMS

Cryptocurrency provides another opportunity for scammers to extract personal data and money from unwary web users. Unlike credit card transactions or wire transfers, a bank can't reverse cryptocurrency transactions after a suspected fraud – making it an appealing channel for online extortion. These transactions do leave evidence in the blockchain, however, which means that cryptocurrency scammers can and do get caught.

BEING LOCKED OUT

If you forget your online banking password, you can reset it by proving your identity in another way. In the world of 'crypto', however, the private key to access your funds can't be reset. Cryptocurrency operates without intermediaries like banks – so no-one stores a copy of users' private keys. This has security benefits, but also presents the huge risk of permanently losing access to your account. Learn how to store private keys securely before purchasing any significant amounts of cryptocurrency.

RISKY INVESTMENT

Prices can be very volatile, so cryptocurrencies are considered high-risk investments. If you might need your savings soon, don't hold them in cryptocurrency as their value could drop suddenly and sharply. Sometimes, cryptocurrency may be a profitable investment – but note that any gains are taxable. You may even have to pay tax when exchanging one cryptocurrency for another if the currency you're exchanging is priced higher than it was when you bought it.

Advice for Parents & Carers

AVOID IF UNSURE

In the UK, cryptocurrency is considered risky, because users aren't well protected if something goes wrong. Most cryptocurrencies use software developed by decentralised communities, so there's no customer service and no support if your funds get stolen or you lose access to your mobile cryptocurrency wallet. Unless you understand cryptocurrency, it's probably best not to use it. After all, if you couldn't comprehend the highway code, it wouldn't be safe for you to drive.

CHECK CREDENTIALS

Buying cryptocurrency for the first time involves wiring funds from your bank to a cryptocurrency exchange – a business that converts your money into cryptocurrency. They can also store cryptocurrency for you, though this could present a security risk. Cryptocurrency businesses in the UK must now comply with money laundering regulations: the Financial Conduct Authority's website has a list of all business that are approved, and it's best to avoid dealing with any that aren't.

EXPECT EXPOSURE

If your child plays online games that involve some form of virtual currency, and has access to some kind of payment method, they may find themselves in a position to buy and use cryptocurrency. There's probably no immediate danger, but discussing the potential risks with them could be useful. If your child is old enough to understand the concepts of spending and saving or to grasp the basics of programming, then they're old enough to learn about cryptocurrency.

STAY CAUTIOUS, STAY INFORMED

Approach cryptocurrency with caution as well as curiosity. Don't click on links in unexpected emails referring to cryptocurrency and beware of promotions promising free cryptocurrency in exchange for personal information. Avoid mentioning on social media that you own cryptocurrency, as this can attract scammers. Stay informed of potential new risks and regulations by regularly checking specialised sources (such as CoinDesk).

Meet Our Expert

JP Vergne is an educator and associate professor at University College London's School of Management. His award-winning research on technology and organisation has been published in leading academic journals as well as in two books. JP is also a speaker and advises on startups. He tweets at @PirateOrg.



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This Christmas help us light up the sky with a spectacular 'Sovereign Shines' in aid of Care for the Carers and RNLI Eastbourne!

Light up the harbour with your boat or house this Christmas.

With fantastic prizes to be won including dining experiences, festive family hampers and even a lift, high-pressure wash and launch. Light display entries can be little and pretty or bold and extravagant.

To register visit eastbournewaterfront.com.

Lights need to be up by Sunday 5th December. Judging will take place from 6th - 13th December.

Sovereign Shines at The Waterfront

FRIDAY 10TH DECEMBER

Join us from 4pm - 8pm for a festive family fun evening in support of Sovereign Shines. Enjoy performances from two local choirs and festive tunes from More Radio.

Meet Santa and a real reindeer family, plus support local and buy your gifts and treats at the Christmas Market.



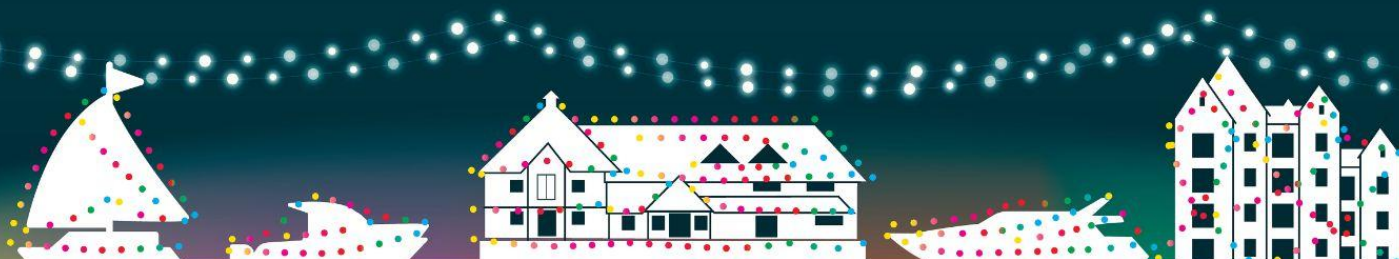
Make a Donation



Scan the QR code and donate online through the Sovereign Shines fundraising page. All monies raised will be split evenly between RNLI Eastbourne and Care for the Carers, East Sussex.

SANTA STROLL around the Harbour

The Christmas Market will also run on Saturday 11th December from 9am - 2pm in conjunction with the charity stroll. Find out more at santastroll.org.uk.



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