

The Parkgate International



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Welcome! Hola! Hej!

Welcome back to the latest issue of the parkgate international. This term the pupils of Parkgate Junior School have continued to take part in lots more international activities and events as well as finding out more about and celebrating our mother tongue languages and countries.



Dosal, a flatbread from India, made by a pupil at home.

Mother Tongue Week

Mother Tongue week was a week where we did activities to do with our cultures and mother tongue languages. During the week we completed lots of class activities relating to our mother tongue and took part in a cooking challenge during half term where we had to make foods from our cultures and mother tongue countries.

Another event from the week was the international food festival where families cooked or made a food from their mother tongue country and brought it into school for everyone to try. During the week we also got to try bollywood dancing which was lots of fun.

Later in the term we shared all of the exciting events and activities we did with the schools in Sweden and Spain during our latest international class assemblies.

Class Activities

In Year 3 they learnt how to say hello in different languages like in Italian you say Ciao and in Romanian you say Salut!

In Year 4 they made Mother tongue posters which had a countries flag and descriptions about the country.

In Year 5 they had a meeting with Sweden and they shared a poem they had learned. Two pupils also shared some Gujarati they know.

In Year 6 they made cards saying 'We are the children of Parkgate School' in different languages like Arabic and Urdu.

Puda, a savory pancake from india, being made at home by a pupil for the half term cooking challenge



Food from the International Food Festival



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Year 6 pupils trying food at the food festival

Half Term Food Challenge

During the half term break before mother tongue week we had a challenge. The challenge was to make our favourite food from our mother tongue country. There was a winner chosen by the international reporters from each year. The winners got to pick first in the food festival and they also got a chef's apron and hat to wear when cooking at home in the future. When they got to the food festival in the hall they wore their chef's outfit.



Fried Matzo, made by a pupil in Year 3
Well done to the winners from each class!

3O: Audrey 3R: Abishu

4P: Kirtan 4H: Natalie

5T: Nivruti 5P: Anastasia

6E: Shivun 6F: Poppy



Sadza, a dish from Zimbabwe, made by a pupil in Year 6

Bollywood Dancing

During the week each class got to learn a little bit of bollywood dancing. Mrs Ryan organised for a professional dancer to come into school and teach each class a bollywood dance routine. It was lots of fun and a challenge to remember all of the steps. Everyone enjoyed listening to the music it was set to and we all went away with a few new bollywood dance moves, teachers included.

International Food Festival

At the food festival there was a large variety of foods from all around the world that pupils had prepared at home and brought in to share. The food origins of the included countries such as Scotland, Brazil, Ireland, Kenya and many more. We had savory food which included food such as samosas and quiche. As well as savory we also had a range of sweet foods. These included cake, biscuits, strawberries and cream and other sugary snacks. There was a real range of appetisers main dishes and desserts.

One food that many pupils found interesting was pitta bread with either caviar or hummus. Caviar is very expensive no matter what part of the world you're in. Caviar is very salty but satisfying when you eat it.

5P learning a bollywood dance



3R learning a bollywood dance



6E learning a bollywood dance



Pupils from 4P wearing a traditional outfit



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International Assemblies

The week after mother tongue week Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 went on a zoom call with the classes in Sweden and Spain. Year 6 shared what they did during mother tongue week. They shared how to say "We are the children of Parkgate school" in different languages. Some of the languages were Irish, Spanish, Arabic and Urdu. Year 6 also shared what everyone ate at the food festival and the country it was from.

In year 4 they shared their mother tongue posters to the schools in Sweden. They also shared what they did and ate at the food festival. They also shared about the fun they had during the bollywood dancing and where it originates. 4 Heron shared their flags that they drew as well.



Rosół, a polish soup, made by a pupil in Y4

In the last week of term Year 4, 5 and 6 met for an international assembly with the schools so that the classes in Spain could share the mother tongue activities and events that they completed recently.



Hot and sour black chickpeas made by a pupil in Year 4



Coddle, an irish dish made by pupils in year 4 and 6.



Banica, a bulgarian pastry with with cheese inside, made by a pupil in Year 3

What's Next?

Thank you to everyone who got involved during mother tongue week and has enjoyed the international events this term. We are looking forward to our next whole school international events in the summer term and to see what the pupils chosen to go to Sweden get up to.

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