

PARKGATE JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 3rd October 2025

WEEKEND FUN

This weekend it is supposed to be wet and windy on Saturday but sunny on Sunday. The National Trust recommend 50 things to do before children are 11 ¾ and I am going to mention a couple each week so if you are looking for things to do at the weekend, you might enjoy them.

GET TO KNOW A TREE - How well do you know the trees near you? Look at a tree's leaves to try and identify it or search for clues in its roots, bark and branches. You can even hug a tree to learn its age. Lots of advice for identifying different leaves.

PLAY CONKERS - Playing conkers may well be one of the oldest games around. In some parts of the world it's called 'Kingers'. Hopefully the weather will be kind and we will be able to get outside. Have a good weekend.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 9th Oct Year 4 Tri Golf Tournament
- 14th Oct Year 6 Handball Sports Morning
- 21st Oct Parents evening
- 22nd Oct Parents evening (NO Singing Club)
- 22nd Oct Year 6 Trip to Bletchley
- 23rd Oct Flu Vaccinations
- 31st Oct Secondary school application deadline
- 27th Oct - 31st Oct Half term
- 3rd Nov - Inset day
- 10th Nov Year 5 National Space Centre Trip
- 12th Nov Year 6 Local walk
- 18th Nov - Book look
- 20th Nov Year 5 Fun run at Future Academy
- 8th Dec Year 4 Dress rehearsal
- 9th Dec Year 4 Play
- 11th Dec Pantomime at school
- 17th Dec Christmas outfit day
- 18th Dec Christmas dinner and Carol concert
- 19th Dec Last day of Autumn Term (1.30pm)



THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone that donated food last week for our harvest festival. We sent 132kg food to Watford Food Bank to help local families in need.



Thank you!

Parkgate Junior School

For your donation of 132kgs of food from your Harvest Festival collection.

Your support has made a huge difference to the lives of people living in poverty.

Jane Hawlin
Foodbank Manager

Registered charity number 1184482. Registered in England and Wales.

CATERLINK MENU - WEEK 1

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
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| Creamy Chicken & Broccoli Pasta | Beef Lasagne or Vegetable Lasagne with Garlic Bread | Pork, Chicken (halal option) or Roasted Quorn Sausage Mashed Potatoes & Gravy | Chicken Korma with Rice | Fish Fingers and Chips |
| Macaroni Cheese | Jacket Potato | | Roasted Cauliflower Curry with Rice | Cheese and Tomato Pinwheel with chips |
| Jacket Potato | Cheese or Tuna Baguette | Jacket Potato | Jacket Potato | Jacket Potato |
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HEALTHY SNACK

Please remember to send your child in with a healthy snack e.g. fruit or bread sticks. Please keep crisps, jam sandwiches and biscuits for lunch boxes.

Please do not send in Fruit Winders due to the high sugar content and the children are playing with them rather than eating them creating a sticky mess.



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CATERLINK PAYMENTS

If your child has a school meal please can you make sure your Caterlink account has the funds to pay for the meal. Caterlink run a debt free service.

All meal payments must be paid via the Caterlink website **not** Arbor.

TUCK SHOP CASH ONLY

The PTA will be back this afternoon after school with the Friday tuck shop. The tuck shop is a lovely way to end the week with a treat and help to fundraise for the school.

Payments by **cash only** so please bring change.

PARENTS EVENING

A reminder that we have had to change Parents Evening from Thursday 23rd of October to Wednesday 22nd October.

You may have noticed that you can see parents evening on Arbor. The booking system will open at 6pm on Tuesday 7th October and close on Sunday 19th October.

Please only make one appointment. Duplicate bookings will be cancelled.

Appointments must be booked via Arbor, not the school office.

APPOINTMENTS DURING SCHOOL HOURS

If you need to take your child out of school for a medical appointment please can you inform the office as soon as possible, providing evidence of the appointment in the form of a letter or text reminder.

If your child does not come for morning registration but will be in for lunch please let the office know if you will be providing a packed lunch or your child's meal choice.

MATHS CHALLENGE WINNERS

Well done to everyone that took part in September's challenge, we were really impressed with all of the entries, and a special well done to the winners.



OCTOBER MATHS CHALLENGE

Get outside in this lovely autumnal weather and see how many of the following activities you can complete. Take photos and create a poster for the maths challenge wall. This challenge covers half term so a great opportunity to get outside. Have fun!

Find some leaves and put them in size order.

Go on a conker hunt. How many can you find?

Find some twigs and order them from smallest to largest. Use a ruler or tape measure to measure their length in cm mm or m (metres will involve decimals).

Have you noticed any spider's webs covered in dew? Where did you spot them? What shapes can you see in them?

Collect autumn leaves and make a pattern using their colours.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the stars of the week:

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| | 3 Owl | Umaima | Sara |
| | 3 Robin | Harry | Imaan |
| | 4 Heron | Dora | Rihan |
| | 4 Puffin | Noel | Seyara |
| | 5 Parrot | Savannah | Ayla |
| | 5 Toucan | Eesa | Oscar |
| | 6 Eagle | Anoushka | Hashim |
| | 6 Falcon | Keira | Hurrah |

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to 3 Owl for 99.19% attendance last week.

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| 3 Owl | 99.33% |
| 3 Robin | 98% |
| 4 Heron | 96.55% |
| 4 Puffin | 96% |
| 5 Parrot | 95.33% |
| 5 Toucan | 94.48% |
| 6 Eagle | 93.87% |
| 6 Falcon | 90% |



RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to this weeks raffle winners for positive behaviour:

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| 3 Owl | Burhanuddin, Darcie, Jaheim, Tiara |
| 3 Robin | Myles, Aiden, Simar, Ammara |
| 4 Heron | Penelope, Rihan |
| 4 Puffin | Dhanyata, Nuriyah |
| 5 Parrot | Grace |
| 5 Toucan | Anoushka |
| 6 Eagle | Lorenc |
| 6 Falcon | Hurrah, Ruhani |

