

PARKGATE JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 31st January 2025

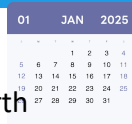
WELCOME

WOW - I'm baaaaack!



It has been so lovely seeing everyone this week and catching up with the pupils who have been showing me what they have been doing. We do hope you will be able to come in this afternoon from 2.30pm to see what the children got up to during Cross Curricular week - the World of Work. The children will also be selling items made during their Enterprise Project. A very big thank you to everyone who participated in talks, walks and activities. We can't do it without you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



- 10th Feb Dance Rehearsal @Rickmansworth
- 11th Feb Parents Evening
- 12th Feb Dance Show @Rickmansworth
- 13th Feb Parents Evening (No Singing Club/Gym)
- 14th Feb End of term (3.20pm)
- 24th Feb Back to school
- 11th Mar Book look
- 13th Mar Netball tournament at Future Academies
- 18th Mar Music Concert
- 23rd Mar School Gala at the Royal Albert Hall
- 24th - 28th Mar Bikeability (Yr 5)
- 24th Mar Yr 5 Play Dress Rehearsal
- 25th Mar Yr 5 Play Performances @3:30pm & 5pm
- 4th April Parkgate's Got Talent & End of term 1:30pm

PARKGATE V KINGSWAY

On Thursday 30th January Parkgate's mixed football club played in a match against Kingsway Juniors. Despite losing 12- 0, all who took part had fun and played amazingly. Especially some fantastic fearless tackles by Eliana.

Next match 4th February against Orchard.



TUCK SHOP

The tuck shop is back and will be open every Friday after school.

DSPL9 - FOR SEN FAMILIES

DSPL9 Parent Newsletters are published fortnightly and include a round-up of courses, workshops, training and events available to parents and families within DSPL9. Here you can find [Newsletter 9](#).

This can also be found on the [DSPL9 website](#).

CATERLINK MENU - WEEK 3

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Macaroni Cheese	Mild Caribbean Chicken with Rice and Peas	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes Halal option available	Spaghetti Bolognese	Fish and Chips
Plant balls in Tomato sauce with Rice	Caribbean Butterbean stew Rice and Peas	Cheese and Tomato Whirl with Roast Potatoes	Hot Pot Baked Bean Casserole	Cheese and Bean Puff with Chips
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato
Cheese or Tuna Baguette	Cheese or Tuna Baguette	Cheese or Tuna Baguette	Cheese or Tuna Baguette	



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BIKABILITY



Bikeability will begin week commencing Monday 24th March. This course is for Year 5 children. Parents have been sent an email with all the details of the course.

You can book your child's place via Arbor.

If your child was in Year 5 last year and missed the opportunity to take part in bikeability Watford Cycle Hub are holding a course during February half term. Please see the leaflet below for more information.



Today's "Cycling Proficiency", there are three Bikeability levels:

- Level 1 is a 1-day course and will help new riders to control their bike before they move on to developing on-road skills at Level 2.
- Level 2 is a 4-day course and is usually tackled by children in Years 5 or 6, before they leave primary school.
- Level 3 is a 3-day course and teaches how to ride in different and more challenging traffic situations and is usually completed by children of secondary school age. To register participants must have already successfully completed Level 2.



LIBRARY NEWS

Lunar New Year at North Watford Library

Celebrate the Lunar New Year on Saturday 1st February between 2-3pm at North Watford Library. Staff will be reading a story, followed by some lovely craft activities. For children aged 7-11. Tickets are £2.50 each and can be purchased at the enquiry desk.



Family Library Drop-Ins



LIBRARY

YEAR 6 LIBRARY VISIT

On Monday Year 6 took a walk to North Watford Library.

The children took part in discussions about authors and genres. They had the opportunity to look at some of the books they talked about.



YEAR 6 HOODIES

All year 6 parents should have received an email regarding their leavers hoodies.

A very kind parent has taken time to arrange the hoodie order so please read the email and complete the [google form](#) as soon as possible (the closing date is 7th February).



Please note that school have no involvement in the ordering of the hoodies and any queries must be directed to Mrs. Knott directly.

CATERLINK

Caterlink put on a lovely Chinese New Celebration on Wednesday, decorating the hatch and cooking two delicious options of Chinese Chicken Curry or Vegetable Noodles.



The School council have also been busy this week taking votes on what all the children would like to see on the Spring/Summer menu. We are excited to see their choices.

BEADS AND BANDS CLUB



Ayah and Amara have started a lunchtime club where the children can make bracelets from Loom bands and beads.

The club will be on every Thursday from 12.30pm to 1pm. All years are welcome to join however we only have space for 20 children and it will be on a first come first serve basis.

If you have any Loom bands or beads at home that are unloved and you would like to donate them to the girls for their club they would be gratefully received.

DANCE SHOW TICKETS



Tickets for the dance show are now available to purchase from the office. We can only offer 1 ticket per child but there will be some available on the day on a first come first serve basis.

Ofsted MET 2023

Childcare Vouchers Accepted

FEBRUARY Holiday CAMP

Dates:
17th February - 21st February

Boys and Girls are invited from the age of 3 to 13

Interactive & Engaging Games & Activities

- Football, Nerf Wars
- Basketball, Cricket, Gymnastics
- Dance, Dodgeball, Archery
- Mini Games, Arts & Crafts and Much more!

About Us

All coaches are FA Level 1/2 UEFA A&B accredited, paediatric first aid trained and have completed a child protection workshop.

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STARS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to this weeks stars of the week:

3 Owl	Maya A	Olive
3 Robin	Rumayso	Halima
4 Heron	Andy	Ohene
4 Puffin	Lara	Avantika
5 Parrot	Shanayah	Alisha
5 Toucan	Cassie	Joel
6 Eagle	Bilal	Chris
6 Falcon	Audrey	Billy

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to 5 Parrot for 99.63 % attendance last week.

3 Owl	94.67%
3 Robin	97.33%
4 Heron	93.67%
4 Puffin	96.33%
5 Parrot	99.63%
5 Toucan	94.07%
6 Eagle	93.67%
6 Falcon	97.32%



RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to this weeks raffle winners for positive behaviour:

3 Owl	Noel, Eloise, Zarah
3 Robin	Lainey, Dora, Aaron, Victor, Sofia
4 Heron	Ameerah, Faye
4 Puffin	Upsana, Tamika, Joao Gil
5 Toucan	Anaya, Anoushka, Farwah
6 Eagle	Emman
6 Falcon	JJ

