

PARKGATE JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2025



FROSTY AND FUN RUN

It has really been a cold week and the children have all been outside enjoying the sunshine. It is strange that the sight of the sun makes them think that they don't need their coats or jumpers. All the adults in the school have spent the week telling them to put their coats on.



Yesterday, the Year 5's went off on a Fun Run at Future Academy and it was extremely muddy and cold. The children did really well and Reuban, Ashla, Faye, Qasim, Abeeha and Anna placed in several events. Unfortunately, due to the cold fingers, no photos were taken. I went and asked the children how they enjoyed it and they told me, 'the fun run wasn't that fun', which made me laugh. They did enjoy the races and the biscuits and drinks they received at the end. Let's hope they get some more running in warmer weather. Don't forget you can send in tracksuits for your child to wear during PE. I am sure you remember the old days when you had to go out in shorts and t-shirts whatever the weather. We aren't that cruel anymore! Enjoy your weekend and let's hope it warms up soon.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 1st Dec Flu Top up
- 1st Dec Year 6 NHS Health Check
- 4th Dec PTA Winter Disco
- 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)
- Spring Term 2026
- 6th Jan First Day of Spring term
- 15th Feb Year 6 Indoor athletics at Futures academy
- 10th Feb Parents evening
- 12th Feb Parents evening
- 16th - 22nd Mar Half term
- 12th Mar Book look
- 19th Mar Year 3 STEM trip
- 24th Mar Year 5 Play
- 27th Mar Parkgate's Got Talent



EGYPTIAN DAY



Year 4 have had a great Egyptian day. They looked fabulous in their outfits. They started the day making an Egyptian collar using a paper plate and gold paint. They have also been choosing activities from a grid based on all things Ancient Egyptian and creating information sheets and even inventing new Egyptian Gods.



CHILDREN IN NEED



These children were a few of the lucky winners that took part in the Where is Pudsey? competition. Congratulations.

Thank you to all that donated on the day, we raised £222.26.

CATERLINK MENU - WEEK 3

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Plant Balls in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Roast Chicken or Chicken Sausage (halal option), with Roast Potatoes, Stuffing & Gravy	Chicken Biryani	Fish Fingers with Chips
Veggie Sausage with Mashed Potato	Autumn Vegetable Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Vegetarian Wellington with Roast Potatoes	Vegan BBQ Sausage Pasta with Garlic Bread	Cheese & Bean Pasty 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	Cheese or Tuna Baguette



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PTA NEWS

Arts and Crafts Extravaganza

The PTA is delighted to announce our **FREE** after school Christmas Arts & Crafts extravaganza. Registration details will follow soon with limited places so book early to avoid disappointment.

We are also seeking volunteers to help set up, run and pack away on the day - please get in touch with the PTA if you can help out pta@parkgate.herts.sch.uk



Tuck Shop

The tuck shop will be open today, after school, in the hall. Please bring change, all sweet will cost between 20p and £1.

LIBRARY NEWS



Saturday 22nd November, 2-3pm
North Watford Library

Activity session based on the award-winning series

Make Viking crowns & dragon eggs & shields, learn how to speak Dragonese, and play games



£2.75 per child
Please book in the library



STARS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the stars of the week:

🌟	3 Owl	Lina	Tiara
🌟	3 Robin	Sophie	Myles
🌟	4 Heron	Pearl	Karthiga
🌟	4 Puffin	Maya S	Haider
🌟	5 Parrot	Rebecca	Aiza
🌟	5 Toucan	Maleeha	Chinwem
🌟	6 Eagle	Theviru	Safa
🌟	6 Falcon	Cristian	Santhosh

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to 4 Puffin for 99.66% attendance last week.

3 Owl	95.02%
3 Robin	97.99%
4 Heron	98.67%
4 Puffin	99.66%
5 Parrot	99.63%
5 Toucan	95.79%
6 Eagle	96.44%
6 Falcon	94.67%



RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to this week's raffle winners for positive behaviour:

3 Owl	Ashal
3 Robin	Saoirse, Harry
4 Puffin	Zarah, Mariya
5 Parrot	Ashyla, Tom, Zack
5 Toucan	Faye
6 Eagle	Amara

