

PARKGATE JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 24TH APRIL 2026

A WONDERFUL START AT PARKGATE JUNIORS

It has been another busy and positive week here at Parkgate Junior School. I have been reflecting on what matters most for our children. With this in mind, we are beginning to explore three simple principles with the children: be safe, be kind and try your best. These will be introduced and revisited over time as part of our everyday expectations and conversations with pupils. We will also begin recognising these in our Friday celebration assemblies through certificates linked to each principle so you may notice your child bringing these home in the coming weeks.

I am delighted to share that two of our football teams enjoyed great success, each winning their recent matches - well done to all the players for their teamwork and determination. Our netball team also played well this week; we are very proud of the effort and sportsmanship shown by everyone involved. My thanks go to the staff who give their time to support and run these sporting opportunities.

We were also pleased to host two very successful PTA school discos. The children had a fantastic time and we are incredibly grateful to our PTA for organising such an enjoyable event. Thank you as well to the staff who supported on the evening, and to the parent volunteers for supervising the evening.

Finally, thank you for allowing us to care for your wonderful children.

Kellie Barton
Headteacher



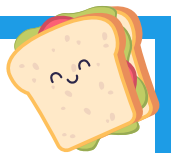
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 29th Apr Class and Yr 6 Individual Photographs
- 30th Apr Year 5 Sleepover
- 7th May Year 3 Athletics trip at Future Academies
- 11th - 14th May Year 6 SATs
- 20th May Music Concert
- 21st May Book Look
- 25th - 29th May Half term
- 1st June INSET Day
- 7th - 10th June Year 6 PGL
- 19th June Sports Day
- 7th July Year 6 Play
- 21st July End of Term - school closes 1.30pm



NO HOT MEALS

Unfortunately we still have no gas in the school kitchen and this will continue into next week. It seems to be proving hard for the engineer's to get hold of the replacement parts to fix the problem. We will keep you updated; however, until further notice, we will only be able to provide cheese or tuna sandwiches.



DSPL9 - FOR OUR 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. Please follow the link if you are interested in reading [newsletter 13](#).

Newsletters and other support for parents can also be found on the DSPL9 website.

NEW! CATERLINK MENU - WEEK 3

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Tomato Pasta | Beef Burger with Potato Wedges and rainbow slaw | Roast Chicken or Chicken Sausage (halal option) with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy | Chicken Korma with Rice | Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce |
| Chinese Vegetable Noodles | Mexican Bean Roll, with New Potatoes and rainbow slaw | Vegetable Loaf with Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy | All day vegetarian breakfast | Cowboy Sausage and Bean Hotpot |
| 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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SOCIAL MEDIA

A gentle reminder to parents and carers regarding children's use of social media. Platforms such as Snapchat and WhatsApp have a **minimum age requirement of 13**.

While we fully respect that families make individual decisions around technology use, we encourage parents to regularly review their child's online activity and support them in using technology safely and appropriately.



PARKGATE PIRATES

Please can we remind parents that if you are dropping off, or collecting your child from Parkgate Pirates, you must do so via the **Parkgate Road** entrance.



LIBRARY NEWS

Come to Family Drop In on Monday, in the library after school for some COSMIC themed crafting fun. We'll be sprinkling star dust to create some amazing space bookmarks. No need to book and all families welcome for snacks and a browse.



PHOTOGRAPHS

On Wednesday 29th April, the photographers will be in school to take class photographs and individual Year 6 photographs. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform. **NO P.E.Kits** please.



SPORTS NEWS

We are incredibly proud of our children after such a busy and exciting week of sports events. Throughout each match, they demonstrated excellent sportsmanship, supported one another, and worked together as true teams.

The following are the children's own versions of the events, shared in their own words:

Football:

Our first match was 14-0 to Orchard . Grayson got man of the match. Our next was Alban Wood and it was 8-4 to them. Saadiq got the man of the match. Then our next match was against Kingsway and we lost 7-0 . After that we lost 11-1 to Holy Rood (which is the best team in the league). Then in our last game we won 9-0 against Orchard.

Netball:

Thank you Mrs Tearle and Mrs Pope for training and organising the tournaments. We would like to say a huge thank you for everything that you have done to help us achieve our goals. We would also like to say a massive thank you to any other members of staff that helped organise the matches.

On the 15th of April we had our first match against Orchard we had a pretty strong team and a great chance of winning. We started the match with everyone arriving and practising basic passing and shooting. We started the match with a few goals and ended up winning with the score 7-2. We were so proud of ourselves so we celebrated with justice and biscuits. But that was just the first part of the match we still had a long way left to victory. But the positions varied during both matches.

As we entered the finals we saw many teams that we were going to compete against. In the first match we lost and the final score was 3-1.

On the second match we played against Yorkmead primary school and lost 7-0

Then we played another primary school and our final score was 4-1

And last luck game on our side helped us win our final match with a score of 5-1

We came 4th tied with another team (at least not last) but we all knew that we tried our best and it was all about having fun although we were hoping for the victory.

This letter is a thank you note to Mrs Tearle for coaching and helping us during all sports matches.

Etana
Ruhani
Logan
Samuela
Theviru
Upasana
Chinwem
Andy
Scarlett

(And the players of the match were Etana and Logan)



SUMMER TERM CLUBS

We still have some space for the following school clubs. Please sign up on Arbor (under clubs):

Multisport Club

- For Years 3, 4 and 5 pupils
- Thursday morning 8:00-8:40am
- 16th April – 16th July
- Pupils who previously attended the club will need to reapply
- Pupils need to bring their water bottle and arrive in sportswear with their school uniform in a bag
- Pupils can't access the classroom until start of school day i.e. 8:40am

Cricket and Athletics Club

- For Year 6 pupils
- Thursday 3:20-4:20pm
- 16th April – 16th July
- Pupils who previously attended the club will need to reapply
- Pupils need to have a snack, a drink and a PE kit

Please contact the coach directly for the following external clubs:

External Club: Tag Rugby by Xtra Time

- For Years 3-6 pupils
- Tuesday 3:20-4:20pm
- 21st April – 7th July
- Contact directly:
<https://form.jotform.com/260613236438354>

External Club: 11+ Secondary Transfer Club

- For Year 5 pupils
- Wednesday 3:20-4:20pm
- 22nd April – 8th July (No lessons on 27th May, 10th June, 17th June)
- Contact directly:
07507399004/tara.moore@resolutefire.co.uk

External Club: Skill 7 Football Club

Our ASFC's start back week beginning Monday 20th April. Limited availability on ALL clubs this term!

ASFC BOOKINGS NOW OPEN!

Full details are available on our website, www.skill7.org. Just click on both the Membership + Registration + Fees link and our After School Football Clubs dropdown menu.

Once you've had a look at the above, and decided you'd like to book your child on... just WhatsApp back their name and the school they attend.

Gold Membership entitles parents to pay fees on Thursday 30th April!

Silver and Bronze Membership fees, including ASFC fees, are due as soon as we confirm children's places.

Only children booking on for a 5pm finish will participate in our points and star player programmes.

YEAR 6 SATs REVISION SESSIONS

Morning Sessions (Drop-in):

Morning drop-in sessions began on **Tuesday 14th April** and run every **Monday to Thursday from 8:25am to 8:40am** in the **6 Falcon classroom**.

If you arrive **after 8.30am** you must wait outside until the gate is opened at **8.40am**

These sessions provide a quiet space for revision or an opportunity for children to ask teachers any questions.

After School Sessions

The booking is now CLOSED.



Congratulations to the stars of the week:

- ★ **3 Owl** Saisha
- ★ **3 Robin** Myles
- ★ **4 Heron** Joel
- ★ **4 Puffin** Idris
- ★ **5 Parrot** Abeeha
- ★ **5 Toucan** Kavithan
- ★ **6 Eagle** Anaya
- ★ **6 Falcon** Etana

Congratulations to 4 Heron for 97.86% attendance last week.

- 3 Owl** 95%
- 3 Robin** 91.95%
- 4 Heron** 97.86%
- 4 Puffin** 92.07%
- 5 Parrot** 97%
- 5 Toucan** 90.67%
- 6 Eagle** 97.67%
- 6 Falcon** 93.96%



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

- 3 Owl** Our house
- 3 Robin** elves were
- 4 Heron** extra quick to
- 4 Puffin** tidy up today
- 5 Parrot** and the tickets
- 5 Toucan** have been
- 6 Eagle** recycled!
- 6 Falcon**

