

Park Gate Primary School News

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back! I hope that you all had a good half term.

The children have made a great start to the new half term, working really hard on their new learning. We are looking forward to the continuation of our outdoor learning days and let's hope the weather will be kind to us as we move through the Spring Term.

Kind regards

Lindsay McCarthy Headteacher

Change to Year 6 Outdoor Learning Day

The Year 6 Outdoor Learning Day planned for Monday Monday 26th February will now take place on Monday 11th March.



Sponsored Bounce Thursday 29th February

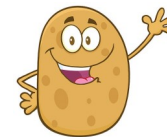
We are looking forward to the Sponsored Bounce on Thursday 29th February to mark the leap year. The event will take place in the hall.

Children are invited to come to school in their sportswear (no need to wear school PE kit). Please could we kindly ask that sponsorship forms are returned on the day too. There will be prizes for the child with the most bounces in YrR/KS1 and KS2. There is also a prize for the class who has raised the most amount. All money raised will go towards our new outdoor play structure. Thank you and I hope the children all enjoy their bouncing!



The Great Park Gate Potato Challenge

This week in assembly the children have been introduced to The Great Park Gate Potato Challenge! Each class will be given a potato sack, some seed potatoes and a bag of soil. There are 2 challenges set:



Which class can grow the most potatoes?

Which class can grow the heaviest crop of potatoes?

The challenge begins in school on 1st March and will run until 1st July when we will dig up our potatoes to find out the winners. The children will be looking at ways to increase their chances of growing the best potatoes. Good luck to each class!

World Book Day

We are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March. The children are welcome to come to school dressed as their favourite book character.



Year 4 Fareham Trip

Thank you for your understanding that once again we have needed to postpone the Year 4 visit. This was again due to the awful weather forecast. The Year 4 team will be in touch with new arrangements.

Congratulations to our Values Ambassadors of the Week!

It gives me great pleasure to announce our Values Ambassadors...

Willow Class – **Nikodem**...*Partnership*...being such a fantastic friend, sharing and helping to cheer his friends up.

Chestnut Class – **Katie**...*Achievement & Excellence*... amazing drawing and writing about polar bear cubs.

Apple Class – **Elsie**...*Excellence*...joining in brilliantly with phonics—a great attitude to her learning.

Cherry Class – **Jacob**...*Excellence* ... an excellent attitude to learning this week and producing brilliant writing.

Lime Class – **Amelia** ...*Growth*...listening to all of her learning activities and making great progress.

Holly Class – **Elsie**...*Growth & Excellence*...writing a fantastic set of instructions with amazing handwriting.

Silver Birch Class – **Freddy L**...*Excellence*...amazing art work when sketching The Iron Man in the style of Chris Mould.

Cedar Class – **Max**...*Excellence*...following the tutorial to produce a fantastic drawing of The Iron Man.

Yew Class – **Kadi**...*All of the Values*...an incredibly positive attitude to all her learning and being an amazing Park Gater!

Hazel Class – **Joshua**...*Kindness*...being such a kind, respectful and hardworking member of the class.

Juniper Class – **Jack**...*Growth*...showing enthusiasm when completing the class text with superb questions and contributions.

Sycamore Class – **Tyler**...*Resilience*...a great first week at Park Gate, settling in fabulously.

Maple Class – **Mia C** ...*Achievement*...outstanding progress in her arithmetic sessions. We are all so proud of her!

Oak Class – **Alfie** ...*Aspiration*...setting himself the target of achieving 30 in his arithmetic...and he achieved it!

Diary Dates

Dates	Events
Monday 4th March	Year 6 Residential leaves
Wednesday 6th March	Year 6 Residential returns
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day
Friday 8th March	Year 5 Outdoor Learning Day
Monday 11th March	Year 6 Outdoor Learning Day
Wednesday 13th March 6pm	Year 3/4 Show (Cedar & Hazel Parents)
Thursday 14th March 6pm	Year 3/4 Show (Silver Birch & Yew Parents)
Friday 15th March AM	Chestnut Class Library Visit
Friday 15th March	Red Nose Day
WB: 18th March	Parents Evening Week
Friday 22nd March AM	Willow Class Library Visit
Monday 25th March	Year 2 Outdoor Learning Day
Tuesday 26th March	Year 4 Outdoor Learning Day
Tuesday 26th March	Year 3 Visit to Selborne
Tuesday 26th March EVE	Collaborative Concert at Brookfield (Choir)
Wednesday 27th March EVE	Collaborative Concert at Brookfield (Choir)
Wednesday 27th March	Year R Outdoor Learning Day
Wednesday 27th March	Year 1 Outdoor Learning Day
Thursday 28th March	Day Closure for Staff Training
29th March—12th April	Easter Holiday
Monday 15th April	Children return to school

Further Day Closures for Staff Training

Thursday 28th March 2024

Monday 3rd June 2024

