



PARKGATE INFANTS &
NURSERY SCHOOL

3rd February 2023



Dear Parents/Carers,

Parent Governor Election

We are looking for a parent governor! We have sent out a separate email with information about the role of a parent governor. If you are interested then please submit your application by 3pm on Monday 20th February. If anyone has any questions about the role then please speak to the school office.

Future Strike Days

Thank you to parents for your support and understanding when teachers were on strike on Wednesday this week. Please be aware that there are further strikes planned for:

- Wednesday 1st March
- Wednesday 15th March
- Thursday 16th March

At this stage we do not know if these strikes will take place and if they do if any teachers at Parkgate Infants and Nursery intend to strike. I will let you know as soon as I am able.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Pritchard

Book Sale

Thank you so much to everyone who came and supported our book sale yesterday - it was our most successful one yet.

Around 330 books went home with children, which is amazing! We hope the children enjoy their books.

Mole Library Visit

Mole class will be visiting North Watford Library next Wednesday. We're all very excited and I'm sure the children will have lots to tell you when they get home!

Deadline for Nursery Places

Please be aware that the deadline for making an application for a Nursery place for September 2023 is **9am Friday 24th February 2023**.

You will need to apply direct to Parkgate Infants & Nursery School using the application form on our website.

Parents Evening

Parents evening will be held **in school** on the following dates:

Wed 8th Feb 3:30-6:00pm

Thu 9th Feb 5:00-8:00pm

Appointments for both evenings are live and will close on Monday 6th February at 10am.

You will be able to make an appointment via Arbor.

If you are unable to log in to Arbor, please ask the school office to email you a new link.

Attendance

Well done to **Rabbit class** who had this weeks best attendance!



Badger Class	91.4%
Fox Class	91.2%
Rabbit Class	95.3%
Squirrel Class	94.9%
Mole Class	84.3%
Hedgehog Class	86.0%

WEEK 3				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Vegballs in Homemade Tomato Sauce (ve) with Pasta	Mild Chicken Curry with Rice	Roast Pork with Sage and Onion Stuffing with Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta	Beef Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges	Fish Fillet Fingers with Oven Chips or Pasta
Quorn Burger with Diced Potatoes or Pasta (v)	Vegan Sausages with Potato Wedges or Pasta (ve)	Tomato Bolognese (ve) with Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta	Veg Fingers with Potato Wedges (v)	Cheese and Tomato Pizza With Oven Chips or Pasta (v)
Egg Roll	Ham Roll	Cheese Baguette	Cheese Wrap	Tuna Sandwich
Jacket Potato with Tuna	Jacket Potato with Cheese	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans
		Halal Roast Chicken with Sage and Onion Stuffing with Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta		

Stars of the Week



Badger— Jacob

Fox— Elsie

Rabbit— Aoife

Squirrel—no consent given

Mole— Grayson

Hedgehog—Yahya

Well done to our Stars of the Week

Learning Awards



Badger—Hanzalah

Fox—Anoushka

Rabbit—Haider

Squirrel—Lorena

Mole—Edward

Hedgehog—no consent given

Well done!

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mole Library Visit	Wed 8 th February
Parents Evening	Wed 8 th February 3:30-6:00pm
Parents Evening	Thu 9 th February 5:00-8:00pm
Donut Sale	Fri 10 th February
Half Term	Mon 13 th —Fri 17 th February
World Thinking Day	Wed 22 nd February
Easter Bonnet Parade	Fri 31 st March
Term Ends	Fri 31 st March 1:00pm

Caretaker Wanted!

We are looking for a new caretaker. The role includes opening the school in the morning, carrying out health and safety checks and general DIY jobs. If you know someone who would be interested then please contact the school office who will be happy to discuss the role with anyone who is interested.

We are also looking for a Wraparound Care Manager.

Both roles are advertised on www.teachinherts.com

This week in Ducklings class.....

Trip Trap, Trip Trap over the bridge

We have been reading the traditional tale 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. We explored different versions of the story. Built our own bridges using blocks, bricks and playdough. Painted and drew trolls. We also have continued to develop our joining skills using glue.



This week in Parkgate Pirates.....

This week, we celebrated 'National Storytelling Week' by reading lots of traditional tales with the children and the children enjoyed participating in various topic related activities. They particularly enjoyed playing the game of 'Fairy Tale Bingo'.



Friends of Parkgate News



Doughnut Sale – Friday 10th February - 3pm

We are doing another doughnut sale after school in the playground. We are running a pre-order service, so no one is disappointed.

If you would like more than 6 doughnuts, let us know by Sunday 5th February. Thank you! Please email us to pre-order at friendsof@parkgateinfants.herts.sch.uk (As Krispy Kreme sell the doughnuts to us at a reduced rate for our fundraising, we have to order 5 days in advance.)

The money we raise is going towards the children's school trips.



Charity Status

We are pleased to announce that Friends of Parkgate are now a registered Charity.

We are looking forward to benefiting from being a charity; with extra grants we can apply for, gift aid and many other schemes, which will boost our fundraising efforts for the school.

Our charity number is: 1201774, contact us for more information.

World Thinking Day

Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and volunteers celebrate World Thinking Day on **22nd February** by wearing their uniform to school.

Guiding is a fantastic opportunity for girls, aged 5 to 18, to be themselves, try new things, make friends, and have a lot of fun.

If any girls or adults would like to gain confidence, meet new people and learn new skills, all whilst having fun.

Please visit www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/ to find out more.



North Watford Library Half Term events

Handwriting Zoo –
Lowercase letter formation
4-6 years
11am – 12pm, Wed 15th February 2023
North Watford Library

Maths Wizard – 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Multiplication and division problems
5-6 years
12.30pm – 1.30pm, Wed 15th February 2023
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FREE!

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