



PARKGATE INFANTS &
NURSERY SCHOOL

24th February 2023



Dear Parents/Carers,

Book Week and World Book Day

We will be holding a whole school Book Week, from 27th **February – 3rd March 2023**, with the theme of “**A Place to Read**”. Across the week, the children will be taking part in a range of reading and book related activities to promote their love of reading and the importance of stories.

A ‘cosy place to read’ challenge

Throughout book week, the children will be set a challenge to create a cosy place to read at home – the more unusual the better! We would like you to bring in a photo of you reading in your cosy place and we will give prizes to the most unusual! The deadline for these photos to be handed in is **Thursday 2nd March**. We would love to display the photos in school so please only send in photos that you would be happy with being displayed.

Thursday 2nd March - World Book Day

On **Thursday 2nd March** we will be celebrating world book day with a **Bedtime Story Pyjama Day**. The children can come to school on the day dressed in their pyjamas or onesies, and we will be sharing stories and reading activities during the day.

On **Wednesday 8th March** we will be receiving a visit from a children’s author called Alice Hemming. She will share some of her stories with the children before carrying out some book-related activities.

To find out more about her work, visit the following website:

<https://www.alicehemming.co.uk/>

We look forward to celebrating World Book Day with the children and we will give the children a book voucher to take home with them on the day.

Kind regards

Catherine Annal
Key Stage One Lead

Pupil Premium & Special Education Needs Coffee Mornings

We are pleased to let you know we are holding informal Pupil Premium and Special Educational Needs coffee mornings on the following dates:

Pupil Premium: Thursday 2nd March at 9:15am

Special Educational Needs: Friday 3rd March at 9.15am

Please come along for refreshments and to meet other parents.

All welcome!

Attendance

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



Badger Class	96.2%
Fox Class	98.5%
Rabbit Class	97.4%
Squirrel Class	96.9%
Mole Class	98%
Hedgehog Class	94.8%

WEEK 2				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pork Sausages in Gravy and Creamed Potatoes	Chicken Pie with Herby Potatoes	Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding with Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta	Quorn Hot Dog with Potato Wedges or Pasta (v)	Crispy Coated Salmon with Oven Chips or Pasta
Cheese & Veg Pasties with Diced Potatoes (v)	Mild Vegetable Curry with Rice (ve)	Lentil Roast with Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta (v)	Roasted Vegetable Lasagna with Garlic Bread with Potato Wedges or Pasta (v)	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Oven Chips or Pasta (v)
Tuna Sandwich	Ham Roll	Cheese Wrap	Cheese Baguette	Egg Roll
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 and Yorkshire Pudding with Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta		

Stars of the Week

Badger— Aiza
 Fox— Inaaya
 Rabbit— Maaz
 Squirrel—Ilan
 Mole— Aiden
 Hedgehog—Savannah



Well done to our Stars of the Week

Learning Awards

Badger—Xavier
 Fox—Charlotte
 Rabbit—Halima
 Squirrel—Maya S.
 Mole—Isla
 Hedgehog—Derrick



Well done!

DATES TO REMEMBER

Book Week	Mon 27 th February till Fri 3 rd March
Pupil Premium Coffee Morning – all welcome	Thursday 2 nd March 9:15am (in the hall)
Children can come dressed in their pyjamas	Thursday 2 nd March
SENd Coffee Morning — all welcome	Friday 3 rd March 9:15am (in the hall)
Author Visit	Wednesday 8 th March
PTA Uniform Sale	Friday 17 th March 3:00pm (on the playground)
Yr2 visit to Pizza Express (Class TBC)	Wednesday 22 nd March
PTA Spring Fair	Sunday 26 th March 1:00-3:00pm
Yr2 visit to Pizza Express (Class TBC)	Wednesday 29 th March
Easter Bonnet Parade	Friday 31 st March
Term Ends	Friday 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 Assistant.

Both roles are advertised on www.teachinherts.com

This week in Squirrel class.....

This week in Maths, we have been looking at length and mass. We used key words such as longer, shorter, heavier and lighter to help us describe and compare. We had a go at weighing objects in our hands and putting them in order from lightest to heaviest.



This week in Parkgate Pirates.....

This week, we have been busy with various activities relating to the Mardi Gras/Carnival and Shrove Tuesday. The children particularly enjoyed making their own shakers using the egg cartons and corn kernels.





Spring Fair Raffle

We are looking for Prizes for both a tombola and Raffle. If you know or work for any company who would be willing to donate a prize or voucher for our raffle, please contact us.



Spring Fair – Sunday 26th March

The annual spring fair is coming up this term. This is the Friends of Parkgate Infants and Nursery's biggest fundraising event of the school year!

In 2022 we raised over £1000! the money paid for the children's Jubilee party, family picnic, welcome packs and also helped to pay for the new sand pit in the Early Years Garden.

Last year the spring fair was held during school hours, on a Friday after lunch from 1pm - 3pm and we had the help of all 30 school staff. We know that, for some parents, it was difficult to arrange time to be able to attend.

This year we are looking to hold the fair on Sunday 26th March 2023 but to do this, we will need around 50 volunteers to run, 20 stalls, help set up and tidy at the end of the fair. Please sign up and help because without volunteers the fair will not take place.

If you sign up to run a stall you can do this with your child helping too. We intend to have a shift system so you will only have to be on a stall for half of the time of the fair.

If we don't have enough volunteers by Monday 27th February, we will have to CANCEL the spring fair.

Here is the form for parents sign up for volunteer:

<https://forms.gle/fqggQKWMBY2NbznZA>



Uniform Sale – Friday 17th March - 3pm

The Friends of Parkgate will be holding a pre-loved uniform sale. This is a great opportunity to be more environmentally friendly and also grab yourself a bargain.

If you are unable to attend the sale and are in need of uniform, please email us at friendsof@parkgateinfants.herts.sch.uk

Many thanks,

The Friends of Parkgate Committee

Uniform & PE days

We are asking children to wear their PE kit to school on PE days. At Parkgate Infants and Nursery we encourage children to be active. Whilst asking children to wear their PE kits to school we will not only be promoting the importance of being active but also we will be able to spend longer in PE lessons as children will spend less time changing.

On your child's PE day (see below) children should come to school wearing a:

- plain T shirt in their team colour
- **blue** plain tracksuit bottoms with **no logo** (in the summer months children can wear plain blue shorts)
- school jumper.

Children must continue to wear plain black school shoes to school (they must not wear trainers, even if they are plain black). Children should still have a school PE bag in school (which can be bought from our uniform suppliers) with plain black plimsoles inside only.

PE days:

Badger	Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday
Fox	Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
Rabbit	Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
Squirrel	Monday, Wednesday and Thursday
Mole	Tuesday and Friday
Hedgehog	Monday and Wednesday



NEW PLAYERS WELCOME

GLEN ROVERS

GAA CLUB

Please contact:
Kirsti Byrne 07884 065970
Caroline Brennan 07540 051494
All coaches are fully qualified and have DBS

Gaelic Football Sessions for Children
Radlett Road WD24 4LH
Friday 7-8pm: Age 9-14 years Saturday 9-10am: Age 4-8 years

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