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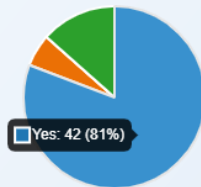


Dear Parents,

Parent Partners

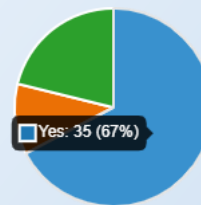
At the end of last year we asked all parents to complete a parent survey and we have spent the last half term carefully evaluating the results. It is now time to share some of the results and our next steps. This week we will be focusing on the following questions:

I know what my child is learning at school



2023 Yes- 81%

Parkgate Infants and Nursery responds well to any concerns that I have



2023 Yes- 67%

This year we are launching our parent partners initiative, the aim of this will be to share and build on the different ways that we tell you what children have been learning in school but also share with you the ways that you can share any concerns that you may have.



This year we will be looking to review the ways that we share curriculum information with parents and part of this will include a review of our curriculum information sessions for parents. We will be reviewing homework and how Seesaw is used to share this information. This week I have also had my first parent rep meeting.

Parent reps are a point of contact if you are not sure about how something works at Parkgate Infants, they meet with me regularly and they also support new parents who join Parkgate. Their role is not connected to Friends of Parkgate Infants (PTA) or governors (although they could also be both).

I hope as the year goes on to share all the different ways we are developing our vision of working together through our parent partners initiative.

Fundraising News

We are pleased to confirm we raised £127 for Jeans for Genes!

Many thanks to all who donated!

Mr Pritchard

New Roof

We are pleased to announce that we will be having a new roof! Our roof has leaked for a number of years, we put a bid in to Hertfordshire County Council for a new roof which was accepted.

The project will start after half term and will last for around 20 weeks. When you return after the half term break you will notice a significant amount of scaffolding around the site. Please be reassured that we have carefully considered the impact and risks of this taking place.

I also need to share that parents who use our breakfast club will not be able to drive on site in the morning due to the health and safety risks.

Attendance

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



Badger Class	98%
Fox Class	96.9%
Rabbit Class	96.4%
Squirrel Class	88.9%
Mole Class	91.9%
Hedgehog Class	89.3%

WEEK 1

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Quorn Burger in a Bun (v)	Beef Bolognese	Roast Chicken with Sage and Onion Stuffing and Gravy with Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta	Pork Sausages with Gravy	Fishcake with Oven Chips or Pasta
Baked Bean and Cheese Slice (V)	Sweet Potato and Pea Samosa Burrito (v)	Quorn Fillet with Sage and Onion Stuffing and Gravy with Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta (V)	Cheese Pinwheel (V)	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Oven Chips or Pasta (V)
Cheese Sandwich (v)	Cheese Baguette (v)	Ham Sandwich	Tuna Roll	Egg Roll (v)
Tomato Pasta with Cheese (v)	Jacket Potato with various toppings	Jacket Potato with various toppings	Cheesy Pasta (v)	Jacket Potato with various toppings
		Halal Roast Chicken with Sage and Onion Stuffing with Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta		

Stars of the Week



Badger— Eva
 Fox—Nassim
 Rabbit—Jaheim
 Squirrel—Grayson
 Mole—Kit
 Hedgehog—Anaisha

Well done!

Learning Awards



Badger—Lorena
 Fox—Aoife
 Rabbit—no consent given
 Squirrel—Eliza
 Mole—Owen
 Hedgehog—no consent given

Well done!

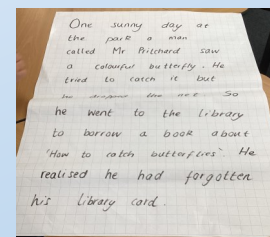
DATES TO REMEMBER

18 th October	Fox class library visit
20 th October 9am-9.30am	Rabbit class sharing assembly
HALF TERM	HALF TERM
1 st November	Squirrel class library visit
3 rd November 9am-9.30am	Squirrel class sharing assembly
8 th November	Rabbit class library visit
10 th November 9am-9.30am	Hedgehog class sharing assembly
15 th November	Hedgehog library visit
17 th November 9am-9.30am	Mole class sharing assembly
28 th November	Flu Vaccinations
29 th November	Mole library visit
7 th December	EYFS Christmas Play
8 th December	EYFS Christmas Play
14 th December	KS1 Christmas Play
15 th December	KS1 Christmas Play
18 th December	Christmas Jumper Day & Children's Christmas Lunch
20 th December	Term Ends 1:15pm

This week in Badger Class...

We had a fantastic trip to the library on Wednesday morning. When we arrived, the librarians read us a story.

We then had a chance to look at some of the amazing selection of books and found out that the library is free to join! Then we worked in groups to write short stories using story cubes to help us. We had a great time!



This week in Parkgate Pirates ...

This week's theme in the wraparound club was 'My house/home and where I live'.

We talked to children about the type of house or flat they live in and asked them if they know the name of their street and town. Everyone really enjoyed this topic and produced some really lovely work.



GLEN ROVERS

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OCTOBER 24th, 25th & 26th
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Essex Fire Museum Halloween Open Days

Tuesday 24th October 2023

Sunday 29th October 2023

(10.30am to 4.00pm)



Visits must be pre-booked via:
museum@essex-fire.gov.uk

Address: Essex Fire Museum, Grays Fire station,
Hogg Lane, Grays, RM17 5QS

October Half-Term

23 - 28 October 2023

Monday - Friday 10am - 2pm

Saturday 10am - 4pm

Join us this October half-term for a fun-filled family-friendly week of arts and crafts topped off with a spooky family Halloween day on Saturday 28 October.

Discover more at discoverbucksmuseum.org
or scan the QR code



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Family Fun Free Drop In



Come and join us with your child/children for fun messy play, crafts and activities. These include apple printing, potion making, pumpkin messy play, autumn treasure baskets for babies, spider hand prints and lots more!

Meet other local families and the Family Centre Service team.

As well as lots for Under 5's to enjoy, there will be activities for siblings up to the age of 8.

Free drop in - no need to book

Tuesday 24th October 10:30 - 12:00	Mill End Community Centre Rickmansworth, WD3 8HD
Tuesday 24th October 10:30 - 12:00	Multi-Cultural Community Centre Watford, WD18 7DS
Thursday 26th October 13:00 - 14:30	Leavesden Green Community Hub Watford, WD25 0BW



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- For children typically aged between 3.5 and 11
- 80% + of children are normally riding after 2 sessions
- 1 Instructor to max 5 children
- Balance bike and lightweight pedal bike for each child included in price
- 1 hour sessions

DEVELOPING BETTER BIKE CONTROL (DBBC)

- Follow-on course for new or inexperienced riders
- Covers key skills of starting, stopping, turning, looking, riding close to others, gears and signalling
- 1 Instructor to max 5 children
- Bike provided if required (extra £3.00)
- 1 hour sessions

Full course details at: www.hertsbalance.uk/course-descriptions

Monday October 23rd and Tuesday October 24th

Venue: Tudor Primary School, **Hemel Hempstead.** HP3 9ER

Thursday October 26th and Friday October 27th

Venue: The Ridgeway Academy, **Welwyn Garden City.** AL7 2AF

Cost: £32 for two sessions. £19 for one session.

For more information and to book, go to www.hertsbalance.uk/public-schedule-booking
email phil@hertsbalance.uk or call **Phil** on **07941 061717**.

Private L2BR, DBBC and Bikeability sessions are available for children and adults and families. Details at www.hertsbalance.uk/private-sessions