

★ Park CP School ★

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PASSIONATE, ASPIRATIONAL, RESPECTFUL, KNOWLEDGABLE LEARNERS!

November 2023 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers & Friends,

Welcome back after a very windy and blustery half term week! I do hope that you all enjoyed the delights of Hallowe'en and Bonfire Night. I have had a few people contact school to share how lovely and polite the children were during the Trick or Treating which is wonderful to hear, da iawn pawb!

Our pupil groups are in full swing this month, with meetings taking place across the school to gauge the children's views and ideas about we can make Park CP even better! The Performing Arts Academy will be designing this year's concerts tickets and have a big event planned for the Spring Term – more details will follow shortly. Park Pals have also selected our Charity to support this year: Teams 4U and asked the Money Makers to support them in raising much needed funds.

And finally, just before the half term break we bid a fond farewell to Miss Lyndsay Price who has left us to pursue new and exciting career opportunities. Miss Price has been a Teaching Assistant here for over 15 years, supporting many children and staff. We are already missing Miss Price, but wish her every success in her new role.

As always should you have any questions or comments please do not hesitate to contact me here at school.

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Mrs Billington



Mrs R Billington
Headteacher/Pennaeth



Snack

Snack payments are now due for this half term:

Infants £7

Juniors £8.75

Please make payments using Parent Pay or via Mrs Carver in the school office.



Parking

Parking around school at the beginning and end of the school day continues to be problematic.

PLEASE park considerately and **legally** – REMEMBER there are lots of children/adults around and parking unsafely could result in a serious accident.

North Wales Police have been made aware of the situation and asked to carry out spot checks.



Applications for Reception places 2024 close on Friday 17th November 2023 please visit

www.wrexham.gov.uk and click on School Admissions to apply!

Term Dates 2023-2024

Autumn Term 2023:

Monday 1st September to Friday 27th October 2023

Monday 6th November to Friday 22nd December 2023

Training days: 1st September; 4th September; 22nd December

Spring Term 2024:

Monday 8th January to Friday 9th February 2024

Monday 19th February to Friday 22nd March 2024

Training day: 8th January

Summer Term 2024:

Monday 8th April to Friday 24th May 2024

Monday 3rd June to Friday 19th July 2024

Training days: 8th April; 14th June



Remembrance Service

This month we have remembered and given thanks to those who serve and those who have served our country. All classes created Poppy decorations which we laid at the cenotaph in a special service on Friday 10th November. Prefects read the names of the local fallen heroes and we shared hopes for peace. Our thanks go to Pastor David, Cllr Rob Walsh, Allan Meyers, Mrs Sandra Apsley & Cllr Bryan Apsley for supporting our service.

Attendance

Whole School Attendance for October was 92.3% - that's 1.5% lower than September 😞 Let's aim to do much better this month – we can get to that 94% target, I know we can!

Class Challenge!

Huge congratulations to Dosbarth Idwal who won the last Attendance of the Week. They enjoyed some spooky treats and a party. The next winner will be chosen without warning – so keep coming to school everyone!





Harvest Service

We enjoyed visiting St Martin's Church before the half term break to celebrate Harvest. Pastor David led our service of thanks and during the afternoon, our Prefect Group delivered food hampers around the village.

Many thanks to everyone who generously donated items to our food collection.

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Cricket Sessions

Juniors have enjoyed participating in Cricket sessions this term with Jamie from Active Wrexham.



British Sign Language

Our Non-Verbal Communication Day earlier this term, launched our commitment to learn British Sign Language as our third language. Children and staff across the school are learning simple greeting signs this month - videos of the signs we'll be using will be shared on our website shortly.

Many thanks to Mrs Poole, Mrs Wilmore and Mrs Sear for leading this part of our curriculum and to Mrs Ellum who recently visited school to teach us why BSL is so important to so many people.

Christmas Concerts:

Nursery & Reception will also be dazzling us with their performance of

“Away in a Manger!”

on Tuesday 12th December at 10am & 2pm

&

Years 1 & 2 will be amazing audiences this year, with their performance of

“The Big Little Nativity!”

on Friday 15th December at 10am & 2pm



Tickets are £1 each and will be available to buy from Mrs Carver from the 1st December. There will be a limit of 2 tickets per family until Friday 8th December, after which we will sell any remaining tickets on a first come, first served basis.



This term, the children will be learning about their “Character Strengths” and why it’s important to celebrate WHO WE ARE not what we can do.

To further support parents with the My Happy Mind Programme, we are running two in school sessions on Wednesday 6th December 2023 at 2pm to 3pm and 5.30pm to 6.30pm.

To book your place on the session please complete the google form:

<https://forms.gle/RBifjR5vmZCxc5wr8>

Or email parents@park-pri.wrexham.sch.uk



New Library!

Our Story Squad along with Miss Harrison & Mrs Rogers have been busy this term officially opening our new library and promoting a love of reading across the school!

Children from all classes have been visiting the library to choose books to share and are earning stickers by reading for pleasure.



Upcoming Events: further details will be shared on the website and in the school calendar (new dates added are shown in green)

Monday 13th November

Friday 24th November

Tuesday 12th December

Thursday 14th December

Friday 15th December

Tuesday 19th December

Wednesday 20th December

Thursday 1st February

Wednesday 7th February

Wednesday 21st February

Wednesday 10th April

Thursday 2nd May

Monday 20th May

Tuesday 21st May

Wednesday 22nd May

Thursday 23rd May

Tuesday 16th July

Wednesday 17th July

- Anti-Bullying Week

- Non Uniform Day for Hamper Collections

- Early Years Christmas Concerts

- Nasal Flu Sprays Reception to Year 6

- Infants Christmas Concerts

- Christmas Stalls

- Christmas Party day

- Years 5 & 6 Concerts

- Year 5 residential trip to Glan Llyn

- Year 6 residential trip to Nant BH

- Year 4 residential trip to Pentrellyncymer

- Years 3 & 4 Concerts

- Early Years Sports Day

- Infants Sports Day

- Years 3 & 4 Sports Day

- Years 5 & 6 Sports Day

- Year 2 Graduation Ceremony

- Year 6 Graduation Ceremony



Nursery and Sapphire class joined together this week to learn about sharing and kindness as part of our Anti-Bully week. Working together as a team they played games and had lots of fun!



Treasure Chest – Parent Pay Bookings

All bookings for Treasure Chest: Breakfast Club, After School Club and Holiday Club must now be made and paid for in advance using Parent Pay.

For further information please contact Elaine Owen or Jess Williams.

Holiday Club bookings for the Christmas period are now open.



Don't be alarmed but.. there's a beanstalk growing in Amethyst and Topaz class! (We're hoping that no giants come down it – but if they do the children are prepared to teach them how to be nice!)

Headlice

We've had a few cases of headlice reported across school over the past few weeks. Please could all parents check their child's hair and treat accordingly.

For information on how to treat headlice please visit

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

or visit the local pharmacy for advice.



Firework fun in the Nursery class as they celebrated Bonfire Night this month.

Capturing Learning

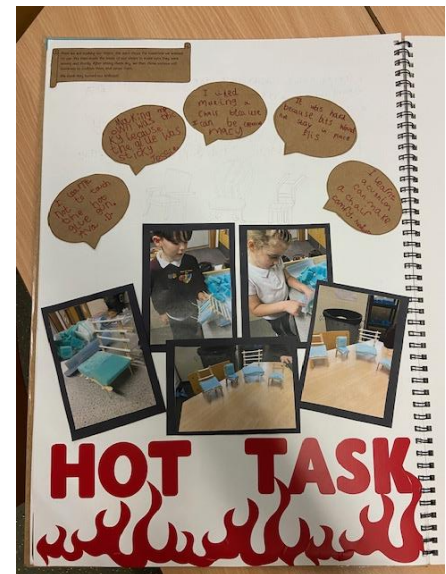
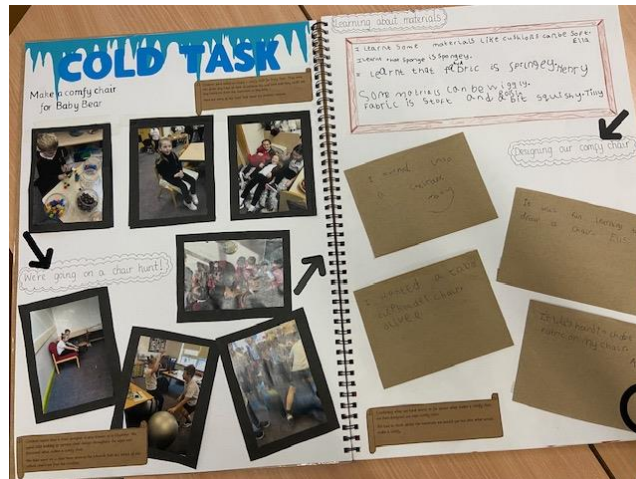
As we further our journey into the Curriculum for Wales, we have made changes to the ways in which children record their learning, especially during their theme work.

This term, classes have been learning about Famous People and questioning “Just because we can, does it mean we should?”

Rather than the traditional method of writing everything in individual books, teachers have used their creative skills to come up with new ways of capturing what the children do and most importantly, what the children have LEARNED using class or group books and of course technology. (The children do still have individual folders to store their individual pieces of work in, which will be sent home at the end of the year.)

Examples of these books will be shared with parents soon, but I have photographed some below to give you a sneaky peak! You can also visit your child’s Google Classroom page to see the fabulous work going on – just ask your child to log into his/her Hwb Account.

Infants have Class Books



Years 3 & 4 have Group Books



Years 5 & 6 have Individual Books

