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October 2024 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers & Friends,

We blinked and suddenly it's October half term!

What an exciting and busy half term it's been – from Pantos to pumpkins! The children are enjoying this term's "Eureka" theme and are busy inventing things to make our lives better – who knows we may have the next Steve Jobs on site!

Our new Prefect group along with Head Boy and Head Girl have started in their new roles and they are eager to help continue the work of their predecessors, to further improve our school. Year 6 should be very proud of themselves as their presentations were amazing – the best we've ever had and I look forward to working with them this year.

We know that all the children (and staff) seem to love a badge and so staff have been busy working on a new initiative for our after school clubs. Our new clubs will see the children working towards earning a badge (or patch) that can be sewn on to their school jumper (similar to Brownies or Cubs). There will be a wide variety on offer – see the website for further details.

As always, your comments, questions or queries are welcomed as we work together to provide the very best education experiences for the children.

Best wishes,

Mrs Billington

Mrs R Billington
Headteacher/Pennaeth



Snack

Please remember that Snack payments must be paid in advance, for those who have opted for school snack.

We have noticed that children who bring their own snack, are choosing very healthy fruit and vegetables options – THANK YOU to parents for supporting us.



As the Autumn has well and truly arrived, please ensure that your child has an appropriate water-proof jacket in school.

We do venture out in all weathers and as the saying goes:

"There's no such thing as bad weather, only the wrong clothing!" (although the rain earlier this month did make us question this!!)



Applications are now open for places in our Reception Class for September 2025, please visit

www.wrexham.gov.uk and choose School Admissions.

Please search for PARK school – the Welsh name will appear first: Ysgol Gynradd Parc

Term Dates 2024-2025

Autumn Term 2023:

Monday 2nd September to Friday 25th October 2024
 Monday 4th November to Friday 20th December 2024
Training days: 2nd & 3rd September; 20th December

Spring Term 2025:

Monday 6th January to Friday 21st February 2025
 Monday 3rd March to Friday 11th April 2025
Training day: 6th January

Summer Term 2025:

Monday 28th April to Friday 23rd May 2025
 Monday 2nd June to Monday 21st July 2025
Training days: 28th April; 21st July



After School Clubs

Our After School Clubs will start after half term and run for 5 weeks. This year we're using the clubs to give the children the opportunity to complete challenges and earn badges (patches) for their jumpers! The clubs are free to attend (booking required) but the patches do cost £2 each. Children can still come along even if they don't want the patch! Clubs on offer this term include: Fitness, The Gingerbread Challenge, Games Club, Hot Chocolate Challenge, First Aid and Firework Craft!

Clubs are open to children in Years 1 to 6 – please see the website for further details. We're looking forward to the children completing the challenges and sewing the patches onto their jumpers!

Attendance

Whole School Attendance for this half term: 93.4%

Let's aim for at least 94% by December – we can do it!!!

Don't forget that each week the class with the highest attendance earns a £10 voucher to buy resources for their rooms. All you need to do to help out your class is come to school!!

Please note that when attendance falls below 90% we are obliged to write to inform parents.





Panto

The children LOVED the Sleeping Beauty Panto – oh yes they did!

A huge thanks to the Royal British Legion for allowing us use of the hall and to Strode & Jeffries Education Foundation for their generous donation.

Thanks also to everyone who sent in contributions of £2 towards the Panto – without these we simply couldn't put on these kind of events. Diolch!

A Note from Head Boy & Head Girl:

What a brilliant half-term we've had here at Park CP School! Infact, this may be our best one yet.

We started by voting for our Head Boy, Head Girl, Deputies and Prefects along with our pupil voice groups.

We all enjoyed doing the "Eureka" themed activities on our launch day, and are loving the theme so far. During this time, we have learnt so much about how inventions have shaped how we live today!

We have also had a couple of exciting competitions including SU'MAE SHWMAE and the pumpkin carving contest.

All together we had an incredible first half-term back in school.



Estyn

Following the publication of the inspection report, Estyn visited school this month to discuss the school's Post Inspection Action Plan. The plan, which aims to move the school forward, is now awaiting formal approval. Parents will be updated in monthly newsletters on the progress school is making to address the recommendations.

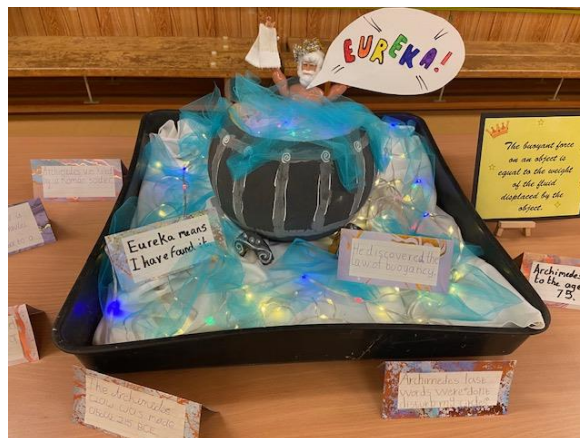
Collecting Children

If your child is being collected by somebody different – i.e. a family friend, please let teachers know in advance.

We cannot simply handover children without permission from parents. Teacher emails are available on the website or alternatively telephone school on 01978 859100.

Pumpkins!

We challenged classes to turn their Pumpkins into something special for our Pumpkin Competition and WOW! Once again, we were blown away by their creativity! A huge thanks to Pastor David for judging and congratulations to the winning classes.



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

- 11.11.24 – Remembrance Service at the Rockery
- 22.11.24 – Non-uniform day, donations for raffle hampers please
- 10.12.24 – Nursery and Reception Christmas concert (10am and 2pm)
- 12.12.24 – Years 1 & 2 Christmas concert (10am and 2pm)
- 17.12.24 – Outdoor Christmas Stalls and raffle
- 18.12.24 – Christmas Party Day (Non-School Uniform), no charge
- 19.12.24 – Nasal Flu Vaccinations (School Nursing Team)
- 19.12.24 – Non-school uniform, no charge

- 23.01.25 – Years 5 & 6 Concert (10am and 1.30pm)
- 05.02.25 – 07.02.25 – Nant BH visit for Year 6
- 04.03.25 – St David’s Day celebrations – traditional Welsh costume, Welsh sports tops or wear red/green
- 18.03.25 – Sharing Progress with Parents Event for Years 5 & 6
- 19.03.25 – Sharing Progress with Parents Event for Years 3 & 4
- 20.03.25 – Sharing Progress with Parents Event for Years 1 & 2
- 25.03.25 – Sharing Progress with Parents Event for Nursery & Reception
- 26.03.25 – 28.03.25 – Pentrellyncymer for Year 4
- 31.03.25 – Nursery, Reception and Diamond trip to Chester Zoo
- 01.04.25 – Years 5 & 6 trip to Chester Zoo
- 02.04.25 – Years 3 & 4 trip to Chester Zoo
- 03.04.25 – Years 1 & 2 trip to Chester Zoo
- 10.04.25 – Easter Bingo Evening with Mr Davies

- 22.05.25 – Years 3 & 4 Concert
- 09.06.25 – Nursery & Reception Sports Day (10am and 2pm)
- 10.06.25 – Years 1 & 2 Sports Day (Parents/carers/families welcome at 2pm)
- 11.06.25 – Years 3 & 4 Sports Day (Parents/carers/families welcome at 2pm)
- 12.06.25 – Years 5 & 6 Sports Day (Parents/carers/families welcome at 2pm)
- 26.06.25 – Common Transfer Day
- 15.07.25 – Year 2 Graduation at 2pm
- 16.07.25 – Year 6 Graduation at 1.30pm

School Closes on Friday 18th July 2025 for the summer!



Please don't forget to vote in the Parent Governor elections. Ballot papers have been sent home and should be returned to school by Friday 8th November 2024.

Many thanks to all parents who have volunteered and the best of luck to you all.



Our Nursery class have made the “guys” for this year’s Bonfire at the Welfare Club! (Some children were a bit sad handing them over to Cllr Rob and Gavin!)

Have a lovely half term everyone – if you do go Trick or Treating and/or to a bonfire, please stay safe!