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National curriculum assessments.

There is a statutory requirement for all children to be assessed at the end of each key stage. All parents receive a report on their child's progress and this will contain National Curriculum assessment results at year 2 and 6.

The assessment results shown below are based on teacher assessment supported by any national tests we completed.

The National Curriculum levels shown below refer to:

- W = a pupil who is working towards level 1
- 1= the level expected of the average 5-6 year olds
- 2= the level that most year 2 children achieve
- 3= the level that most children at years 3 and 4 achieve
- 4= the level that most year 6 children achieve
- 5= the level that some year 6 children achieve

KS1 Year 2 assessment (1996): 63 children

	W	1	2	3
English	1	7	43	12
Mathematics		15	39	9
Science			51	12

KS2 Year 6 assessment (1996):61 children

	W	1	2	3	4	5
English			2	24	33	2
Maths			1	18	38	4
Science				14	39	8

Assessment results at Parkdale are well above the national average.

Parental help

At Parkdale we are always grateful for the assistance of parents in many aspects of the life of the school. If you are able to help in school on a regular or an occasional basis, please contact your child's teacher.

Governors column

Mark Reynolds

The role and responsibility of school Governors has increased substantially over the last few years as they are accountable to for the overall running and development of the school.

At Parkdale we have four sub committees who discuss many issues in detail in accordance with their remits which are determined by the main Governing Body. These cover Finance, Curriculum, Personnel and Pupils and Buildings.

The Governors always try to act in the best interests of the children and the school and we hope that you will support the Governors in their work.

Scholastic Book Club

H Morel and J James

In September we were pleased to introduce 3 new book clubs to the school. These are See-Saw for the Infant children, Lucky for the Lower Juniors and Chip for the Upper Juniors. Each club features a collection of books from a wide range of authors, offering a choice from fiction, non fiction, media and poetry titles. We hope the book clubs will help to develop reading skills and promote an interest in books. The school will also benefit from being part of a book club. We were able to claim £450 worth of free children's books and teaching resource books for the school.

The September pamphlet proved to be very popular and we placed an order of almost £500 We hope that the children will find the book clubs rewarding and enjoyable



Times Past

Andrew Wright

There may be readers amongst you who have memories of Parkdale in past times. Here is my start. Do you remember a former caretaker called Mr Pykett? He was still here in the early 1970's. Mr Pykett was of the old school. On Friday after a week of classroom cleaning the cleaning staff had to parade before him outside the boiler house, the wooden building at the end next to the Technology room and show him their cleaned brushes and their dusters, mop and mop bucket.

Mr Pykett was from an era when the caretaker arriving in winter lit a tall black stove fire in each classroom- there were five at the time- and went round the top class filling the inkwells with a thick black ink. Some mornings he had to break the ice in the inkwell first of all.

Annual Parkdale Football Report

Philip Bowen (football Manager and coach)

The 1995/96 football season has proved a successful campaign for both our Year 6 and Year 5 teams. The Year 6 team in particular, under the captaincy of Rob Ackerman performed outstandingly to dominate their Gedling Schools League and win the title.

The industrious Stuart Ackerman and the talent of Tom Shaw provided the perfect midfield from which Dean Gent, the Player of The Year, was able to score consistently as the lone striker.

The team played well in the cup Competitions, finishing runners up on two 6 a side events and reaching the semi-final stage of the Gedling Schools Cup.

The Year 5 team too were the champions of their league and developed their organisation and strength as the season progressed. This development has continued in the 1996/97 season and they have become the premier team in the school. Daniel James Ogle has helped the team to a 100% start to the season and the scoring record of Thomas Campbell has been phenomenal, weighing in with 15 goals in six appearances. Once again Tom Shaw our Nottingham Forest representative, has provided class in midfield alongside the revitalised Kerry Needham.

The previous eighteen months have brought success to Parkdale's football teams and we can anticipate



the coming seasons with optimism. With a fabulous team spirit and genuine sportsmanship, we should be proud of our footballers.

Football Club

D J Ogle 6P

Football is a fun sport. Anyone can play the game that's what makes the sport so much fun. We have our football practice on Wednesday, when we haven't got a match.

The first match we played against Sacred Heart.

The score was 4-4 Parkdale scorers were Thomas Campbell, Thomas Shaw, Hadibe Majid and Stuart Needham.

The second team we played was a cup match against Priory. We won 6-2 The scorers were Thomas Campbell(3) and Hadibe Majid (3)

The Third match was a Tournament at Stanhope. We did well in the first half but not so well in the quarter finals.

The next match was a league match against Priory we won 3-2 The Parkdale scorers were Thomas Campbell Thomas Shaw and Hadibe Majid.

Then we had two more games we won one and lost the other. The teams in our league are Good Shepherd, Priory, Ernehale, Sherbrooke and Parkdale.

I play centre back I enjoy playing there because you always get a touch of the ball. I am the team captain.

ParkDale First Team Football Results 1996 - 97

Comp	Opponents	Score	Scorers
Friendly	Scared Heart (home)	4 - 4	Campbell, Majid, Shaw, S.Needham.
Cup	Priory (home)	6 - 2	Campbell (3), Majid (3)
Six a side	Tournament at Stanhope	6 - 0	Campbell (3), Shaw (2), K.Needham.
League	Priory (away)	3 - 2	Majid, Campbell, Shaw
League	Good Shepherd (away)	4 - 2	Campbell (2), Handbury, Majid.
League	Sir J Sherbrooke (away)	3 - 4	Campbell, Shaw, K.Needham.

Comp	Opponents	Score	Man of the Match
Friendly Year 6	Sacred Heart (home)	4 - 4	McGee G
Cup Year 6	Priory (home)	6 - 2	Shaw
League Year 5	Stanhope (away)	8 - 5	McGee G
Six a side	Qualifiers (away)	6 - 0	Needham K
League Year 6	Priory	3 - 2	Majid
League Year 5	Good Shepherd (home)	4 - 2	Handbury
League Year 6	Good Shepherd (home)	4 - 2	McGee G
League Year 6	Sir J Sherbrooke (away)	3 - 4	Ogle



Chess

Margaret Gretton.

No matches played yet this season, but some children played in the Midlands Championships.

Their results were

Jack Cross and Richard Garner	joint Second
Chris Wright	3/7
Nick McGee	3/7
Alison Roddis	3/7

The Parkdale chess "A" team had an extremely successful season. They worked very well as a team and achieved excellent results. At the end of the year chess presentation, the Parkdale "A" team won the championship league trophy, won the knock out trophy and came second in the lightning cup. The Parkdale girls chess team won their league and the "B" team, for beginners came third in their league over the year. Many of the team have now moved to Secondary School, but we also have many younger players showing great talent

Nine children from Parkdale boys and girls represented their county playing chess last year, many of them playing Midlands and National Levels.

Netball Club

Gemma Barnacle 6P

Netball Practice 3.30 till 4.30

Once a week on Tuesdays years 5 and 6 are invited to come and join our netball training.

So far this season our netball teams have successfully won **3 out of 3** matches.

The scores were

Parkdale	3	0 Killisick
Parkdale team 1	5	1 Netherfield
Parkdale team 2	3	0 Netherfield

Still to play against Burton Joyce

If you are a girl and like running around and burning up energy this is definitely the thing for you !!!

All the netball team are looking forward to our tournaments and other future games.

If you don't want to play the game maybe you could come and watch instead.? I'm sure you would be welcome!

There are nine teams in our league so if you do decide to watch or want to play you could have a talk to Mrs Pope our netball coach.

I play wing-defence (wd) I enjoy playing this position. The nine teams are, Netherfield, Burton Joyce, Arnovale, Stanhope, Lambley, Parkdale, Sir John Sherbrooke, Killisick and Sacred Heart.

A Report from Carsington water

John Cooper 6F.

Before I went on the visit to Carsington I thought there would be more hills and more water also I thought that the big rocks would not be there. I expected more trees and more fields I found there were less animals and wildlife than I thought.

But when I got there I found that there were lots of big rocks I also found that there weren't many birds. In the reservoir I thought there would be more islands and less of the mud. I didn't expect a bird hide or any sculptures in the wooden stools. Also there was a hut woven from willow branches and I didn't think that would be there.

I learnt that the reservoir has a clay bottom and that not a lot of water gets through. Also I learnt that the water is pumped to the River Derwent if it's needed and what a molecule of water is made of from the exhibition. However the most interesting

thing I learnt was what a molecule of water is made of, it's formula is H₂O meaning two atoms of hydrogen and one atom of oxygen.

Finally I thought that there are a lot of things for children and adults to do. They can go fishing or hire a bike and go on a long bike ride. There is an adventure playground where children can play and picnic tables. I would recommend it for the day.

Carsington Water

Laura Gibbs 6F

As part of our geography work we visited Carsington water, a reservoir in Derbyshire. We spent the day looking at the dam, the landscape and the nature reserve. We did many different things such as going in the visitor centre and looking at all the information in the exhibition. We also had a walk in the nature reserve and we went in the bird watching huts to look at all the wonderful variety of birds that inhabit Carsington Water.

You can go to Carsington and do many different things such as bird watching, boating, sailing, horse riding, fishing or just for an enjoyable walk. I think that Carsington water is a very interesting, exciting place to go to for everybody. When we got back to school we completed a report about the things that we learnt on our day out.

A Visit To Stoke Bardolph

Xiomara Burnett-Forbes

On Tuesday 29th October class 6P went on a trip to Stoke Bardolph. We left at about 9.10am and got there at 9.20am. The teacher, Mark told us different things got down the Sewers and how Stoke Bardolph got the water cleaned. I found out there are four steps to cleaning water. The four steps are:

- 1) Sieving (screening)
- 2) Settling (Leave it for hours)
- 3) Filtering (with bacteria and protozoa)
- 4) Put the clean water back in the River Trent

Then we had a walk next to the River and went bird watching. That was my favourite bit. After that we went back to the classroom with Mark.

When we got back we found out that Mark had collected creatures from a pond and from the river. He had collected them because he wanted us to identify them .I identified a leech, a water skater, a dragonfly nymph. a Gnatt, a Damselfly nymph, a water boatman, some water fleas, some pond snails and a water mite.

We left Stoke Bardolph at about 12.00am and got back at 12.10am. I had a lot of fun so overall it was very good.

Year Camp (Norfolk Holkham Hall)

Laura Twigger 6F

On Monday the 7th of June year 5 went to Holkham Hall in Norfolk. It took about 3 hours to get there. There were 2 buses. I was on Mr Bowen's bus. On the way was lots of countryside and farm animals. It was very pretty.

When we got there we got all our clothes and bags, we went for a walk around the fields. It was nice and had good views.

We arrived at the camp and got into groups of five's and sixes for the tents. The tents were quite big and I shared a tent with Jade Vendone, Kerrie Ronayne, Kylie Dick, Lisa Pownall and Christy Simons. We had to make up our tent and Miss Sanderson showed us how to fasten our tent at night and while we were on outings.

Everybody had to go into the food tent and we were put into groups A,B,C,D, and E. I was in C .

We went to all different places. There was the beach, Sealife Centre, Bygones Museum, Nature Walk and the River walk too.

The Sealife centre was my favourite you could touch crabs and watch Stingrays. The beach and the nature and river walks were good. The food was delicious. Before we went on camp we voted for the food. We had spaghetti, Turkey, Curry, a barbecue and Ravioli along with sausages (pork).

At the back of the tents was a huge field and we played rounder's. At night time we all went into what we called the marquee and we had cookies and hot chocolate. One night we had a talent show and a disco.

I really had a good time especially when we went to Wells - Next - The - Sea.

I enjoyed it and it was good. I wish I could go again!

Magic Evening

Once again the Friends of Parkdale held their highly successful Magic Evening on Friday October 18th Thanks to the 200 who attended. We hope you enjoyed the show. Thanks to *your* efforts £180 was raised.



We like this school!

Aisha Sultan, Ryan Conroy, William Wright, Phillipa Williamson, Hayley Crawford and Kate Turton 4R.

Parkdale is a friendly school to be at,

An interesting topics to work on,

Really interesting topics to work on,

Kind children you would like to know,

Dinners are great in the canteen!

A really big field to play on,

Lots of lovely logs,

Exciting visits and competitions.

Sponsored swim

In October many of our children took part in a sponsored swim to raise funds for leukaemia research.

The raising of funds for a worthwhile cause has been an annual tradition at Parkdale. So far the children have raised £1213 from their efforts and they should be very proud of their achievement.

Parkdale Alphabetical Verbs

By 4MJ



Asksed to go to the toilet,

Borrowed a pencil,

Caught a cold,

Described the work to her friend,

Elbowed his partner,

Forgot to say "thank you",

Got into trouble,

Helped the teacher,

Imagined a story,

Jumped,

Knocked over an infant,

Learned their five times table,

Made a brilliant collage,

Nagged the caretaker,

Opened the Golden Book,

Pushed the computer table,

Quoted the nursery nurse,

Read to a mum,

Spelt his words properly,

Ticked her book,

Understood the story,

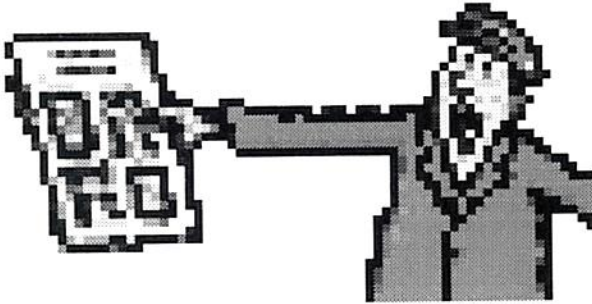
Vanished in the changing room,

Whispered in assembly,

Xrayed the teacher in a science lesson,

Yawned in the library,

Zipped up his coat to go home.



Stop Press

Congratulations to Margaret Gretton

The governors are pleased to announce the appointment of Margaret Gretton as the key stage two co-ordinator from 1st January 1997

After a gruelling day of panel sessions and interviews, members of the personnel and pupils committee were pleased to confirm the appointment of Margaret to the post.

We wish her all the best in her new position.

DARE project comes to Parkdale

The *DARE* Drug Abuse Resistance Education project will commence at Parkdale in February 1997. The programme is aimed at year 6 pupils and will be managed by the local *DARE* liaison officers.

Welcome to Mrs Alison Simkins

Who will be teaching in year 1 while Mrs Watson is on maternity leave.

Summer Fair & Car boot

The Friends of Parkdale will be holding a summer fair and car boot sale on 21st June 1pm till 5pm if you wish to book a stall or pitch please contact Lynn Cooper.

Christmas Disco and Raffle



13th December 7:30pm till 10pm

Licensed and children's bar

Grand Prize Raffle Draw

Disco

A fun family evening.

Prizes for selling the most raffle tickets,
1st prize £10 2nd prize £5

Due to fire regulation's numbers are limited and admission will be by ticket only and they sell fast! so keep an eye open for the posters in the play ground and buy early to avoid disappointment !

If you have any suggestions or contributions for future editions please contact Mr Collins or Lynn Cooper.

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