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Parkdale Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Families,

Happy weekend everyone! It's been yet another busy but brilliant week at Parkdale, with plenty going on across school.

It was lovely to see so many of you at Parents Evening this week. It's such a pleasure to walk around school and see happy parents and children after meeting with their class teacher. I am in the privileged position of having children bring me their brilliant work on a daily basis so I wasn't at all surprised to see so many smiles!

I have been blown away by the quality of the homework projects coming in to some of our classes this week! A huge thank you to our families for supporting children to create such amazing work! The picture below is from Year 4's homework menu and is a model of Goose Fair with working ferris wheel!



Absolutely amazing!

We will be having a huge push on reading for pleasure moving forwards and I know that you will be keen to support this at home. Children receive Dojos for reading at home and we are looking at creative ways to encourage more reading in school too. Miss Sandra developed the corridor outside the hall to include reading areas and it is great to see children accessing this at lunchtimes.

This week at Parkdale:

A HUGE thank you to parents for sending in cooking equipment following a plea from Mrs Stafford. We are hoping to see this being used as soon as possible!

This week, Year 5 took part in a resilience workshop organised by Nottinghamshire Mental Health Support Team. The children explored different ways to manage their emotions when faced with

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challenges or problems. They discussed how our thoughts and feelings can influence the way we respond to difficult situations and learnt how positive self-talk can help us overcome obstacles. The children were also encouraged to recognise their strengths and understand that making mistakes is an important part of learning. 😊

A range of teacher-led clubs are due to be run throughout the year and a number of them are starting this term. Forms have come out for many of them already so please do sign your child up if they would like to take part.

Important Information:

Following half term, we will be getting into celebration season! We are delighted to let you know that the KS2 pantomime at the Nottingham Playhouse is now active on Parent Pay for booking. The children will be heading off to see Aladin on Wednesday 2nd December.

I have had a few queries about football or Pokemon cards being allowed in school. We are happy for children to bring them in to play with at lunchtime and breaktimes. Swaps are allowed as long as children are all in agreement. It is lovely to see the children having so much fun with these cards ☺

We are noticing that an increasing number of children are bringing in crisps or sweets to have at breaktimes. If we can encourage you to send in healthy snacks for morning breaks wherever possible, that would be very much appreciated.

Just a quick reminder that earrings should be studs rather than hoops and should be covered up or removed for PE.

Dates and Reminders:

- 4th November- School Photos
- 11th November- Remembrance Day
- 13th November- Children in Need

Warm wishes,

Mrs Stafford
Headteacher