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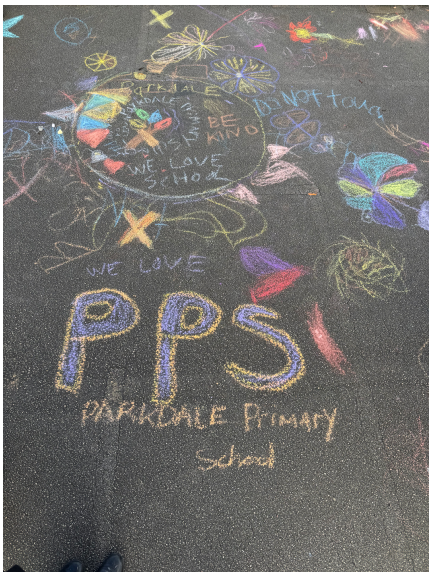
Parkdale Weekly Newsletter

Friday 23rd October 2026

Dear Families,

I cannot believe that it is half term already! Although it feels like five minutes since myself and Mr Precious started, so many exciting things have happened and we are very much looking forward to more of the same next half term in the run up to the winter break.

You'll have noticed that Miss Sandra has been working more of her magic on the playground, painting fences, removing fencing and creating arches for each KS2 class to go through. We hope that this helps the flow of the children coming out at the end of the day.



Congratulations to our fantastic Mrs Troop who has been appointed as our new Key Stage 1 Lead! She will now sit on our Senior Leadership Team and represent Years 1 and 2, particularly around teaching and learning.

I'd like to wish all members of our wonderful Parkdale community, a fabulous half term!

This week at Parkdale:

Culture afternoon:

This afternoon, we have had our first culture afternoon. This is an opportunity for all children to engage in an enrichment activity of their choosing to develop their cultural capital. We have had art, dancing, modelling and a range of other activities taking place, which has provided a lovely end to the half term.

In addition, Mrs Walker has been out with the chalk at lunchtimes and the children have LOVED creating some stunning artwork. The picture above is the school logo created by a number of children today.

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British Values:

We were learning about the fundamental British Values during our whole school assembly on Monday. The children were brilliant at using some tricky vocabulary (democracy, individual liberty etc) and could talk about how these were lived out at Parkdale. Please ask your children about these important values.

Parkdale Post:

We had our first meeting of the editorial team for our children's newsletter this week. Children from Years 5 and 6 are currently busy interviewing, drafting, creating and formatting ready for the first edition of the Parkdale Post which will be coming out in a month's time ☺

Nursery:

We have had a great week in Nursery!

We loved welcoming our Nursery families on Tuesday afternoon for our first Stay and Play session of the school year. We received such lovely feedback from our families about the event, and we are already looking forward to many more opportunities to come together as a Nursery community throughout the year!

Our upcoming dates:

- The Nursery Christmas Carol Performance & Festive Stay and Play takes place on Monday 7th December from 2-3:10pm.
- On Tuesday 15th December 9:30-10:30, we are having a very special visit from "Captain Christmas" for a Christmas Themed Show full of surprises for all of the Nursery children.

Reception:

Reception have had a fantastic start to school taking everything in their stride! We have completed our first topic of the year learning all about our Identity and making our own Identity Scrapbooks! We are putting them together to make a time capsule to open in year 6, to look back at everything that was special to us when we were 4/5.

Reception Parents Evening dates:

- Reception Parents evening- Monday 23/11, Tuesday 24/11 and Wednesday 25/11- slots will be available to book from Friday 6/11.

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Important Information:

School Photos:

Individual photos will be taken on 4th November. We will open the playground on that day at 8am so that you can bring siblings in and queue for photos before school. Sibling photos will not be available to be taken during the school day.

Remembrance Day

From the 4th November we will be selling Royal British Legion Poppy merchandise in the playground after school. There is no fixed price as they work on a donation to the appeal but we always try to think about the cost of producing the merchandise so that the charity are not making a loss.

We will be taking time out of the day on Wednesday 11th to meet in the playground for 2mins silence supported by Mr Ellis who will play The Last Post.

If your child is a member of a uniformed organisation (Eg: Beavers, Cubs, Rainbows, Brownies, Girls Brigade, Boys Brigade, etc) then they are welcome to wear their organisation's uniform on Wednesday 11th instead of their school uniform.

Thank you once again for helping us to support the Royal British Legion at this time of year.

Children in Need

We are celebrating with Pudsey this year on **Thursday 12th November and Friday 13th November.**

On Thursday, we will be taking part in The Pudsey Mile travelling round the school building 4 times in various energetic ways! Children are encouraged to adapt their uniform to include spots, yellow or (if you already have it) any Pudsey merchandise. Everyone will be wearing PE kit on this day to make taking part in the jog easier. We have registered this run with the local radio and if selected we *may* appear on the local round up on the appeal night on Friday 13th.

Families are encouraged to make donations to the appeal on ParentPay so that we can calculate how much the Parkdale families have raised. The ParentPay link will be shared with you nearer the time.

On Friday 13th November we are doing two things in school that will require children to bring some change into school with them.

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1. The teachers are treating the children to a 'Lip-Sync' battle. The teachers will perform and the children will need to pay with a coin (of your choice) to vote on who they liked the most and who will perform again!!
2. The Wellbeing Warriors are doing a bake sale after school and so children (or parent and carers) will need change to buy the biscuits and cakes.

All monies raised from these activities will be added to the total collected by the school.

Thank you once again for your continued support for the charitable activities that we do here at Parkdale – it really does help us to show the children the values of Compassion, Kindness and Pride.

The Charity Team

Friends of Parkdale Cauliflower Christmas Cards

It's that time of year when Friends of Parkdale launch their Cauliflower Christmas Card fundraiser!

Parents and carers have the opportunity to turn their child's artwork into Christmas cards, wrapping paper or other festive accessories, whilst helping to raise valuable funds for our school. Look out for your child's artwork and order form today!

Further details, including how to place an order online, can be found on Class Dojo.

Midday Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a midday supervisor coming up shorty. If you are interested in a role supporting the children at lunchtimes, please do get in touch.

Reading at Home

We are seeing a big increase in the number of children reading at home. This is such an important skill to practise regularly and we want to celebrate all children who do this. In order for children to receive a Dojo point for reading at home, they will need to have a comment in their reading diary from either a parent, sibling or written themselves along with a signature from a parent or carer. These will be checked daily and Dojos given ☺

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Parking

Please can we request again that you **do not stop or park on the yellow zig zags** at the front of school or on Cliff Road at any time. We have received complaints from both other parents and local residents, and it creates a significant risk for our families at the start and end of the school day.

The Parkdale Community:



Our amazing Aria in Year 3 took part in an 18 mile walk from Nottingham Queens Medical to a Gurdwara in Derby. This was to raise money for Children in need and Sikh Community Youth Services SCYS. Well done Aria- what a fantastic achievement! We are so proud of you!

Dates and Reminders:

- Y4 have their Perlethorpe trip Tuesday 3rd November.
- 4th November- Individual photos
- Year 4 Parents are invited in for activities with their children on Thursday 5th at 1.30pm with no siblings please. - Watch out for a letter with details.
- Remembrance Day on 11th November
- Year 5 visit to the National Space Centre on Wednesday 18th November
- Children in Need on Thursday 12th and Friday 13th November

Have a brilliant half term break!

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