

Park Gate Primary School News

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Dear Parents,

I just wanted to remind parents of children in Year 6 that we are holding an on-line 'End of Year Test' Meeting on Monday 29th November at 5pm. A link to join the meeting was emailed to parents last week. The meeting will be recorded for those unable to attend.

Plans are well-underway for our Year R and KS1 Shows. Cases of Covid-19 remain low in school and we hope that our small audiences will be possible, however, if cases of Covid-19 did begin to rise in a particular year group then we would need to return to a recording of the show being sent home to parents.

Christmas will officially start on Monday at Park Gate with our hall decorated with Christmas hoops and our lovely Christmas tree donated by J. West Christmas Trees. We can't wait to show the children!

Kind regards

Lindsay McCarthy Headteacher

JRSO—BE Bright, Be Seen T-Shirt Competition



We would like to say 'Thank You' to all of the children who took part in the competition to design a t-shirt for our Be Bright Be Seen day last week. We had lots of brilliant entries and the Junior Road Safety Officers took on the responsibility of judging the entries. They found the task very challenging and were amazed by the standard of entries.

The winning children were awarded their certificates and prizes in a mini assembly this morning.

Congratulations to:

Year R—Poppy & Heather

Year 1—Millie & Jaxon

Year 2—Luna & Eoin

Year 3—Caleb & Evie

Year 4—Rae & Cora

Year 5—Sienna & Niamh

Year 6—Mia & Chloe

You can see the winning entries along with some photos of our fantastically bright day from last Friday on our Facebook page.

A final 'Well Done' must go to our JRSOs, who have given up their break times and some home time to support this event.



Open Classrooms Thursday 2nd December 3pm—4pm

I know that the children are always excited to share their work with their parents and we would like to invite you to come into your child/ren's classroom on Thursday to look at their books and talk about the learning with your child. Please can I ask that parents enter and leave classrooms through the outside doors. If you are visiting more than one classroom, again, please could you use the outside doors to avoid possible crowding in corridors. We will keep the rooms ventilated and you are welcome to wear your mask. Although Year R do not have work in books to show parents, we would like to invite you to come into the classrooms with your child, who I am sure will be happy to show you around. There will be some activities in Year R for parents and children to enjoy together. **Open classroom for Hazel Class will take place on Thursday 9th November 3pm to 4pm.** If Covid cases were to rise in any classes over the next week we will inform parents and postpone visits into school for those classes affected.



Christmas Update

Raffle Tickets have now been sent home and I would like to thank Friends for all their hard work to secure so many fantastic prizes. With regards to our Secrets Room, please can parents pay online for presents. Further details and booking will be available from Monday 29th November by visiting www.friendsofparkgate.com. After a year of pupils not being able to go to the Secrets Room to choose their gifts, it gives me great pleasure to tell you that this year they will be able to visit in person to make their selection. The children will visit in class groups and the adults will be there to help. Further details regarding arrangements are on Newsletter 10 which is available on the website.



Congratulations to our Values Ambassadors of the Week!

It gives me great pleasure to announce our Values Ambassadors...

Willow Class – **Emily-Rose**...*Kindness*...one of the kindest children EVER!

Chestnut Class – **Clark**...*Kindness & Trust*...always being so kind and considerate to everyone in the class.

Apple Class – **Ted**...*Achievement*...fantastic sentence writing in phonics and always trying your very best.

Cherry Class – **Scarlett**...*Growth*... amazing progress in phonics and for being an outstanding member of the class.

Lime Class – **Zoe**...*Excellence*...using beautiful handwriting in all of her Habitats project work.

Holly Class – **Joshua**...*Aspiration*...always having a positive, hardworking attitude. Such a star!

Cedar Class – **Talulla & India**...*Partnership*...working so well as partners to create a shared Stone Age collage.

Silver Birch Class – **Heidi**...*Excellence*...creatively using a variety of collage techniques when creating a Palaeolithic house.

Hazel Class – **Lilly**...*Aspiration*...working so hard in all lessons to improve her pencil grip.

Yew Class – **Aimee**...*Resilience*...perseverance in maths this week with super focus and independence.

Sycamore Class – **Amelie**...*Kindness & Partnership*...showing patience, kindness and super teaching skills in swimming.

Juniper Class – **Finlay W**...*Achievement*... fantastic effort and independent work this week. Super enthusiasm!

Maple Class – **Noah F**...*Aspiration*...writing such a fantastic 'Perseus and Medusa' myth with brilliant vocabulary.

Oak Class – **Isla**...*Resilience*... for not giving up when learning about equivalent fractions.



Diary Dates Autumn Term 2021

| Dates | Events |
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| Monday 29th November 2021 5pm | Meeting for Year 6 Parents re; End of Year Tests |
| Thursday 2nd December 2021 3.00pm—4.00pm | Open classrooms for parents to view books except Hazel Class |
| Friday 3rd December 2021 | Non-Uniform Day for Raffle Prizes |
| Monday 6th December 2021 6.30pm—8pm | Carol Service Middle Road including Park Gate Choir |
| Tuesday 7th December 2021 9.30am | Year 2 Christmas Show for Lime Class |
| Tuesday 7th December 2021 2pm | Year 1 Christmas Show for Apple Blossom Class |
| Wednesday 8th December 2021 9.30am | Year 2 Christmas Show for Holly Class |
| Wednesday 8th December 2021 2pm | Year 1 Christmas Show for Cherry Blossom Class |
| Thursday 9th December 2021 9.30am | Yr R Christmas Show for Willow Class |
| Thursday 9th December 2021 3.00pm—4.00pm | Open classrooms for parents to view books Hazel Class |
| Thursday 9th December 2021 (time TBC) | Christmas Raffle (virtual) |
| Friday 10th December 2021 9.30am | Year R Christmas Show for Chestnut Class |
| Friday 10th December 2021 | Secret's Room (a chance for children to purchase a gift for |
| Monday 13th December 2021 3.30pm | Christmas Choir Performance to parents/grandparents |
| Tuesday 14th December 2021 | Non-Uniform Day for House with winning house points |
| Tuesday 14th December 2021 6pm | Carol Service CANCELLED |
| Wednesday 15th December 2021 | Christmas Lunch Year R, 1 and 4 |
| Wednesday 15th December 2021 | Christmas Jumper Day (or a festive addition to non-uniform) |
| Thursday 16th December 2021 | Christmas Lunch Year 2, 3, 5 and 6 |
| Friday 17th December 2021 | Last Day of Term |