

Park Gate Primary School News

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Dear Parents and Carers

Positive cases of Covid-19 among pupils and staff has remained low this week and I thank you for being vigilant to symptoms. I do feel this has helped. I have had to isolate myself this week but I am back on the gate today!

The netball league has started which is fantastic news and I look forward to sharing the outcomes of our matches with you. Our team will be playing their first match on Wednesday 9th February. Good luck!

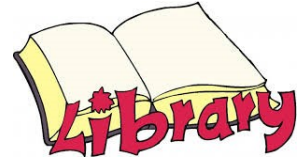
Mrs Greenfield and the cross country team made their way to Portsdown Hill again on Friday and our teams are currently in great positions in the league. The boys are in 8th and the girls are in 5th. Fantastic work everyone!

Kind regards

Lindsay McCarthy

Library Book Competition

A reminder that the Library Book Competition closes next Friday 11th February. Year R and KS1 were tasked with designing a new front cover for their favourite book from the library and KS2 had to write their own blurb for the back of their favourite book. This competition was set 3 weeks ago by Esme and Owen, 2 of our school librarians. There are book tokens on offer as prizes, so it is worth entering. We have attached a copy of the competition letter that was sent home 3 weeks ago to this email as a final reminder. We are looking forward to judging the entries.



Children's Mental Health Week—7th-13th February 2022

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week 2022. You will have received a letter today about it and the task that we are sending home for you to discuss with your child. Each child was given a green piece of paper to take home today. Please use this to make a leaf for the tree. The children have watched an assembly to show them how to use their hand to create the leaf shape. Thanks for your support with this.



Enhancing our school playgrounds

I am aware that our school playgrounds are looking rather tired and would like to make them more engaging and active for the children during break and lunchtimes. Miss Flood leads our School Council and Miss Spears and Miss Selway lead PE. Over the next few weeks the School Council will be introduced to their important job in leading the improvements in partnership with Miss Flood, Miss Spears and Miss Selway. Keep an eye on the playground over the coming months!



Dinner Money Debt

Please pay any outstanding dinner money as soon as possible. We currently have a total debt owing for £738.59.

Congratulations to our Values Ambassadors of the Week!

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

Willow Class – **Noah...Partnership...** leading his group in a fantastic Chinese New Year Dragon dance.

Chestnut Class – **Orry...Achievement, Growth & Resilience...** a brilliant Chinese dragon puppet.

Apple Class – **Poppy...Growth...**a fantastic piece of descriptive writing about the Park Gate Co-op.

Cherry Class – **Oscar...Resilience...** for never giving up with his sentence writing, even when it was a bit tricky!

Lime Class – **Toby...Trust...** working hard all week and showing great independence.

Holly Class – **Elsie...Aspiration...** always listening to the grown ups and working as hard as she can in everything.

Cedar Class – **Harriet...Excellence...** producing a beautiful sketch of The Iron Man using only a description.

Silver Birch Class – **Archie...Excellence...**a fantastic sketch of The Iron Man, using quotes from the text to justify choices.

Hazel Class – **Sonny...Aspiration...** showing a really mature attitude to his learning, if he works more, he knows more!

Yew Class – **Fleur...Resilience & Growth...** working so hard to learn her times tables. It will be worth it!

Sycamore Class – **Amber...Achievement...**using Crumble technology to programme a successful spinner.

Juniper Class – **Jacie...Excellence...** always trying her best in everything and fantastic work in gymnastics too!

Maple Class – **Noah R-M...Excellence...** writing a great chapter for the book 'Holes'. Excellent characterisation!

Oak Class – **Xander...Achievement...** impeccable application in all lessons and the work he produces is always fantastic.



Diary Dates Spring Term 2022

Dates	Events
21st—25th February	Half Term
Thursday 3rd March	World Book Day
Friday 18th March	Red Nose Day
WB: 21st March	Parents Evening Week
Tuesday 29th March 9.30am	Year 3/4 Show Cedar Class Audience
Tuesday 29th March 1.30pm	Year 3/4 Show Silver Birch Class Audience
Wednesday 30th March (eve)	Collaborative Choir Concert
Thursday 31st March (eve)	Collaborative Choir Concert
Friday 1st April 9.30am	Year 3/4 Show Hazel Class Audience
Friday 1st April 1.30pm	Year 3/4 Show Yew Class Audience
Sunday 3rd April	Year 6 Residential Leaves
Wednesday 6th April	Year 6 Residential Returns
Friday 8th April	Day Closure for Staff Training
11th—22nd April	Easter Holiday
Monday 25th April	Children return to school

Summer Term Day Closure

Thursday 21st July 2022