

Park Gate Primary School News

Number 8 : 5th November 2021



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to our Year 5 children and staff from their residential visit to Stubbington Study Centre. I hope that you all had a fantastic time. As always the children were superb role models for our school, and thank you so much to all the staff attending the residential.

The Phonics Meetings for Year 1 and 2 have been recorded and are available on the Year Group Teams.

We have completed Walktober so do send me any photos of outside activities or completed challenge cards by 11th November and I will award prizes for pupils showing great enthusiasm for being outdoors.

Kind regards
Lindsay McCarthy Headteacher

Christmas Performances for Years R, 1 and 2

A reminder of the dates for your diary.



Year R Willow Class	Thursday 9th December at 9.30am
Year R Chestnut Class	Friday 10th December at 9.30am
Year 1 Apple Blossom Class	Tuesday 7th December at 2pm
Year 1 Cherry Blossom Class	Wednesday 8th December at 2pm
Year 2 Lime Class	Tuesday 7th December at 9.30am
Year 2 Holly Class	Wednesday 8th December at 9.30am

Road Safety Week Competition 15th—21st November

Road Safety week runs from 15th to 21st November and this year Brain Injury Group (BIG) are running a competition to help raise awareness of road safety amongst children. Road traffic accidents are one of the major causes of brain injury. BIG's mission is to provide anyone affected by brain injury with expert legal, financial and welfare services. Children are being asked to be creative – and to design a poster, a model or a short story about their very own road safety superhero and how they keep people safe on the roads.

Clarke Willmott Solicitors will submit pupil entries to the BIG national competition on our behalf for a chance for the children to win a national prize, but in addition they will be offering prizes for the top three entries they receive. Prizes will be Amazon vouchers, £75 for first place, £50 for second place and £25 for third place.

Entries can be photographs of the design emailed to Philip.Edwards@clarkewillmott.com, the closing date is 12th November 2021. Winners will be announced on 19th November. All entries may be used on the websites for Clarke Willmott and BIG featuring the child's first name and age. Good luck!



Remembrance: Children will attend our Remembrance Service in their classes on Thursday 11th November. If your child is a member of a particular group eg; Scouts and would like to come to school wearing their uniforms on Thursday they are very welcome to do so. On behalf of The British Legion, from Monday 8th November our House Captains will visit each class every day (Monday—Thursday) selling poppies. You are welcome to send your child to school with a donation for a poppy if they would like to purchase one. We will be selling other items outside the office from Monday 8th November.



Friends Plans for Christmas

Due to the current Covid situation Friends will not be organising a Christmas Fair this year, however, I am pleased to inform you that we will be going ahead with the Christmas Raffle, Non-Uniform Day for Raffle Prizes, Christmas Jumper Day, Secrets Room and Christmas Card designs. Friends are also in the process of organising online pantomimes for the children to enjoy during the last week of term. I have added dates to the diary so please do have a look.



Congratulations to our Values Ambassadors of the Week!

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

Willow Class – **Ella...Excellence...**producing a fantastic henna design using paint and a piping bag.

Chestnut Class – **Leo...Resilience...**for being a superstar every morning this week.

Apple Class – **Keeley...Excellence...**fantastic Goldilocks writing.

Cherry Class – **Sophie...Excellence...**superb description of the Big, Bad Wolf.

Lime Class – **Bella...Excellence...**amazing recount writing recalling the mysterious footprints at school!

Holly Class – **Amelie...Growth...**having such a happy and positive attitude.

Cedar Class – **Amy...Excellence...**producing a beautiful cave painting, using colour, shape and shading.

Silver Birch Class – **Blake...Excellence...**producing a beautiful cave painting, demonstrating his historical knowledge.

Hazel Class – **Ethan...Trust...**such an amazing attitude to learning, working so hard.

Yew Class – **Lola...Excellence/Partnership...**working hard all week both independently and in a group.

Maple Class – **Amelie...Kindness...**such a good friend to others and super kind!

Oak Class – **Ollie & Ava...Aspiration...**fantastic engagement in the new project and asking lots of questions.



Awarding our first Violet Reading Stars of the Year!

Congratulations to all the children who achieved their Violet Reading Stars today! The grand total of children achieving 40 reads is 69. Year 5 are not included in this and we will begin awarding these next week. It would be wonderful if all the children at Park Gate could achieve all their stars this year and we encourage parents to read at home with their children three times a week to support the teaching of reading happening in school. To be a fluent reader is the most important skill we can give our children for future success.



Change of Shoes for PE Days

On PE days, please can the children bring a change of shoes and socks in a carrier bag. We do still use the field when we can and this will avoid the children sitting in wet shoes for the rest of the day. Thank you.



	Events
Tuesday 9th November 2021	School Photographer Returns (for those who were absent)
Monday 15th November 2021	Year 3 Visit to Butser Ancient Farm
Friday 19th November 2021	#Your Time To Shine Day—Non-uniform BRIGHT clothes
Thursday 2nd December 2021 3.00pm—4.00pm	Open classrooms for parents to view books
Friday 3rd December 2021	Non-Uniform Day for Raffle Prizes
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 (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 someone at home)
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
Wednesday 15th December 2021	Christmas Jumper Day (or a festive addition to non-uniform)
Friday 17th Dec 2021	Last Day of Term