



The Parkside School

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Summer Term 2 Newsletter 2022

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A Message from Mrs Ellis-Gage



Wow, what a busy year we have had and what a lot of learning that has taken place. This year has been a special one for us, with the re-introduction of trips and visits and two residential. The London trip was a fantastic experience for our pupils to see another part of the country.

I would like to thank everyone for their support and consideration this year, it has at times been challenging, but I know the staff at Parkside always go the extra mile to give the pupils what they need.

This time of year always leaves us saying goodbye to some staff, no teachers are leaving this year but we will say good bye to some much loved Support Staff and we wish them all well. Miss Russell will be taking a break to have her baby and will not be coming back to Stay and Play, so we want to thank her for all the hard work.

Please stay safe over the Summer holiday and we look forward to seeing well rested staff and pupils in September.

Key Diary Dates:

School starts back for the pupils on 6th September 2022.

All further dates to be confirmed next term .

Year 11s and 12s attended their Leavers Prom on Thursday 7th of July at Norwich City Football Ground.

Pupils enjoyed getting ready at school and travelling to the venue in a Limousine, a party bus and an open top bus. The 'Top of the City Room' was decorated with balloons and there was a buffet, and a disco. There was a lot of dancing right into the evening! The pupils all had their names in lights chasing round the football ground for the evening too.

It was a very special night for Parkside and Pathways leavers. Here are selection of the photos taken on the night.





Parkside School's Parent Friends Association News ...

The Summer Fayre this year was a lovely morning with lots of games and stalls run by pupils from each class. These included Soak the Teacher, Penalty Shoot Out, Tin Pyramids, Sand-sieving for gold and Name the Cow! We also had a pre-loved toy sale, bric-a-brac/books stall, soft toy tombola, tombola and raffle. Refreshments and ice creams were also on offer to keep us all cool!

The PFA are very grateful to everyone who donated cakes, toys and prizes and also would like to thank anyone who volunteered their time to support the event. Also thanks to those who were able to send in money for their child to enjoy spending at the Fayre.



We all had a wonderful time and most importantly, so did the children!

In total we raised **£728.84** so a HUGE well done to everyone, what a fantastic result!





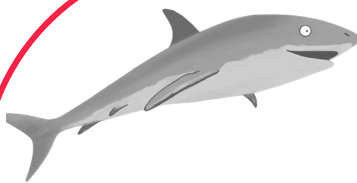
Class News



In Seahorse this year we have seen many UNO champions and developed our love of board and card games.

We have become scientists; exploring a range of materials, forces and chemical reactions.

We have also become authors, artists and mathematicians. We are so proud of all our Seahorses and how much they have progressed this year!



This half term, we have had a strong PSHE focus and have spent time learning and practising how to interact positively with one another.

As well as playing group games in class, we have enjoyed using our school social media platform, 'Natterhub', to interact with each other appropriately online.

Shark Class are making great progress and have had a lot of fun along the way!

We wish you all the best in your new classes and will miss you lots! Have a wonderful summer.

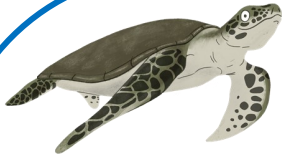


FUNDRAISING NEWS

We are also very proud to share the news that **Shark Enterprise Project** (selling post-cards) has raised an incredible £68. This will be split equally between the charities requested by the class:

The Sea Life Trust- <https://www.sealifetrust.org>

Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal [Disasters Emergency fund]- <https://www.dec.org.uk>



Turtle class have worked so hard throughout the academic year and have made such good progress, great memories and friendships.

Our class team are super proud of each and every one of them and we look forward to seeing how well they transition to their next adventure.

This half term we have been enjoying lots of outdoor learning, particularly our forest schools sessions with Miss Bowen on a Thursday enrichment afternoon. We also had great fun taking part in a water fight with Dolphin class!

Turtles have become really good at remembering their personal hygiene routines; brushing their hair and teeth, applying sun cream, deodorant and wearing their summer hats to enable them to look after themselves and become more Independent.

In our topic lessons we have also taken great enjoyment in looking after the environment and have practised these skills by Hoovering the classroom, washing the windows and taking out the recycling bin too, ensuring all the materials were sorted correctly from rubbish to recycling!



Rhino class thoroughly enjoyed themselves at the Royal Norfolk Show last week.

The boys especially enjoyed watching the motorbike performance in the main ring.

As well as checking out all the different stalls Rhino had fun walking around and

looking at all the different animals, especially the sheep!

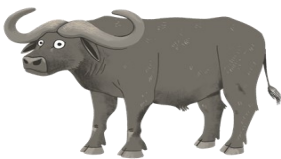


What a great end to our term!



This term Jellyfish and Willow went to Bewilderwood. We had a fantastic day exploring the wooden mazes and structures. Everyone was very brave, whether it was walking along a high net, zipping down a long zip wire or sliding down the steep slides. It was great to see everyone encouraging and supporting each other.

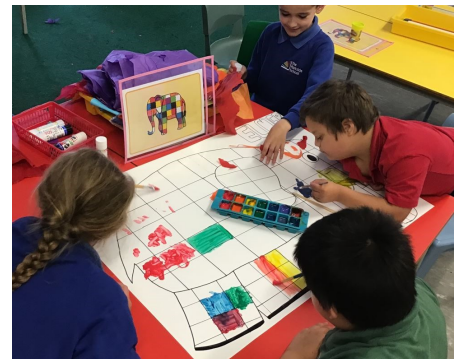
Back at school, we learnt about recounts using our talk 4 writing model text. The children were then able to write their own recount of their brilliant day at Bewilderwood. It was a lovely trip to end a wonderful year.



Buffalo class really enjoyed celebrating Pride Week in June.

We had an Elmer sensory story and thought about all the wonderful ways that people are different and unique!

We made a big piece of Elmer Art using collage, tissue and paint.

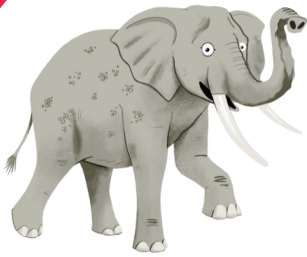


Well done to all of you and wishing you a great summer!



Octopus Class has been learning about Pride. We have been learning about the history of pride, why we celebrate pride, what it means to feel proud and what makes us all different.





Elephant Class have had a great summer term! In our Topic lessons we have been learning all about our environment and have been sorting out the recycling bins. We have also learnt about endangered animals and what we can do to support them!

In Maths we have been busy learning about mass and weight. We used scales to compare items to see which were heavier and lighter and then practised using Unifix to see how heavy each item was. Eventually we moved on to use electronic scales to see if we could measure to a specific amount and practised this in our cooking sessions as we made chocolate cakes!



Lion class have been working really hard on their Science work. We have been visiting the local park and looking at the environment, bugs, animals, flowers and trees.



The class have learnt to identify them all and know how we can best look after our environment and care for the creatures in it.

We even had a sneaky little ice cream from the ice cream van once we had finished our work!





We have had a wonderful year in Dolphin Class! Our highlight of this term was having a water fight with Turtle class.

The children loved it and it was just the thing to cool us down in this hot weather ... even the adults got involved!



This half term Leopard Class have loved learning about our natural environment. We spent lots of time picking up litter in our outdoor area, and learnt that when we do small actions like this it

can help save the bees and the trees. Here is a collection of our beautiful artwork to represent the world we live in and the things worth saving.



We have had a great time learning all about the environment this Half Term, finding out all about climate change and ways we can reduce, re-use and recycle through the text, 'Greta and the giants'.

In maths, we have been focusing on measuring length, weight and capacity.

In Art, we have been exploring different mark-making techniques and scenes from the natural world.

See in the photo an excellent example of this.

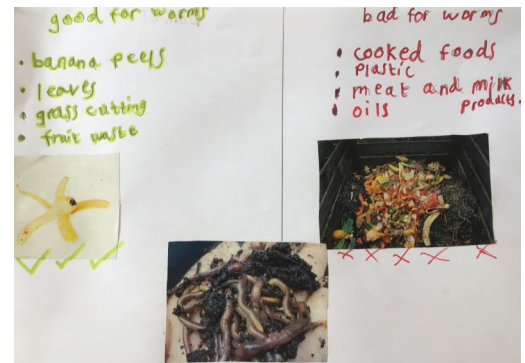




This half term has been a super busy one in Maple Class. We have had sports day, an athletics trip and an outing to the Royal Norfolk Show, during which the class were excited to see a range of animals, RAF parachutists and motorbikes doing backflips!

In class, as part of our whole school topic, we have been learning about Caring for the Environment. We have discussed what we do at home and school that is good for the environment, made posters about composting and had a visit from the Norwich Puppet Theatre where they showed us how to reuse materials to create something new; puppets!

We have also had transition days to get us ready for the new school year. Another really successful half term.



Successful Work Experience Placement

We are really pleased that we have managed to get some work placements in and around the local communities where pupils live this term.

One of our pupils was lucky enough to be given the opportunity to spend the day at 'Screens' in Lowestoft. This young man thought he might like to work in this field in the future, and a day with the staff there proved to be a good experience.

He was able to design and make several items of clothing which he was proud to wear. We are very grateful to all the staff at Screens who supported and encouraged this pupil on his placement.





Sycamore Class have had an amazing term with lots of fun activities as our Year 11s prepare to move on to their new schools and colleges.

Particular highlights have been the trips to the zoo, the Norfolk Show and the London residential. It was also lovely to see everyone dressed up for prom last week, all looking very grown up!

We are so proud of all of you and very excited to see what you do after leaving Parkside.

Wishing you all the very best for the future.



Pathways College

We have had a busy final Half -Term, with the focus being the preparation for the students next step in September.

There have been transition visits to college for most students, alongside their work experience placements and life skills activities.

We have also been focusing on learning to tell the time in our maths lessons, to help with students time management skills as they become more independent.

The photo shows us learning different greetings, during the recent 'Day of Welcome' held across Pathways and Parkside.



"Hi I'm Vickie and I will be working alongside Natasha as a Parent Support Adviser. I'm really looking forward to meeting all of the children and parents/carers.

Please get in touch if you require any support.

I hope you have a great Summer Holiday!"

Good News about Work Placements

Over the past 2 years, work experience for year 11 and 12 has been badly affected by Covid. We are pleased to say that it is now becoming somewhat easier to get placements for our pupils.

In the last few months many of our pupils have had successful placements in a variety of local business, including the library, hairdressers, charity shops, screen printers and for the first time, cleaning and repackaging support devices for people who live independently who may need to call for help. There are so many more!

We are very grateful to all the local employers who have made these placements possible, giving invaluable experiences to our pupils.

We look forward to creating more new and exciting opportunities for work placements and to extend our work experience provision further as the restrictions and hurdles of Covid ease.

Well done to all those pupils who have been brave enough to try something new this year, we are very proud of you all.

#The photo is of puppets made by three of our pupils while on work experience at The Puppet Theatre, for the Norwich Arts Festival.



Special Olympics Swimming Sessions

Special Olympics Swimming Norfolk sessions are held every Sunday afternoon from 3.30-4.30pm at Wymondham Leisure Centre.

These are coached by Rob Griffiths (formally the swimming teacher at Parkside).

Please contact Nicola Baxter for further information and to book:

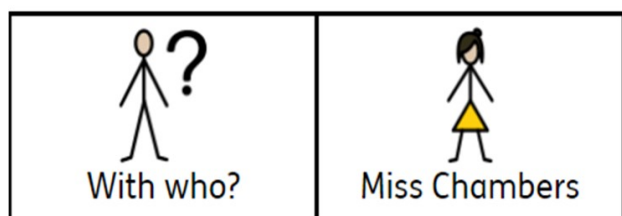
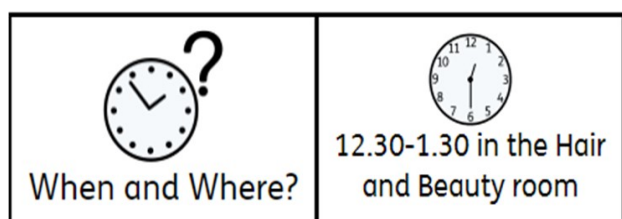
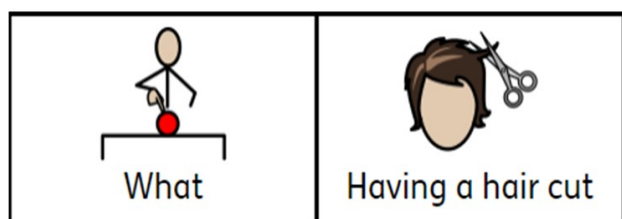
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Haircuts are happening in school...



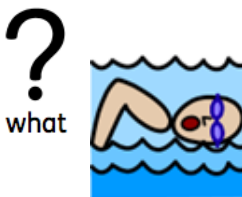







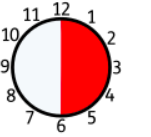
If you would like to book your child a haircut with Miss Chambers then please notify your child's class teacher.

They will inform Miss Chambers who will send you an email enabling you to pay by bank transfer.

Please note that payment will not be requested until the haircut is complete.



Swimming with Paul

 what	Private 1:1 swimming lessons  All ages Students of all ages
 who 	Paul Howe Parkside Employee 25 years swimming teaching experience Call: 07909332953
	Swimming Pool- Hewett School 137 Hall Road Norwich NR1 2RN
 when	Various slots within: Mondays: 4-5:30pm Tuesdays: 5-6pm Wednesdays: 4-6pm Thursdays: 4-6pm Fridays: 4pm-6pm
 how much?	  £22.50 for a 30 minute lesson