



# PARKWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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### From The Headteacher

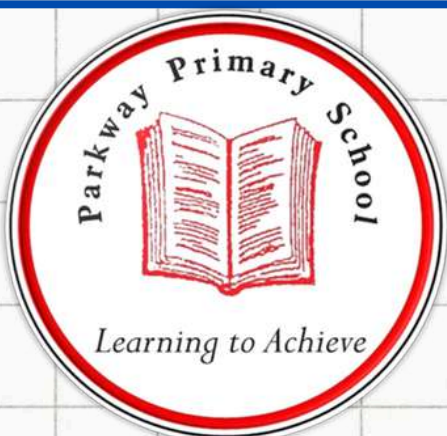
What a rewarding week this has been. On Monday, we saw the arrival of three challenge partners reviewers. The lead reviewer had worked for both OFSTED and the Department of Education for many years and was a fountain of knowledge and experience. During his feedback on Wednesday, he congratulated the school on creating an institution which was truly inclusive with three distinct provisions working as one and thus creating a single school which allowed all pupils to learn, develop and succeed in a calm happy environment. He praised leaders, staff and the children for the excellent work being undertaken at Parkway. I felt very pleased listening to the feedback on Wednesday and look forward to sharing the report with you when it arrives.

Over the last three-weeks, Ofsted (Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills) and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) have been undertaking an inspection of SEND provision across the Borough. The school has been involved in the process of improvement since its last inspection in 2023. We await the report- due after half term.

This week saw Mr Hill begin his tenure for delivering our PE on a Wednesday and Thursday and the lessons I looked in on, showed the children enhancing their PE skills while enjoying their learning. Also, this week, Ash 1 shared their learning since their last class assembly, telling us about places they have visited along with what they have learned. It was lovely to see so many parents able to get the time to come in and celebrate the work the children had achieved during their first year in Key Stage 1.

With one more week before the half term, I wish you a restful weekend and look forward to seeing you next week.

Mr Celino-Stock



### Dates To Remember

- 10th Feb- Coffee & Chat
- 12<sup>th</sup> Feb- Dress to express  
(For Mental Health Awareness Week)
- 13th Feb- Ash 3 Trip National Gallery
- 5th March - World Book Day

## Ash 2 Newsletter

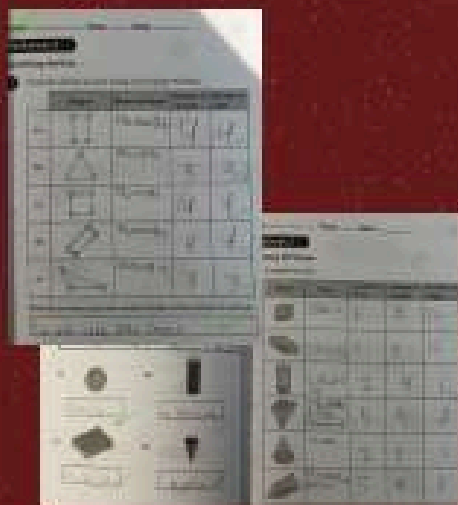
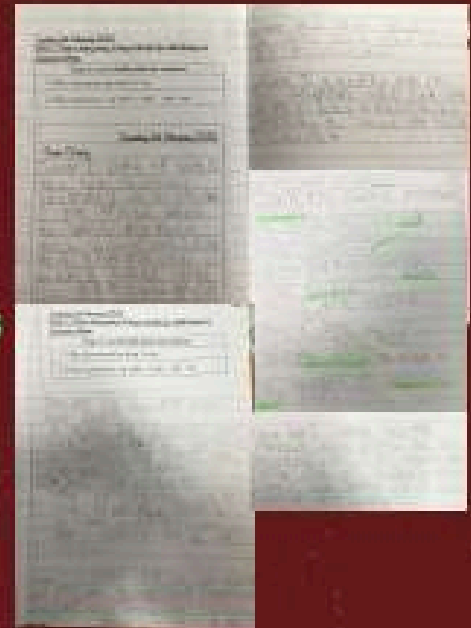
# Home and Away

This term our theme is Home and Away.  
Our core text is Lila and the Secret of Rain.

In writing journey, we started by looking at the front cover of our core text, discussing what we could see and predicting what the story might be about.

We went on to use ambitious adjectives to create a setting description of a Kenyan village..

This week, we have been writing diary entries from the perspective of a child living in a Sudanese village.



In maths, we started by learning about 2D shapes. We identified properties of the shapes, including faces and vertices.

We continued our geometry learning by extending our knowledge to 3D shapes. Pupils have learnt shape names as well as properties such as edges.

In DT this term, we used clay to create a model of an African round hut. We discussed what homes look like in rural parts of Kenya and why people use natural materials. With this in mind, we designed and made our own huts.



## Ash 2 Newsletter

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In geography, we have comparing life in Britain to life in Kenya and Sudan. We started by locating the continents Europe and Africa. We then used an atlas to find the countries. We discussed their location in the world and how that impacts the climate. We extended this learning by discussing the use of natural materials for rural homes. We learnt that cities in the UK are quite similar to cities like Nairobi in Kenya - they have a lot of tall buildings and businesses.



In music, we have been using Djembe drums to create rhythms.



# Other News

## & EVENTS

**PARKWAY SCHOOL**

### Coffee & Chat Sessions

We are launching our SEND Coffee and Chat Sessions — a space for parents to connect, share lived experiences, and support one another.

Next Session: Tuesday, 10th February

From 2:00 PM onward

There will be refreshments available

@parkwayprimaryschool



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Mrs. Shepherd will be at these sessions to offer guidance and discuss any general questions you may have.

- Next Session: Tuesday, 10th February
- Time: from 2:00 PM onward

There will be refreshments available, and at the first session we can explore what you would like from the group moving forward. Please do tell other parents/carers you think might be interested about the group.

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**BEXLEY MUSIC**

## POP CHOIR

Come and join the fun this February half term at our 2 day vocal workshop!

Thursday 19th and Friday 20th February 2026  
10am - 2pm  
Years 4 - 8

£30.00

Bexley Music @ Belmont Academy  
Belmont Road, Erith, Kent DA8 1LE

BOOK NOW

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www.bexley-music.co.uk



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### February Half-Term at Bexley Libraries

Families across the borough can look forward to a lively programme of activities designed to spark imagination providing plenty of free fun during the school break.

- **Animal Handling with Creepy Claws** for ages 3 and over at Central, Crayford, Erith, Sidcup, Thamesmead and Welling Libraries
- **Indian Dance Workshops with Beeja** for ages 3 and over at Central, Crayford and Sidcup Libraries
- **Manga Art with Chie** for ages 11 and over at Central Library.
- **Meet the Owls with Jams Owls** for ages 3 and over at Central, Crayford, Erith, Sidcup, Thamesmead and Welling Libraries
- **Picture Books Musicals with Gareth Jones** for any ages at Central and Welling Libraries.
- **TV Production Workshops with End 2 End TV.** Two sessions at Central Library. One for ages 7- to 10-year-olds and another for 11- to 14-year-olds.

For more information, including details of how to get your free tickets, please visit the 'What's On' page at [www.bexley.gov.uk/bexley-libraries](http://www.bexley.gov.uk/bexley-libraries) or scan the QR code.



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**BOYS AND GIRLS 5-13 years**  
All abilities

£50 per week or £15 a day

- Woodland Academy Trust discount
- Sliding discount (non trust members)

Please Bring: Packed Lunch, Drinks, Trainers & Shinpads.  
Rewards Include: Certificates, Medals & Trophies.  
Coach Qualifications: UEFA and FA Qualified Coaches; FA Child Protection; Safeguarding & First Aid Training.

**February Half Term FOOTBALL COURSE**

16-20 Feb | 10am-3pm

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Northumberland Heath Primary School,  
Whelock Close, Erith,  
DA8 1JE  
(Brook Street entrance)



**Running of the day**

10-10.30am  
Arrival and registration

10.30-10.45am  
Warm up games

10.45-12 noon  
Technique and skill based learning

12 noon-1pm  
Lunch time

1.00-1.30pm  
Morning recap

1.30-2.45pm  
Themed tournament

3pm  
Home time

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**What to bring**

- Packed lunch
- Lots of drink
- Comfortable clothing
- Football boots, Astro turfs, Trainers (No metal studs or blades)
- Shinpads

**Rewards**

- Little Achievers attendance certificate
- Medals
- Trophies

**Coaches qualifications**

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