



PARKWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Happy New Year and welcome back to our Spring Term, even though it did not feel very spring like outside on Monday. In the school there is a warm feeling from both the heating and the pride of the staff and children who have come back and settled straight into learning with classes beginning their new topics.

This week saw the Parkway family increase with four new members of staff joining us:

- Mr Brady - Oak 6 teacher
- Miss Morgan - Oak 4 teacher
- Miss Muthony - joining the front office team
- Miss Lawrence - joining the Elm/Oak support staff team

I know that you will make them feel welcome and part of the school.

This week saw a visit from the History man who undertook work with children to excite them about their forthcoming thematic work.

After such a productive first week I'm sure the children and staff will appreciate their rest from school this weekend. I look forward to seeing so many of you on Monday when you drop your children off for week two of the Spring Term.

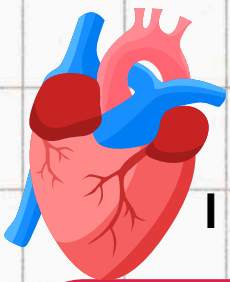
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Dates To Remember

- 13th Jan - SEND Coffee and Chat @ 2pm
- 15th Jan - Jungle Day Theme Lunch Menu

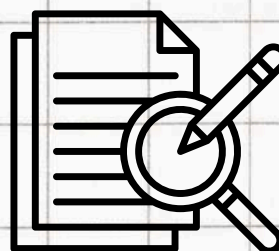
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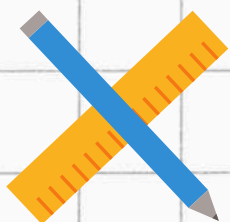
I can explain the circulatory system of the heart

The circulatory system is the body's way of moving blood around to keep us alive and healthy. The heart is the main part of this system – it works like a pump, pushing blood through tubes called blood vessels.

The blood carries oxygen and nutrients (like sugar from food) to every part of the body and takes away waste that our bodies don't need. In our class project, the tomato sauce can show blood, the drumsticks can be the heart's strong walls, the cereal can represent red blood cells, and the sugar can be the energy that travels through the blood. Together, they help us understand how amazing our circulatory system is and how it keeps us going every day.



In DT, the children designed their own Anderson shelters using both cardboard and Tinkercad. They began by researching the features of real Anderson shelters, then used Tinkercad to create a digital 3D model, exploring shape, structure, and stability. After finalising their designs, they worked with cardboard to build a physical model, carefully measuring, cutting, and assembling each part. The project allowed them to combine digital design with hands-on making, developing their creativity, problem-solving skills, and understanding of how structures are engineered.



Coffee & Chat Sessions

We are pleased to announce that building on the ongoing partnership with the Learning & Enterprise College Bexley we will have the opportunity to host several of their courses here at the school. We will share more details in the New Year to find out which subjects interest you most.

New: SEND Coffee & Chat Sessions

We are also launching our SEND Coffee and Chat Sessions — a space for parents to connect, share lived experiences, and support one another. Mrs. Shepherd will be at these sessions to offer guidance and discuss any general questions you may have.

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Also, we need a name - We want this group to have a name that reflects our community. Please share your suggestions with Mrs. Shepherd — there is a small prize waiting for the person who comes up with the winning choice!



Other News & EVENTS

Exciting Themed School Lunches This Month!

We're delighted to introduce some exciting new themed school lunch menus launching this month. First up is Jungle Day on Thursday 15th January, where pupils can enjoy a tasty menu.

We'll then continue our popular Around the World theme, travelling to China on Tuesday 27th January. The menu for this day will be shared very soon, so keep an eye out!



Thursday 15th January
JUNGLE DAY
Meat Feast Pizza
Cheese and Tomato Pizza
Jacket Potato with Topping of the Day
Baked Beans, Diced Potatoes and Salad Bar
Chocolate and Orange Brownie



AROUND THE WORLD
Different flavours from a different country each month
CHINA Tuesday 27th January
Menu to follow soon



SOUNDSTEPS
MUSIC SCHOOL

Free Children Piano/Keyboard Taster Available Now

- Weekly 1 hour lessons available Monday to Sunday for children aged 5-13
- Children learn to read, write and play music in every lesson. we also provide keyboard at every lesson
- Termly Exams and certificate along with opportunities to sit at internationally recognised exams and perform at live events

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