



PARKWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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From the Headteacher

This has been a busy week for the minibus with a number of trips out- both regular and those linked to educational visits. Monday saw the Year 5 children from Oak and Elm visit Thamesmead swimming pool for their weekly swimming lessons. A number of classes joined the Nursery children at the Post Office on Yanton Way, to post their Christmas letters. Today Oak 2 went to Woodlands Farm on Shooters Hill where they met Oak 5 & 6 to undertake some pond dipping.

The school looked very festive on Thursday with children and staff in their Christmas jumpers and at lunchtime enjoying a school Christmas dinner. Thursday also saw a theatre company in to share the Christmas story with the children, this is always an entertaining event. This time of year often sees a large number of lights on houses around the community and while we do not hang lights on school, I am pleased to share with you all that the work that has been undertaken on our emergency lights has been completed and should they be required, all are at 100%.

With just one more week to go before the Christmas break, I wish you a good weekend and look forward to seeing you for our final week of school this calendar year.

Mr Celino-Stock



Dates To Remember

- 15th Dec - EYFS Nativity
- 15th Dec- Christmas Disco
- 17th Dec - KS1 Nativity
- 18th Dec - KS2 Carol Service
- 18th Dec - Class parties
- 18th Dec - Christmas Raffle Draw

Aqua Elm



We had a fun and engaging Maths session today as we learned to count and order numbers from 1 to 5! Through hands-on activities and playful learning, the children practised recognising numbers and arranging them in the correct sequence. Great job, little mathematicians!

In Aqua Elm, we have been exploring a new sound of the week! This time, it's the letter P. Watch us dive into our busy box as we discover playful P objects, practise the sound and build early phonics skills through hands-on fun.



The class explored the book of the week, All About Me! The children enjoyed learning about themselves and sharing what makes them unique. Through fun discussions and activities, we celebrated our similarities and differences while building confidence and self-expression.

Punctuality

This academic term **109** children have arrived late for school on **459** occasions.

Whilst some delays are unavoidable, and understandable, we expect that all children will arrive on time for school each day. As a reminder please see the following extract from the school

Attendance Policy:

In the event that your child is late the following procedures then apply:

- Children are marked **late (L)** if they arrive after 8:45am but before the close of registers. (For children in Elm Trees Provision arrival time is 9:30am)
- Children are marked **unauthorised (U)** if they arrive after registers close at 9:15am. (For Elm Trees registers close at 9:45am). Afternoon registers will be closed at 1.30pm for all classes
- Children arriving late will need to be signed in at Reception by a parent/carer
 - After receiving five late marks, a letter will be sent to the parents/carers from the Attendance Team
 - After receiving ten late marks (persistently late), a letter will be sent to the parent/carer from the Education Welfare Office (EWO), and an appointment may be given to attend a surgery with the EWO

If there are any circumstances that you believe will affect your child's punctuality then please do speak to the school's Attendance Team to discuss.



A WEEK OF FESTIVE FUN!



Christmas

RAFFLE

Christmas Raffle – Tickets Are Still Available!

A reminder that raffle tickets are still on sale at Reception for our School Christmas Raffle.

Tickets are £1 per strip.

The winners will be announced on Thursday 18th December during school hours – good luck to everyone taking part!



Reminder: Parkway Winter Disco – Monday 15th December

We're excited to remind families that the Parkway Winter Disco will take place on Monday 15th December. Children should bring a change of clothes with them on the day. They will be able to get changed after school and then head straight to the disco. Parents and carers are kindly asked to collect children at 5:00pm.

We're looking forward to a fun and festive afternoon!



Next Week's Festive Activities 🎄 ✨

We have a wonderful week of celebrations ahead! Please see the key dates below:

- EYFS Nativity – Monday 15th December at 9:30am
- KS1 Nativity – Wednesday 17th December at 14:00pm
- KS2 Carol Service – Thursday 18th December at 9:30am

We look forward to welcoming families to enjoy these special festive performances with us!



Other News

& EVENTS



Thank You for Supporting the Poppy Appeal

A big thank you to everyone who purchased poppies and other Royal British Legion merchandise.

Together, we raised £133.77 for the Royal British Legion.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Christmas Jumper Day – Thank You!

A big thank you to everyone who took part in our Christmas Jumper Day. Thanks to your wonderful support and festive spirit, we raised £68.57, which will be donated to the Greenwich & Bexley Hospice.

We truly appreciate your generosity and participation in helping support such a valued local charity.



Missed your flu vaccine?

Live or attend school in the borough of Bexley? Aged 4 – 16?

Come down to a flu catch-up clinic and protect yourself!

Monday 15 December, 14:30 – 16:30
Erith Health Centre, DA8 1RQ

Thursday 18 December, 14:30 – 16:30
Erith Health Centre, DA8 1RQ

Friday 19 December, 14:30 – 16:30
Erith Health Centre, DA8 1RQ

Monday 22 December, 10:00 – 13:00
Erith Health Centre, DA8 1RQ

Call 020 3903 3380 or scan the QR code for more information or to book an appointment



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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about TIKTOK

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?
Social media use often associated with legal issues, financial, bad timing, bad timing, bad timing. The app provides a particularly addictive, never-ending stream of short clips tailored to users' interests based on their viewing habits. Around half of British children use TikTok, and while most content is benign, children's lives & the app where young people are most likely to encounter a predator.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT
TikTok is a highly popular social media platform for young people, but it is also a source of age-inappropriate content. This includes explicit language, sexual content, and violence. The app's algorithm is designed to keep users engaged, which can lead to them seeing content that is not suitable for their age group.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS
TikTok allows users to interact with other users, including those they do not know. This can lead to contact with strangers, which can be dangerous. The app's algorithm is designed to keep users engaged, which can lead to them seeing content that is not suitable for their age group.

MISINFORMATION AND RADICALISATION
TikTok's algorithm is designed to keep users engaged, which can lead to them seeing content that is not suitable for their age group. This includes misinformation and radicalisation, which can be dangerous.

ADDICTIVE DESIGN
TikTok's algorithm is designed to keep users engaged, which can lead to them seeing content that is not suitable for their age group. This includes addictive design, which can be dangerous.

IN-APP SPENDING
TikTok allows users to spend money on virtual gifts, which can be addictive. This can lead to financial problems for young people.

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING
Parents should enable family pairing on their child's TikTok account to help them manage their privacy and safety settings.

DISCUSS THE DANGERS
Parents and educators should discuss the dangers of social media with young people, including the risks of contact with strangers, age-inappropriate content, and addictive design.

READ THE SIGNS
Parents and educators should look for signs of social media addiction, such as spending too much time on the app, neglecting schoolwork, and mood swings.

Meet Our Expert
Dr. Sarah Johnson, a leading expert in child psychology, discusses the risks of social media for young people.

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