



PARKWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

From the Headteacher

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This week has had some challenges as the school has battled against illness in both the children and staff. However, we have successfully reached the end of the week and not had to use a supply member of staff to cover any of the winter illness. Thank you to all those staff who have stepped up and taken classes that are not their own, to ensure the children continue to receive high quality learning opportunities.

You may have noticed this week that the school has become quieter earlier than normal, around 4pm. This is because we have been upgrading our emergency lighting to ensure it provides the lighting required in an emergency. This work required the electricity to be off in the section the engineers are working in and as a result, for safety reasons, we have had to ensure there are no staff or children in those areas, hence the 4pm quieter school. There is some more work they have to undertake before Christmas but we are working with the team to ensure this will not affect clubs in the next programmed works in just over a weeks' time.

Well done to our footballers who came second in the league this year, piped by Willow Bank with one goal difference.

Have a great weekend.

Mr Celino-Stock



Dates To Remember

- 4th Dec - Oak 2 assembly
- 5th Dec - Ash 3 History Museum Trip
- 5th Dec - Ash 6 HMS Belfast Trip
- 11th Dec - Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
- 15th Dec - Christmas Disco

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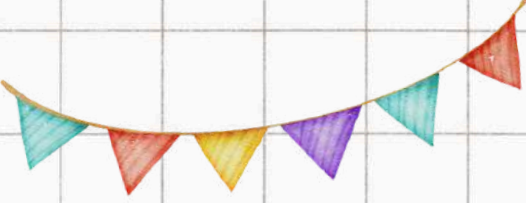
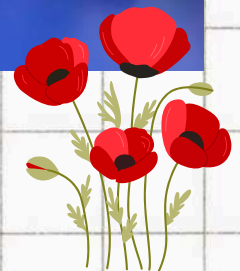
Oak 1's celebration station!

We've had a dazzling and busy term in Oak 1, immersing ourselves in the wonderful world of celebrations! We have shown great curiosity while exploring different traditions, history, and the many ways people mark special occasions.

Our learning journey kicked off with the exciting topic of fireworks and Bonfire Night. We were thrilled to have a special visit from the "History Guy," who helped us understand the story behind the Gunpowder Plot. To give us a real sense of the history, we safely conducted a supervised demonstration to make 'fire' using gunpowder, and we had a lot of fun watching the dramatic result! Our practical learning continued in art, where we created stunning, bright firework art using paints, expertly exploring colour and movement to mimic the amazing displays we see in the night sky.



Following this, we learnt about the importance of Remembrance Day. We took time to discuss why we wear poppies and how people honour and remember those who have served. To show our respect, we engaged in a creative activity, making beautiful poppies using a range of different materials, including paper, glue, and paints, which are now proudly displayed.



Finally, we brought the celebrations right into the classroom by focusing on birthdays! This provided a fantastic opportunity for the children to talk about their own special days and share their traditions. We had great fun getting messy while making playdough and then used it to practise decorating and designing our own unique birthday cards. As the term draws to a close and the holidays approach, we will be making Christmas cards! We will be designing these special cards to send home to you soon, so keep an eye out for our festive creation!



AVAILABLE



Christmas RAFFLE



Tickets for the annual Christmas raffle will go on sale from the main office this Monday 1st December

We are still taking donations of prizes- to make it a big success!

If you or your business would like to contribute (e.g. gift vouchers, hampers, toys, chocolates, or any other prizes), we'd be so grateful.

All money raised will go directly towards supporting our school and the students. Donations can be dropped off at the school office by Wednesday 17th December.

PROJECT THAMESMEAD

BOYS' FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT



THURSDAY 27TH NOVEMBER
VENUE HARRIS GARRARD ASTROTURF
TIME 3.30-5.00 AGE GROUP 10-11 YR
7-A-SIDE

Giving Thamesmead children a chance to participate in sport



The Parkway Primary School football team delivered an impressive performance in a recent local schools tournament, showcasing determination and teamwork throughout. They secured two strong wins and battled hard for two well-earned draws against competitive opposition from the surrounding area. Their consistent effort and resilience across all matches paid off, resulting in a well-deserved second-place finish in the tournament rankings.



PARTNER COMMUNICATIONS FOLLOWING THE SEND IMPROVEMENT & ASSURANCE BOARD

Following our commitment to report back on the Bexley Local Partnership SEND Improvement and Assurance Board, the key messages from the most recent meeting (5 November) are below.

Autism and ADHD update

In South East London and Bexley our waiting times for Autism and ADHD assessments have increased in line with national trends. We recognise this is having impact on Children and Young People and families and are working on a number of SEL and local Bexley initiatives to support Children and Young People and families and to target waiting times locally. This is an area of priority for both the Integrated Care Board and the Local Authority, and we are working together to ensure solutions are collaborative and to ensure Children and Young People receive the right support in every setting.

As part of this, we have recently expanded our pre- and post-diagnostic support in Bexley, the Integrated Care Board (ICB) has commissioned Bexley Voice to deliver post diagnostic workshops for autism assessments and has recently expanded this to post-diagnostic workshops for ADHD and pre-diagnostics workshops for neurodiversity assessments.

South East London ICB has convened a Task and Finish group to look at ways we can support Children and Young People who are waiting a long time for diagnosis of autism and/or ADHD. Our local provider Oxleas NHSFT is involved in co-producing a potential solution to target long waiting times and address the holistic support needs of CYP throughout the full ADHD and autism assessment pathway. Local partners will be updated on the outcome of this work.

Having recently discussed this at the local SEND Improvement and Assurance Board, there are plans in place to further develop our partnership response. Additional communications will be developed to update partner

Connecting Families

Helping parents and caregivers strengthen communication, reduce conflict, and create calm at home.

- 6 online modules – study at your own pace
- Culturally sensitive learning
- In-person group sessions to deepen learning
- Facilitated by AFC trainers
- Opportunity to meet other parents
- Q&A sessions and community celebration

Why This Matters

The way we communicate as parents has a powerful effect on the whole family. Children thrive in homes where they feel safe, heard, and supported. But when conflict becomes stuck or unresolved, it can get in the way of their healthy development.

- Move forward from a stuck place
- Bring more calm into your home
- Build trust and understanding with your co-parent and children

What to Expect

- Personalised facilitator feedback
- Practical tools for handling conflict and communication
- Expert guidance along the way
- Strategies for reducing stress

Who Is It For?

This programme is for parents and caregivers in all kinds of modern families—whether you're married, partnered, separated, divorced, single, in a blended family, or co-parenting. We welcome every gender identity and sexual orientation.

It is for you if you are interested in learning from conflicts.

What Will You Learn?

Each of you will have your own reasons for choosing this course. It might be similar to how other people feel, or different. There is no one right way.

"I found the training very informative and was able to reflect a lot. I feel empowered."

– A participant
How Does It Work?

Register here for AfC Learning: <https://actforchange.org.uk/our-services/connecting-families>

- Attend an in-person introduction workshop
- Complete online modules at your own pace
- Join monthly in-person group sessions

Receive a certificate (18 hours CPD) upon completion



Other News

& EVENTS



Christmas

Lunch & Jumper day will be

11TH DECEMBER

Please complete the form on parent mail for the lunch by Friday 28th November



❄️🌟 School Winter Disco! 🌟❄️

Get ready to dance into the festive season!

 17 Monday 15th December

 3:30pm – 5:00pm

💎 £5 per child – includes a drink, snack & glow stick!

Join us for music, fun and festive vibes – we can't wait to see you there! 🎵📱🌟

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Tea & Talk Parent Carer Support Group


Join us for a cuppa and an informal chat about anything SEND. Members and non-members are welcome



The last Tea and Talk of the year will be a chance for you to take a breath and catch up with us before the Christmas rush! Come and join us for some Christmas treats and share the mental load.

It will just be the Bexley Voice team for this session, to listen and to answer any queries. (1-1's with professionals will return, as normal, in January 26.) See our website for our 2026 dates.

We look forward to seeing you!




Tuesday 9th December 2025

The Danson Youth Centre
Brampton Road
Bexleyheath
DA7 4EZ


9:30am-12:30pm


- Come to all or part of the morning
- No need to book just come along
- Speak directly to the Bexley Voice Team

Scan the QR code for more information about Tea & Talk:



www.bexleyvoice.org.uk

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Dyslexia

This workshop will aim to provide information and support to parents and carers who feel their child may be dyslexic or who have received a dyslexia diagnosis.

The workshop will be delivered by Educational Psychologists from Bexley Local Authority.

The workshop will include:

- What happens in Bexley regarding diagnosis and how dyslexia can be supported in school
- Aids that can help and how you can support your child
- Local help and support
- Questions and answers

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Parent Carer Workshop

Wednesday 28th January 26

10am-12noon

Danson Youth Centre
The Garden Room
Brampton Road
Bexleyheath
DA7 4EZ

Our free parent carer workshop series provides Bexley Voice members with the opportunity to get information relating to your child or young person's additional need and/or disability. We cover various topics according to parental demand.

Advance booking required at:

<https://bexleyvoice.org.uk/calendar/item/57900992>

or scan the QR code:

