



PARKWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

From the Headteacher

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Another busy week with lots happening at Parkway. I'm pleased to report that our fire drill practice, as always, was very successful with children and staff leaving the building calmly and silently with the whole school being evacuated and accounted for in 2 minutes and 4 seconds, well done everyone.

Wednesday morning had lots of different activities being undertaken by the children as part of the 'children's university' relaunch. This was a very exciting time with the children undertaking a large number of different activities to introduce them to what is on offer. During this time the school nurses were in providing flu vaccinations to those children whose parents took up the offer.

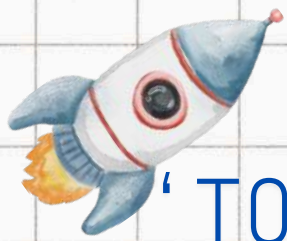
With still two weeks to go until half term, I hope you and your children have a restful weekend and I look forward to seeing them all on Monday for the start of week 7.

Mr Celino-Stock



Dates To Remember

- 16th Oct - World Food Day (India)
- 16th Oct- Ash 1 Assembly
- 17th Oct- Ash 5 Science museum trip



ASH 1



'TO INFINITY AND BEYOND'

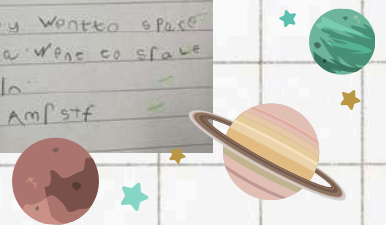
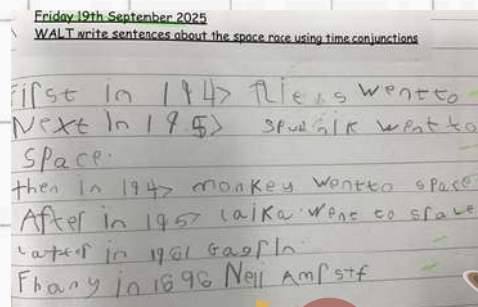
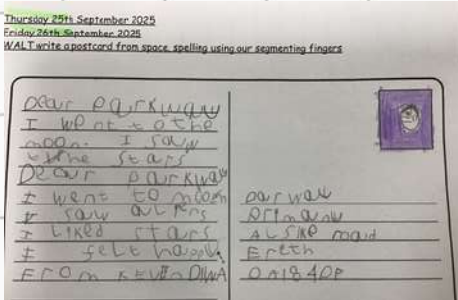
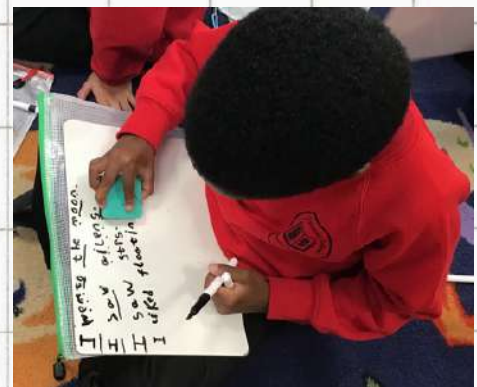
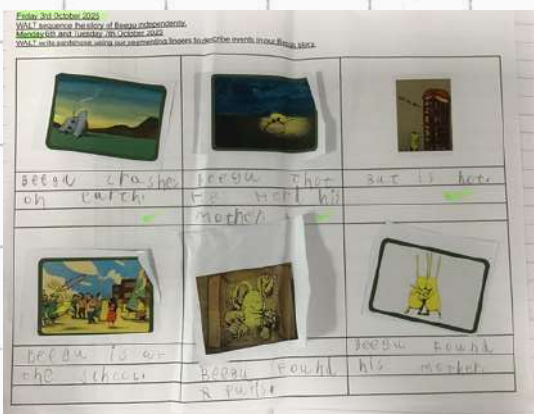
The children in Ash 1 have had a very busy start to the academic year. We've had lots of learning to do around our new routines and the way that we learn in Key Stage 1 - it is very different to how we learnt in the EYFS!



In history, we have been learning about explorers in the distant and more recent past. We began by finding out all about 'The Age of Exploration' by sea and learnt all about how Christopher Columbus accidentally discovered America! In the more recent past, explorers have been journeying into space and we discovered that lots of animals as well as astronauts have been to space! Did you know that there was a Space Race between America and Russia? Russia had the first satellite in space called Sputnik 1 - we loved making models of it!

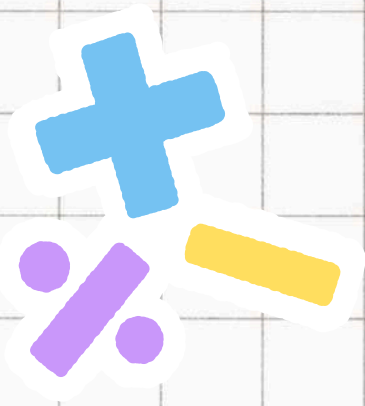
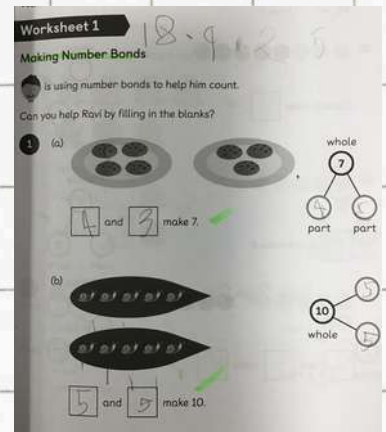
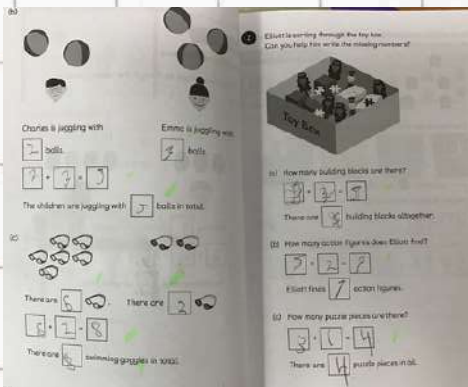


Our core texts of 'Man on the Moon' and 'Beegu' have linked with our work on space exploration. We have written postcards from space, sequenced our stories and written about the Space Race. We are trying so hard to use our segmenting fingers and our phonics to help us spell as well as remembering our finger spaces between words.



MATHS

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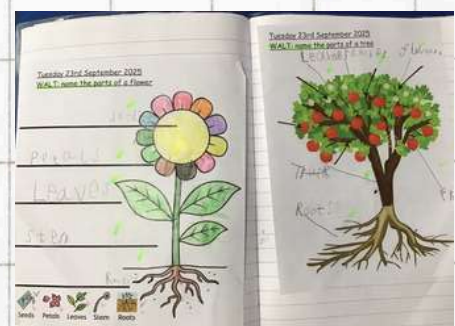
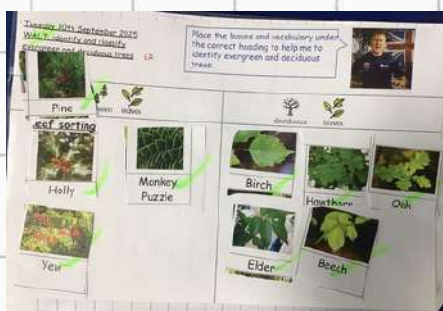
Our maths work started with lots of counting, before moving on to number formation, number bonds, addition and then subtraction of numbers up to ten. We love our 'Mastering Number' sessions which are really practical, but we also do lots of workbook maths in our main daily lessons.



SCIENCE

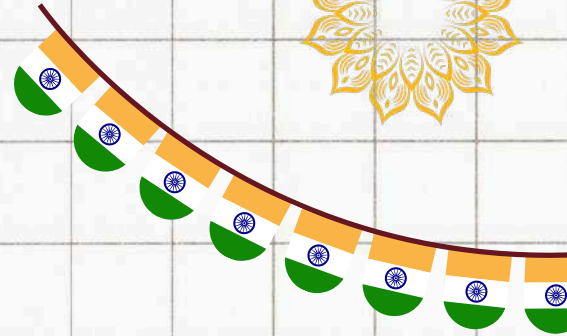
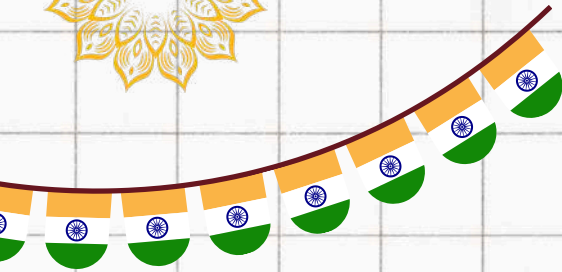


In science, we have explored the school grounds to help us to learn all about plants - from hunting for different plants to collecting leaves to group in different ways. We have looked at the structure of a tree and a plant and now know that not all trees lose their leaves in the autumn because they are evergreen. It is the deciduous trees that have leaves that change colour and fall off in the autumn.



World Food Day

16TH OCTOBER



INDEPENDENT SCHOOL EDUCATION LIMITED

Around the World



INDIA

TUESDAY 14 OCTOBER

MENU

- Chicken Korma with Pilau Rice and Poppadums
- Sweet Potato and Chick Pea Curry with Bombay Potatoes (Vegan)
- Jacket Potato with a Choice of Toppings
- Homemade Onion Bhaji (1, 7, 9)
- Chutneys in the Salad Bar
- Indian Cookies (1, 7, 9)

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Have you heard?

Team GB Gymnast SAFFRON SEVERN

is coming to our school

Scan to sponsor
Search our school



- Get the children moving in a fun fitness circuit
- Witness the strength, talent & resilience of a top gymnast
- Raise money for new sports equipment



Athlete Visit To Inspire Pupils

On Monday, we have the exciting opportunity to welcome a top GB athlete to our school! Pupils will take part in a high-energy fitness circuit and enjoy an inspiring assembly and Q&A session, learning valuable lessons about resilience, determination, and healthy living.

The sponsorship money raised from this event will go towards new sports equipment, helping to boost physical activity and well-being across our school.

👉 There's still time to donate online – every contribution makes a difference!

Thank you for your continued support!

harvest festival

Harvest Festival Donations – Please Help Us Support Our Local Community

As part of our Harvest Festival celebrations on Friday 25th October, we are kindly asking families to donate dried foods, tins, and other non-perishable items to support our local food banks.

To ensure we have time to sort and deliver the donations, please bring in your items by Monday 20th October.

All contributions will go directly to those in need in our community – every tin really does make a difference!

Thank you, as always, for your generosity and support.

Other News & Events



EMOTIONAL BASED SCHOOL AVOIDANCE (EBSA) PARENT/CARER SUPPORT GROUP

To take place on: Thursday 4th December, 2025 10 – 11.30am

Venue: Bexleyhealth Central Library in the Dickens Room.



Bexley Educational Psychologists are providing parent/carers the space to share their experiences, hear from others and gain support as part of a network for those supporting children and young people who are experiencing anxiety-related difficulties around attending school (including Emotional Based School Avoidance).

If you are interested in joining this group, please email: parentbasupport@bexley.gov.uk

BEXLEY Council Chamber, Bexley Civic Offices, 2 Watling Street, Bexleyheath, D16 7AT

Emotionally Based School Avoidance (EBSA) Parent/Carer Conference

Event Details:
21ST NOVEMBER 2025
11AM - 2PM
Council Chamber, Bexley Civic Offices, 2 Watling Street, Bexleyheath, D16 7AT

To register:
To register for a place please email: parentbasupport@bexley.gov.uk providing your name and contact details.

Event Schedule:	
10.30AM - 11AM	Registration and refreshments
11AM - 11.15AM	Introduction and welcome from Stephen Kitchman (Director of Children's Services)
11.15AM - 12.10PM	Our current understanding of EBSA and the Bexley model of support
12.10PM - 12.30PM	A parent's lived experience of EBSA and their child
12.30PM - 1PM	Break opportunity to talk to professional!
1PM - 2PM	Introducing Bexley's parent/Carer EBSA toolkit
2PM	Close

Neurodiversity Pre-Diagnosis

Do you think your child may be neurodiverse?

Neurodiversity is a term used to explain the unique ways people's brains work. While everyone's brain develops similarly, not two brains function just alike. Being neurodivergent means having a brain that works differently from the average or "neurotypical" person.

You may be on the pathway to diagnosis or just questioning. Come to our workshop (focusing on ASD and ADHD) to find out more.

We will cover:

- Early signs/symptoms
- Masking/hidden
- Pathways to diagnosis
- Self Support/HCPs
- Strategies for parents
- Questions and answers

Under age 5 and age 5-18 workshops will be available, so the pathway to diagnosis and support will vary.

www.bexleyvoice.org.uk

Health Workshop

Various dates available

Venue: Danson Youth Centre, Brampton Road, Bexleyheath, DA7 4EZ
or online via: MS TEAMS

Our free health workshop series provides Bexley Voice members with the opportunity to get information and gain new skills relating to your child or young person's condition (pre- and post-diagnosis). You will access peer parent-to-parent insights, feel less isolated, increase resilience and have more strategies to cope.

Advance booking required at: <https://forms.office.com/r/22640Wd1> or scan the QR code:

Hearing Loss

This workshop will provide information and support to Bexley parents and carers whose child may have D/deafness or hearing loss.

Our speaker, Yvette Wilson, Team Lead for Bexley Hearing Advice & Support Team, will be joining us to explain:

- The Deaf Team in Bexley; what they do and why
- Where to find more information
- The referral process
- Hearing aids
- How to support children with communication

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Parent Carer Workshop

Wednesday 15th October 25

10am-12noon

Danson Youth Centre
The Garden Road
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 parent demand.

Advance booking required at: <https://bexleyvoice.org.uk/submit-a-form/37375141574564> or scan the QR code:

