



PARKWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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From the Headteacher

With fine weather reported for today, Mrs Saich has organised for a film company to come in and undertake the initial work with regards filming the outside activity as part of our new film to go onto the website later this academic year. The team will return on Tuesday to undertake the inside filming when they will be taking footage of children undertaking their lessons. Please be assured that the office team have ensured that permissions are recorded for any child being filmed, in line with GDPR legislation. The film will go onto our updated website when completed.

To ensure the children are getting the best value for money we have changed our swimming provider as the cost of transport became unsustainable. Unlike some schools, we see teaching to swim as a fundamental life skill and as a result have moved to using the North Thamesmead pool which is accessible by public transport. Those children who would require more supportive transportation are taken in the school mini-bus. It is wonderful to see the excitement each week as the children get onto the mini-bus to go to swimming and the joy when they come out after swimming. It makes my Monday always feel so good.

This week saw the planting of the year 6 time capsule by Mr Martine's memorial bench, I am told that there will be more information about what went into the capsule later on in the newsletter.

With the thought of the final sunny day for a while, I wish you a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing all the children next week.

Mr Celino-Stock



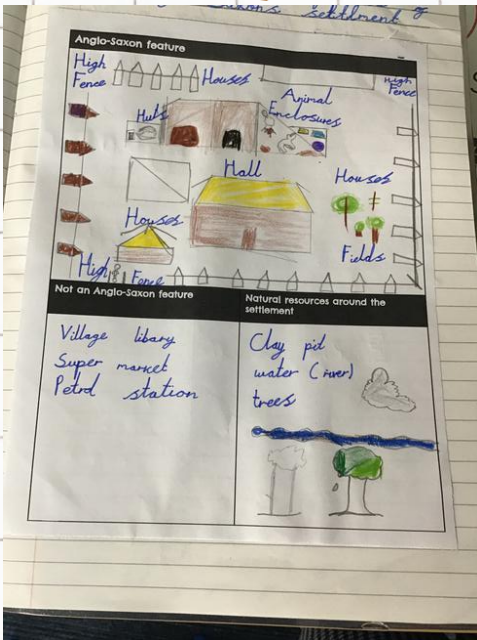
Dates To Remember

25th Sept - Around the world (France)
25th Sept - Ash 5 Class Assembly

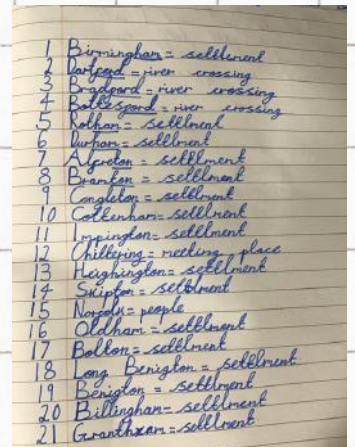
Ash 4



We've had a fantastic start to the term in Year 4, diving straight into our exciting new history topic: The Anglo-Saxons. We've been learning all about where they came from and why they came to Britain, and we've even organised our own timeline to help us understand how they fit into the wider history of Britain. It's been fascinating to explore what life was like in an Anglo-Saxon village – the kinds of homes they lived in, the food they ate, and all the different jobs they had to do, from farming and weaving to being warriors and craftsmen



Another exciting discovery has been finding out how many of our modern place names come from original Anglo-Saxon words. We've looked at names ending in "-ton", "-ham", and "-ford" and discussed what they mean!



In English, something mysterious happened – the Iron Man crash-landed on our school field! We had to investigate the crash site and work together to piece him back together again. This launched us into our new class text, *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes. We've been making predictions about the story, thinking about how the characters feel, and discussing what might happen next. We've also created some amazing Iron Man silhouettes, which are now proudly on display in our classroom.



In Maths, we've been working hard on our understanding of place value. This is such an important part of our number work, and we're becoming real experts. Ask any of us what place value means – we'd be more than happy to tell you!



It's been a busy, brilliant start to the term and we can't wait to keep learning, exploring, and discovering more together.

The Friends of Parkway Need Your Help

Come and join us at the next meeting to find out more

What will I be expected to do? The most common job is helping with events – helping to create and distribute flyers, helping to source raffle prizes, helping to set up, running a stall, and, most importantly, raising the profile amongst other parents/carers and the community – you give the time you have available to you!



Why do you need my help? Quite simply we cannot put on events and raise money for the children, and the school, if we don't have help!

What's in it for me? A sense of achievement, you could lead the meetings, take minutes, be part of the committee or just come to meet new people, know that you are helping the school and the children, and gain a sense of community.

Do I have to come to every meeting? No, you don't have to come to every meeting, minutes will be available on the school website but attendance at meetings is always welcome.



Good afternoon,

The Friends of Parkway is Parkway school's PTA (Parent-Teacher Association). It is an important part of helping our school community grow and succeed. It brings together parents/carers, teachers, and staff to support the children in many ways, like planning events, raising money for supplies, and improving the school environment. When parents/carers join the PTA, they have a chance to stay informed, share ideas, and be more involved in their child's education. Even a small amount of time or help can make a big difference. Joining the PTA is a great way to meet other parents/carers, support school staff, and make the school a better place for everyone.

By joining the PTA, parents/carers gain a stronger connection to the school, a chance to build community, develop new skills, and make a positive impact on their child's education.

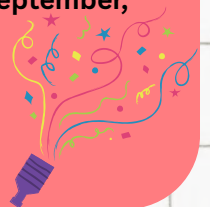
The school relies on parent/carer helpers to make events and activities possible. These events create great memories for the children, but they can't happen without parent/carer support. By volunteering time or skills, even in small ways, parents/carers help bring these special experiences to life. The school truly depends on this help to make things run smoothly and successfully.

No amount of time or help is too small – every contribution is appreciated.

Please come and join us at the next meeting of the Friends of Parkway on Thursday, 25th September, at 9:30am. Refreshments will be available from 9:00am.

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

All are welcome.
Kind regards,
Friends of Parkway





Bexley Voice Health Workshops

- Neurodiversity Pre-Diagnosis
- Autism Post-Diagnosis
- ADHD Post-Diagnosis

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

Various dates and in-person and online sessions available.

Scan the QR code for dates and to find out more:



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Bexley Voice Education Workshops

- SEN (Special Educational Needs) Support
- EHC (Education, Health and Care) Needs Assessments
- EHCPs and Outcomes
- EHCP Annual Review Process

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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 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/57575141574584>

or scan the QR code:



Description

Our free sessions provide parents and carers with an opportunity to talk to the Bexley Voice team; meet with other parents and get information and support relating to your child or young person (age 0-25) who may have an additional need and/or disability. (Your child does not need to have a diagnosis for you to attend.)

Where are they held?

The Danson Youth Centre, Brampton Road, Bexleyheath, DA7 4EZ.

When are they held?

Daytime Tea & Talks are held once a month (excluding April and August, due to school holidays) from 9:30am-12:30pm.
Evening Tea & Talks are held 4 times per year from 6:30pm-8:30pm. See specific dates at the bottom of this page.

Can I bring my children?

Tea & Talks are for adults only. Unfortunately, you cannot bring your children. If you are not able to attend because of childcare, please contact us.

Do I need to book?

No, you can just turn up but if you want a 1-1 session with a professional you will need to book in advance on our [Events Calendar](#).

Please contact:

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WakeUpWednesday
What Parents & Educators Need to Know about **SNAPCHAT**

With Snapchat's ever-evolving features, it's essential for parents and educators to stay informed about new and emerging safeguarding risks. From AI chatbots to paid content options, this week's #WakeUpWednesday guide takes a closer look at the platform's most pressing dangers – plus the latest updates to be aware of.

Whether it's sextortion, overspending on Snapchat+ or the effects of screen addiction, our guide provides up-to-date advice to help keep young users safe. It's essential reading for any parent or educator who wants to understand Snapchat's key risks – and support a safer, more positive experience for the children in their care.

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