



# PARKWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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### From The Headteacher

It's been wonderful to see so many of you at parents' evenings this week. These conversations are a valuable opportunity to celebrate your child's progress and discuss any questions you might have. If you weren't able to attend, your child's class teacher will be in touch this week to arrange an alternative time to meet.

Thursday brought our World Book Day celebrations, and what a spectacular sight! The creativity on display was fantastic – children and staff alike embraced the day with incredible costumes. A particular highlight was a remarkably lifelike Paddington Bear, complete with face paint. Throughout the day, classes engaged in book-focused activities, which Mr Trevena and I had the pleasure of observing during our learning exploration.

Also on Thursday, Ash 4 transported us back to 700CE with their fascinating presentation about the Vikings arriving in the UK. They cleverly wove in their 6 times table work too – Well done to everyone in Ash 4 for such an engaging assembly.

As part of our ongoing commitment to keeping all children safe, we regularly review our practices and listen to suggestions from our school community. Following a helpful conversation with a parent this week, we're asking all families to check their children's fingernails this weekend and trim them if needed. This simple step helps reduce the risk of accidental scratches during play and activities. Thank you for your support with this.

We've had some exciting new arrivals this week – five eggs! At the time of writing, two chicks have already hatched, and children across the school have been captivated by watching this wonderful natural process unfold.

With spring definitely on its way, I hope you all enjoy some time outdoors this weekend.

Looking forward to seeing you on Monday.

Mr Celino-Stock



### Dates To Remember

12th March - Oak 6 Assembly

13th March - Ash 5 British Museum Trip

# ASH N

What a fantastic start to the year! The children came back full of energy and curiosity, and we have loved seeing them settle in and grow in confidence. Our learning focused on two exciting topics: People Who Help Us and Chinese New Year, and there was lots of hands-on fun along the way.



When we learnt about People Who Help Us, we talked about all the special people who keep us safe and healthy, including police officers, firefighters, dentists, doctors, nurses and vets.

The children enjoyed sharing their own experiences and learning how each of these helpers supports us in different ways. We also talked about the emergency number 999 and when it is important to use it. A real highlight of the term was having visits from some real-life community helpers – the children were so engaged and full of brilliant questions!



There was plenty of creativity too. We learned a catchy toothbrushing song (you might have heard it at home!) and talked about how to keep our teeth clean and healthy. The children made their own X-rays, designed police cars and fire engines, and explored germs and handwashing through fun activities. Our role play area was full of excitement as the children confidently took on different roles and acted out real-life scenarios.



We celebrated Chinese New Year. The children loved learning about how this special celebration is marked around the world. Our role play area became a busy Chinese restaurant, with children taking orders and serving their friends. We explored music using drums and had lots of fun practising dragon dances – there was so much energy and laughter!

This term, we have moved on to our new topics: Once Upon a Time and Plants and Flowers. We are focusing on traditional tales and building a love of stories. We began with The Gigantic Turnip, enjoying retelling the story together and joining in with repeated phrases. Next, we will be exploring Jack and the Beanstalk, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, and The Three Little Pigs. The children have been wonderful at acting out the characters and growing in confidence when telling stories.



Alongside our storytelling, we have started learning about plants and flowers. The children have planted their own cress seeds and are very excitedly checking on them each day! This has helped us talk about what plants need to grow and how we can care for living things. Watching the first signs of growth has been very exciting for everyone.

# Join us for tea, cake, and conversation!



The Together for SEND Parent/Carer Group is meeting again on **Tuesday, 10th March at 2:00pm.**



Whether you've joined us before or this is your first time, all SEND parents and carers are warmly welcome.

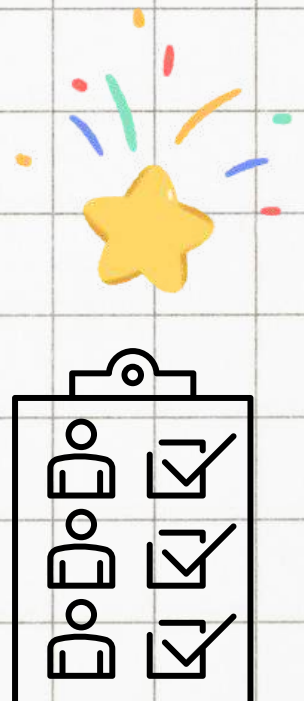
We're looking forward to growing our community, sharing our journeys, and supporting one another in a relaxed setting. We hope to see you there!



## *Most Improved Attendance*

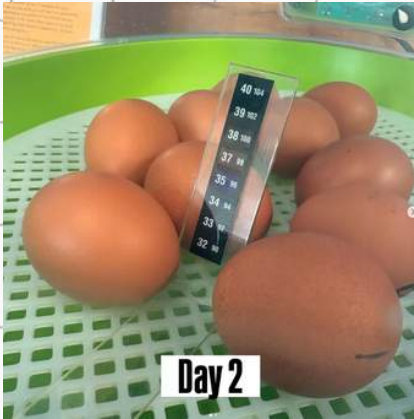
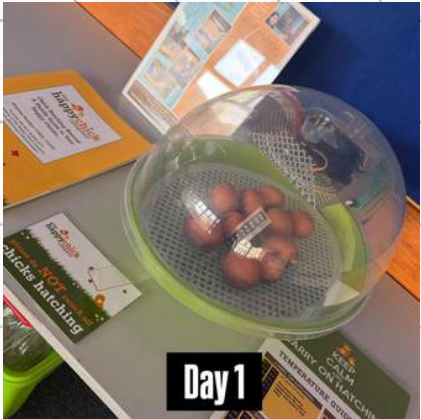
A huge well done to the following children for being awarded Most Improved Attendance this week! 🌟👏

Your commitment, effort, and positive attitude have not gone unnoticed. Keep up the fantastic work – we are so proud of you! 💙📚

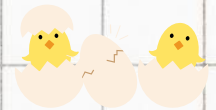




# CHICK UPDATE

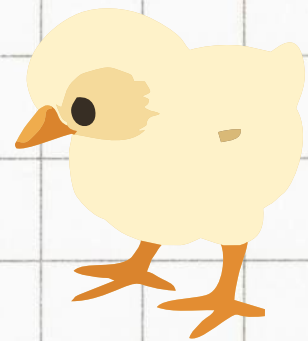


We were excited to receive the eggs on Tuesday this week, and since then the children have been fascinated watching the hatching process unfold.



Over the past few days, they have eagerly checked the incubator and enjoyed seeing the chicks slowly begin to hatch.

It has been a wonderful learning experience for the children, giving them the chance to observe the early stages of life up close. They have loved watching the tiny movements inside the eggs and celebrating each new arrival as the chicks make their way into the world.



The chicks are now settling in well, and the children are continuing to enjoy observing them and learning about how they grow and develop.



# Other News

## & EVENTS

### Easter Raffle Update!

We have lots of fantastic items ready for our Easter Raffle, which will be drawn on March 25th! 🎁  
 If you would like to take part, raffle tickets are available to purchase from the main school office. Make sure to get yours before the draw for a chance to win some lovely prizes!  
 Thank you for your support and good luck to everyone taking part! 🍀



📖 World Book Day Fun! 📖  
 We loved seeing all the children dressed up for World Book Day! The creativity and effort that went into the costumes were fantastic, and it was wonderful to see so many favourite book characters come to life around the school.  
 Thank you to everyone who took part and helped make the day so special! ⭐



### Summer Fete Reminder

A reminder that our Summer Fete will take place on June 4th. We are currently looking for stall holders to take part in the event.  
 If you are interested in running a stall, please email [friends@parkway.bexley.sch.uk](mailto:friends@parkway.bexley.sch.uk) for more information.  
 We look forward to another fantastic community event!

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**Tea & Talk Parent Carer Support Group**

Join us for a cuppa and an informal chat with other parents and our team, about anything SEND. Members and non members are welcome.

**Tuesday 10th March 26**

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

Advance booking only necessary for 1:1 sessions

<https://www.bexleyvoice.org.uk/calendar/item/6680795>

or scan the QR code for more information

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