



PARKWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



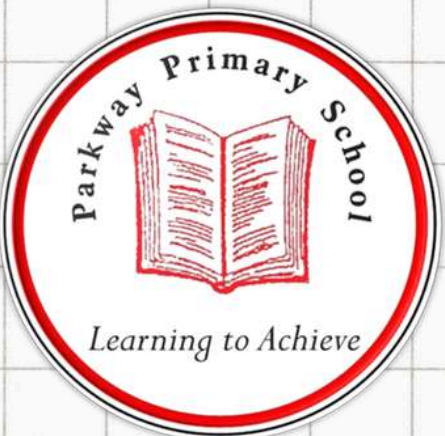
From The Headteacher

Welcome back to the final term of this school year, I hope your Easter holiday was all you hoped it would be. The children have started the term with some particularly exciting lessons which have included those following the Early Years Curriculum going across to the forest school and experiencing a controlled fire which they were then able to use to cook their marshmallows. Many of the children following the KS1 curriculum travelled back in time with their classroom turning into a Victorian learning environment and their teacher giving them an experience of a Victorian lesson. Meanwhile, those in Ash 1 became a variety of animals and explored how they move and communicate. Year 3 travelled back to the Roman era using our VR goggles and were able to experience some of the sights and sounds of the time. While Ash 4 had a trivia quiz to explore Europe. I was able to see Ash 5 very engaged in their South America topic when the teacher produced some pão de queijo from her cupboard which she had backed at home for the class. With all this exciting learning going on in week 1 I look forward to seeing it develop through the rest of the term.

This morning in our celebration assembly we were not only able to celebrate our usual wonderful learning activities but also had the opportunity to congratulate a third of the school for receiving the Head Teachers award for the second half of the spring term. To gain this award the children have to get to the top of the diamond at least four times in one week for four weeks. This is even more challenging in a shorter term which the Spring 2 term was. Well done to all those children.

A number of staff have completed their 'TEAM' teach training this week. This is a two-day course which supports children who may dysregulate. Well done to all the children who managed so well without their normal class teacher during those two days. One of the staff training this week is Miss Gilson, who is the teacher of the new Oak Reception class which will open on Monday. We welcome her to the Parkway family.

Have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing your children next week.
Mr Celino-Stock



Dates To Remember

- 23rd April - Spring Sporting Spectacular
- 24th April - Ash 5 Kew Gardens Trip
- 28th April - Ash 2 Museum Of London Docklands Trip



OAK 2



Hello families, and welcome to the start of a brand-new term! We hope you had a restful break and are ready for the exciting weeks ahead. Our overall theme for this term is "Changes," where we will be exploring how the world around us transforms in many different ways. To kick things off with a spark, our focus this week has been all about Fire.

Some of our Oak 1 children headed out to Forest School alongside Ash R and Ash N. It was a fantastic session as the children watched Miss Parsons build a real fire. The crackle of the wood and the warmth of the flames made a truly memorable experience that the children haven't stopped talking about!



Back in the classroom, we have been busy recreating the magic of fire using a variety of resources. The children have been:

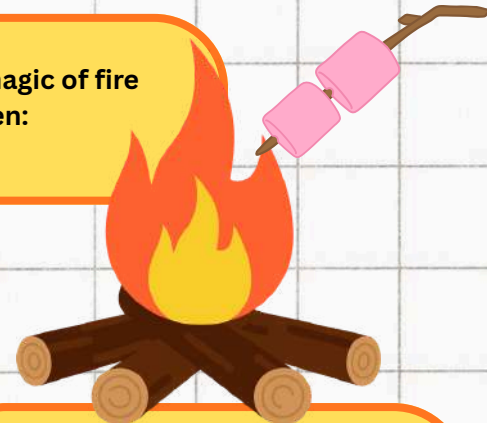
Identifying Colors: Recognising the vibrant reds, oranges, and yellows that within a flame.



Creative Building: Using different textures and materials to "construct" their own fire displays.



Observational Skills: Discussing how fire changes things—linking perfectly back to our termly theme.



A very special visitor has arrived at Parkway – a Dartford Bear Cub sculpture from Ellenor Hospice! Our children will have the amazing opportunity to design and decorate the bear, becoming part of a creative, community-driven project that truly makes a difference.

When the bear has been designed and decorated by the children, it will be distributed and displayed along with the other bears around the Dartford Borough and Bluewater Shopping Centre.

As part of this experience, we are inviting donations of £5 or more to support Ellenor Hospice, a wonderful charity that provides vital care for adults and children from diagnosis and beyond. Along with the donation, your child/children will get the opportunity to name the bear - putting the name in our hat challenge.

The children will be painting the bear on Tuesday and the donations are welcome to start being collected from next Monday.

To find out more click here
<https://dartfordbearhunt.co.uk/schools/>

Let's get creative, support a great cause, and make our bear truly unforgettable!

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WE'RE GOING ON A BEAR HUNT!

Official Wild in Art Partner

DARTFORD 2026

A Special Visitor!

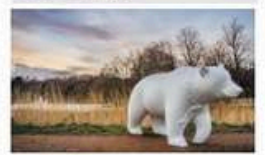
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The Art Trail

Our finished Bear Cub will be featured in the official Dartford Art Trail alongside 50 giant bears from July to September 2026!

Bear Sculpture



How to Give

- 1 Donate via our school office payment system
- 2 Donate via cash to the school office



Support Our Hospice

As part of this incredible experience, we are inviting donations of **£5 or more** to support the designing of the bear and the children having the opportunity to name the bear.



Your contribution helps provide vital care for children and adults facing life-limiting illnesses in our community.

ellenor hospice care
Registered Charity No. 102958

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Bluewater Shopping Centre

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RMHC



Reminder: Spring Sporting Spectacular!

A quick reminder that our Spring Sporting Spectacular is happening next Thursday 23rd April!

Children will be taking part in a fun-filled circuit of sporty challenges on the field, all in support of Miss Noller's London Marathon run in aid of RMHC (Ronald McDonald House Charities). 🏆

Please ensure sponsorship forms are returned to your child's class by Thursday 23rd April.

We're looking forward to a fantastic day of fun, energy, and fundraising for such a wonderful cause. Thank you for your continued support!

Uniform Reminder

As the weather begins to get warmer, we would like to remind families about our school uniform expectations, particularly regarding summer dresses.

We kindly ask that all children come to school dressed in the correct uniform each day. If you are unsure about any aspect of the uniform requirements, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain high standards.



SCHOOL UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

Smart black trousers, skirt, pinafore or culottes (no leggings)

Red Polo shirt (no white shirts/blouses or any other coloured shirt/blouse)

Red school sweatshirt/fleece with or without Parkway logo

Plain red cardigan

Plain black or white socks

Plain black or white tights (no footless tights)

All black shoes (no boots or high heels)

In summer term a red and white checked summer dress may be worn

In summer term smart black shorts may be worn

Headscarves – Plain red, black or white only

Hair beads – Plain black, red or white (not worn for P.E.)



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

To take place on: **Wednesday 13th May, 2026 5.30 – 7 pm**

Venue: **Danson Youth Centre – Ashmole Hall**



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:
parentebsasupport@bexley.gov.uk