

Parkside Primary

Thursday 3rd April 2025



Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to all of our children who have worked so hard in their learning this term and have made great progress. We have had a number of exciting trips, learning workshops and wonderful class assemblies taking place this term. You are all 'Proud to Shine!' Also a big thank you to our staff for their hard work this term!

Main Office Update:

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this term in regard to the office. The main works have been completed but there now has to be a period of monitoring to ensure that there is no further movement. New windows and a new door will then be installed. Therefore the office at Peel Close will stay in place until the end of the summer term.

Parents/carers' Evening:

Thank you to everyone who attended the parent/carer evening last week. It is really important to know how your child is progressing at school and we saw lots of smiling faces!



Optional DT Competition:

We were delighted with the range of creations entered into the DT sustainability project. It was lovely to see how creative the children are. Winners were announced in assembly and posted on our social media platforms. Thank you to everyone who entered the competition. All entries were displayed in the Willow room for parents/carers to see during parents' evening.

Sporting News:

Our fabulous gymnasts all performed to their 'Personal Best' during a festival led by Chingford Foundation Leaders.

Children also represented the school in basketball, football, Tri-Golf and cross-country.



BMX:

Over 150 children from years 4-6 had a fantastic experience with Cog Cycling, where they learned the basic skills and safety aspects of BMX. They all now have the opportunity to join a BMX club out of school.

We have clubs coming up next term for yoga, tag rugby, athletics and table tennis. Please look out for the emails to register.

PFA (Parkside Funding Association):



Thank you to all the donations given this term and to the parents/carers involved with the PFA (Parkside Funding Association). Thank you to the members who have made sure our Pre-Loved Uniform Shop is continually well-stocked. They have also contributed to the purchase of the children's Easter treats (which the children will receive on Friday).

Red Nose Day:

Thank you for all of your donations. The children looked fantastic today in their red/own clothes. The school raised over £442 – well done Parkside!

**Opal Play:**

If you are having a spring clean ready for the summer, would you kindly think of us? We are looking for the following items for Opal play to be used during playtimes and lunchtimes: Wooden Spoons, plastic digging tools for gardening, buckets, ropes, unwanted clean paint brushes, netting, cable drums, suitcases, buggies or pushchairs, old hoovers - cleaned out, scooters, bikes or ride-ons, watering cans steering wheels, Lego, Playmobil, Duplo, action figures, dinosaurs, plastic animals, dolls, toy cars or trucks, and any old snow sledges. We currently do not need any pots, pans or soft toys. The children are looking forward to the sunny weather ready for sand and water play.



Please see the future Parent/Carer assemblies below:

Thursday 24th April	Reception Pwerle – Mrs Higgins
Thursday 1 st May	Reception Kusama – Miss Saxby
Thursday 8 th May	Reception Shemza – Ms Pereira

Ladies Day:

The Nursery children enjoyed practising and learning new songs to sing to their mum's on Ladies' Day. Thank you to everyone who attended.

Trips:

Some year groups attended their exciting trips this week:

- Year 4 went to Royal Gunpowder Mills,
- Year 1 went to Hertfordshire Zoo
- Year 2 went to the Frameless Immersive Experience.



A huge thank you to the staff and volunteers who went on the trips with the children

Non-uniform for wet play games:

Thank you for your very generous donations, we raised £698 This money will go towards games the children use during wet play.

Eid celebrations:

On Thursday 24th April, we will be holding our cultural day. We would like the children to come to school dressed in clothing that represents their culture and traditions.

The Parkside Funding Association (PFA) are once again bringing an Eid and Multi-Cultural event for you to enjoy. This will take place on Thursday 24th April after school in the main playground. Donations welcome.

Toy Day: Friday 4th April

Children may bring in toys on Thursday but please remember not to send in iPads/phones, chargers and smartwatches for safety and to avoid the risk of them becoming lost or mixed up!

Children need to wear uniforms on this day.



Please remember that the children finish early tomorrow:

Year 3,4,5 and 6 – 2.20 pm

Reception/Year 1/Year 2 – 2.30 pm

After School Club (Childcare) – finishes at 5.00 pm

Children return to school on Tuesday 22nd April 2025

Wishing everyone a Happy Easter and Eid Murabak to those families who celebrated at the weekend.

Wishing all of our families a lovely break.

Yours sincerely,

Lisa Cousins
Head teacher