

Parkside Primary School



14th February 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to all of our children who have worked so hard in their learning this half term and have made great progress. We are extremely proud of all of them.



Lovely news: Mr Smith (Assistant Headteacher) became the proud father of a bouncing baby boy earlier this week named Luca. He weighed 8lbs 2oz. I'm sure you will join us in wishing his family every happiness.

Duffy Class: As you will be aware, all of our classes are named after artists. Duffy class (Year 6) have been having regular communication with their class artist, Dan Duffy. Earlier on in this half term, the class received a package all the way from America containing 30 large pieces of his artwork - all hand signed. Such a lovely surprise!



Young Voices: On Tuesday 21st January Miss Luckie, Ms Warriner and several other members of staff took 25 children (our choir) to the O2 to participate in Young Voices 2025. This event has been running for 30 years and brings together schools from all over the UK to sing together. The children, staff and parents/carers that attended had a fabulous time and made special memories that will last a lifetime. Thank you to all the staff and the parents/carers who supported and attended this event.

School office move: Please remember that our school office will be located at the Peel Close end from, Monday 24th February.

Parent/Carer Assemblies: Thank you to all the parents/carers and family members who have attended the assemblies so far this academic year. The children have been showcasing their learning and have been so excited to perform for you.

School Council: The School Council has been very busy this half term and have been very dedicated in attending their weekly meetings with Mrs Ooi. They did a fantastic job of organising Children's Mental Health Week, including a non-uniform day where £391 was raised for the charity 'Place2Be'. They also held their first ever assembly to the rest of the school to continue to promote the importance of mental health. The School Council should be very proud of themselves and we can't wait to see what their next project will be!

Please see events planned for next half term:

Date	Event
Thursday 27 th March	Year 1 Klee - Class Assembly
Tuesday 4 th March	Pancake Day Race
Wednesday 5 th March	Reception to Year 2 - Pick up and read event
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day
Wednesday 12 th March	School Community Nurse Drop in 2 to 3 pm
Wednesday 19 th March	Year 5 – Science Museum Trip
Thursday 20 th March	Year 1 Amatina – Class Assembly
Friday 21 st March	Red Nose Day
Monday 24 th March	Parents Evening
Wednesday 26 th March	Parents Evening
Thursday 27 th March	Year 1 Cosmin – Class Assembly
Friday 28 th March	Nursery Ladies Day
Monday 31 st March	Year 4 Castaldo – Gunpowder Mills Trip
Tuesday 1 st April	Year 4 Murakami & Wells – Gunpowder Mills Trip
Wednesday 2 nd April	Year 1 – Hertfordshire Zoo Trip
Thursday 3 rd April	Year 2 – Frameless Trip
Friday 4 th April	End of term Toy Day

Pre-loved Uniform Shop: Thank you to the Parkside Parents/Carers Fundraising Association members who keep restocking the pre-loved uniform shed. If you would like to donate any uniform, please make sure it is in great condition and has been washed before you donate.

Our Website, X (formerly Twitter) Facebook and Instagram: Please check our website <https://www.parksideprimaryschool.org/> and X (Twitter) (@parkside21e4), where you will see lots of pictures of our recent events and activities. A big thank you goes to Mrs Brett who maintains our X (Twitter), Facebook, Instagram and website and captures all of the wonderful moments we have at Parkside on camera.

P.E News: We have had another successful term of competitions and festivals with children across the school participating in Girls' football, Panathlon, and dodgeball. Also, our fabulous Year 3 children achieved bronze medals in Tri golf. Some of our Year 5 and 6 children represented Waltham Forest at the North London Table Tennis Competition. Parkside received an award for our girls' participation in football! We are extremely proud of them all!

Opal: We are very short on Opal supplies we need your help, do you have any contacts – do you know a builder, shop owner or someone who works in a trade? We have attached a list of things we need, could you help source any of the following items or point us in the right direction? With the weather getting better we want the children to have as many resources as possible so they can have the maximum amount of fun.

Parkside Funding Association Bake Sale: A big thank you to all the parents and children who baked cakes for the bake sale! They not only looked fantastic but tasted incredible too! We also appreciate the Parkside Fundraising Association for organising the event and everyone who contributed with donations.



I hope you all have a lovely half term.

Children return to school on Monday 24th February 2025

Yours sincerely,

Lisa Cousins
Headteacher

