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Park Street Press!

Park Street C of E

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Rainbow Awards

We are so proud of the children who earned Rainbow Bricks and Rainbow Certificates.



Keep up the great work!

Congratulations go to :

Olivia, Annie (R), Anya (Y1), Elijah, Sophie, William(Y2), Jacob, Zoe (Y3), Milo, Hisayuki (Y4), Isabella, Freya (Y5) and Izzie, Lois, T-Jay (Y6)

History Week



Last week, we held a very successful History Week to learn about the end of the First World War. All classes visited the War Memorial in Park Street where they were told about some men whose names are on the memorial and who lived a few streets away from our school. Each class came together for a whole school worship led by Nick Weir, where a special remembrance rose bush was blessed and was later planted in our Peace Garden. The children have also written a prayer for a special book of remembrance to go on display. The week finished with a whole school themed day, where the children learnt about toys and games from 1918, built a trench, designed medals from the War and wrote poetry.

Thank you all for your support and for allowing your children to bring in personal family artefacts/photos from this time and talk about how the war affected their own family. This really helped the children to fully understand why we have a Remembrance Day every year.



Cross Country Girls' Team Victory!!



On Wednesday 7th November we went to the St Albans and District Cross Country Championships held at Wheatfields School. Through wind, rain and mud the whole team put a fantastic display of cross country running.

The boys' team ended in 5th place out of 23 schools (129 runners) and the girls' team won the team event with our best runners coming in 6th, 8th, 14th and 21st place out of 18 schools (108 runners).

The next cross country league meeting will take place in February. Both teams hold a very strong position in the league event. We are very much looking forward to the next event and hopefully will be informing you of more cross country success.

The girls' team: Izzy T, Lois, Miyuki, Katka, Izzy S and Anna

The boys' team: George C, James, Sebastian, Ollie, Reece and Samuel



Netball Report By Tilly and Florence

On Wednesday 14th November, Y5 and Y6 netball teams went to Killigrew School to play their second match of the season. Killigrew had a very tall team to say the least; however Park Street played very well. The pitch was very slippery and hard to play on. In the Y6 match, Killigrew managed to get two goals first, but Park Street fought back and got a goal in the first half. The end results were very close but Killigrew got 4 goals and Park Street ended with 2. Meanwhile, Y5 played extremely well for their first match of this year. They showed great teamwork and sportsmanship. Although their match ended 2-1 to Killigrew, they played very well with great defence and attack from both sides.

Table Tennis

What a fantastic evening we had at the tennis competition on Wednesday at Marlborough School. We took a boys and a girls' team with four players in each team. In the group stage our boys' team had to play Gardenfields, Wheatfields and St Bernadettes, drawing one game and losing two, against some very good competition. We ended up in third place in our group and didn't qualify for the next round.

The girls' team had to play Bernards Heath, St Bernadettes and Gardenfields winning all three games. The girl's team, after an anxious wait, found they were through to the final against Wheatfields. Unfortunately, Wheatfields had some very strong players and we lost the final but it was a tremendous achievement to get to the final.

Our successful table tennis players were Kannan, Fenton, George C and Taio in the boys' team and Katka, Scarlett, Anya and Miyuki in the girls' team. Well done everyone!



Play and Learn



It's been lovely having lots of our children coming along to our weekly PaL sessions to play and explore. We're taking a break from our exploration of Nursery Rhymes at the moment to consider Diwali, Remembrance Sunday and Children in Need.



After listening to parent feedback, we have adjusted the session donation fee to £1 per child. We hope that this will make our play session more accessible to all. We would love to



grow our family and see more of our community visiting and taking part. If you know of any parents or carers of children aged between 0 and 4 years please do mention PaLs to them. Thank you to all of you who have supported us since we began in September, we look forward to seeing you again soon. You can now follow us on twitter too (@Park_pals)



From the PSSA

With only a few weeks until the Christmas Fayre, our biggest event of the year, we are very busy with preparations. Thank you to all those who have volunteered to help decorate the tree on Tuesday 27th, to set up the Fayre from 1.45 on Friday 30th and to man the stalls during the events. We have lots of lovely stalls – jazzy jars, cakes, second hand uniform and Christmas wear to name a few. Santa will be making an appearance too so please look out for details on how to book your slots. We still need volunteers so please speak to your class reps if you can cover one of the time slots still empty. We also need donations of Christmas jumpers, teddies, jazzy jars and cakes. Watch our Facebook page for more details.



Don't forget to follow us on Twitter @ twitter.com/ParkStSchool



Children are invited to decorate their own jazzy jar and enter it into a competition for the most festive jar. Please add a label with your child's name and class onto your child's creation if they would like to take part. We are also hosting a children's baking competition, with prizes for the most festive creation and the tastiest.

Year 1 and 2 Outdoor Classroom

Year 1 and 2 have been enjoying their outside classroom this term. We have noticed that so many of the children are enjoying loose parts play – particularly for construction. They can be found building all kinds of structures with the materials we currently have.

For those who don't know, loose parts can be anything and their possibilities are endless. From scrap materials like crates, guttering, planks of wood to the more natural loose parts (sticks, shells, leaves and conkers), loose parts offer a child limitless possibilities for their play and learning. Loose parts allow children to invent, to create, to evaluate and to self-correct/modify. Children playing with loose parts are more physically active and their use facilitate cooperation, communication and negotiation.

With this in mind we are looking to build up the materials we can offer the children. We are looking for donations of the following items:

- Bread crates
- Milk crates
- Wooden cable reels
- Wood slices (stepping stone sized)



We're also hoping to create an outdoor seating area, so would be happy to receive a donation of any garden benches in reasonable condition. If you can help please contact the KS1 team.

Thanks in advance for your support.

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Thank you to all those who supported this year's Poppy Appeal. Your generosity is very much appreciated.



Christmas Lunch



Our Christmas Lunch will be on Wednesday 19th December. Please note that on that day there will be only two options available (red and green – see attached menu).

To assist the kitchen team so they can order and prepare enough food, could you please indicate your child's choice by returning the attached slip by Friday, 23rd November. If your child does not usually have a school meal on Wednesdays but would like to join in, you are welcome to make your selection from the options given. If this is a one-off meal and your child has an allergy or intolerance you are required to sign a Special Diet Requirement form (available from the school office). The cost of this meal is the same as for any other school meal (£2.45) which can be paid via our Gateway system or in cash – except for children in years R to Y2 who are entitled to a free school meal. If you would like your child to have a home packed lunch instead, please feel free to include something festive in it. Thanks.

DIARY DATES

Autumn 2018

21 st November	Nursery and Reception Tours at 2.00pm (full)
23 rd November	Non-uniform day
24 th November	Nursery and Reception Open Morning from 10am to 12pm
28 th November	Nursery & Reception parents – Stay and Play 9am to 10am
30 th November	Christmas Fayre 3.30pm to 5.30pm
3 rd December	R-Y5 Nasal Flu Vaccinations
4 th December	Y6 St Albans Abbey Carol Service 10.30am to 11.30am Y2 last swimming session
6 th December	Nursery and Reception Tours at 10.00am (full)
7 th December	Daily Mile
9 th December	Christingle Service at Holy Trinity Church at 4pm
10 th December	Y1/Y2 Dress Rehearsal
11 th December	Foundation Stage Dress Rehearsal Y1/Y2 Christmas Play at 2pm
12 th December	Y3/Y4 Dress Rehearsal Y1/Y2 Christmas Play at 2pm Y3/Y4 Christmas Play at 6.30pm
13 th December	Foundation Stage Christmas Play at 9.30am Y3/Y4 Christmas Play at 6.30pm
14 th December	Foundation Stage Christmas Play at 9.30am
18 th December	Nursery and Reception Tours at 10.30am
19 th December	Christmas Lunch
21 st December	Carol Service – parents welcome 1.15pm break up

Compliments, Suggestions and Concerns

With every newsletter we will be sending out a sheet for you to send your compliments, suggestions and concerns in to the school as part of our school commitment to improve communication. These may be returned to the school office. Any slips that are signed will be acknowledged and all slips shared with the Governing Body. It is particularly helpful, though not essential, that you supply your name in order that we can respond to you.

Compliments

Signed:

Suggestions

Signed:

Concerns

Signed: