



Newsletter



Summer Term 1

As we wrap up the Summer Term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on our recent experiences and share some important updates with you. This term has truly given us a mix of weather and experiences, including some lovely sunny days and concluding with a significant downpour this past week. Despite this, our school community continues to thrive and achieved great things.

We were thrilled to welcome James Lyons, a talented musician, rap artist, and beatboxer, to our school. James taught the whole school to beatbox, performing his own work and filling the school with energy and fun.

James also held workshops for Year 5 and Year 6, where students learned beatboxing techniques and rapping. The workshops concluded with an assembly performance featuring standout acts and potential future stars. A big thank you to James Lyons for inspiring our students with his talent and passion.

Another highlight was our Early Years 'Stay and Play' event. It was a tremendous success, filled with laughter, learning, and lots of fun. Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who joined us; your involvement made the afternoon special for the children.

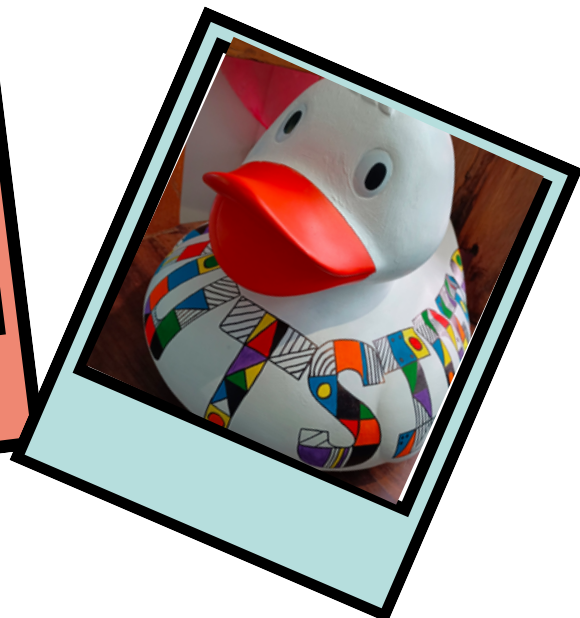
I am incredibly proud of our Year 6 students who have completed their SATS tests. Their hard work and determination were evident, and we know their results will reflect their efforts. Well done to each and every one of them.

I would also like to remind parents that our team is always here to support you and your children. If you have any concerns or need assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

On a related note, we need your continued support to ensure excellent attendance. Regular attendance is crucial for your child's educational development. Please avoid picking up your child early from the office without a valid reason, as it can disrupt their learning process.

Thank you for your cooperation and for being such a vital part of our school community. Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable break.

Mrs Cairns
Head Teacher



Celebrating Our Achievements

We are thrilled to announce that three members of our school community have been shortlisted for the Chester Standard Education Awards, highlighting the exceptional dedication and talent within our school.

Mrs. Millett-Reid: Support Worker of the Year

Mrs. Millett-Reid has been shortlisted for 'Support Worker of the Year', a recognition well-deserved for her unwavering dedication and caring nature over many years. She loves our children and consistently goes above and beyond to support their needs, creating a nurturing and positive environment for them to thrive in. Her compassionate approach and genuine concern for each child's well-being make her an invaluable part of our school community.

Ms. Hughes: Teacher of the Year

Ms. Hughes has been shortlisted for Teacher of the Year, a testament to her exceptional talent, hard work, and commitment. She has transformed the curriculum, teaching, and learning at our school, bringing innovative ideas and a fresh perspective that have greatly benefited our students. This is reflected in the children's workbooks and in our assessment outcomes which are consistently strong. Her passion for education and her relentless pursuit of excellence inspire both her colleagues and students alike.

Freya Morris: Pupil of the Year

Freya Morris in Year 6 has been shortlisted for Pupil of the Year. Freya has overcome adversity with remarkable resilience and always greets each day with a smile. Her positive attitude, determination, and ability to persevere through challenges make her a role model for her peers and a source of pride for our school.

We are incredibly proud of Mrs. Millett-Reid, Ms. Hughes, and Freya for their outstanding achievements and contributions. Their recognition is a reflection of the exceptional community we have here, and we wish them the best of luck at the awards ceremony on 12th July.



Nursery

What a busy and fun-filled half term it has been in Nursery! Once again, we have loved being outside and enjoying the warm weather - minus this week of course!

After Easter, we welcomed new children into our class and they have settled so well into life at Parklands: we are so proud of them.

This half term, the children have loved learning about minibeasts and planting. When the class caterpillars came to stay, the children loved observing their changes overtime, and setting them free into the wild. The children enjoyed reading the story of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and planting their own not so magic beans! Now that their beans are starting to grow, the children are keen to see how they are changing and are eager to help them grow, successfully. To support our story of 'The Enormous Turnip', the children learned about root vegetables and their different textures, smells and shapes and even learnt a song about them! In their most recent topic, the children have enjoyed building their own bug hotels and learning about different minibeasts.



Reception

The children had an amazing time with beatboxer James. His beats got everyone dancing in the hall, creating a fun and lively atmosphere. Our little artists created beautiful artwork inspired by Vincent Van Gogh. From swirling stars to vibrant sunflowers, their creativity shone brightly. After reading 'The Extraordinary Gardener,' the children planted seeds and watched them grow. This hands-on activity taught them about nature, responsibility, and patience. In our 'No Outsiders' work, the children explored different kinds of families. They learned that families come in all shapes and sizes and that love is what matters most.



Reading together



Being tucked up in bed



Having our hair brushed



Playing hide and seek



Year 1

What a busy half term Year 1 have had. We started off the term with a trip to Church Farm, where the children learnt how to care for animals. They even got to feed sheep and hold rabbits. In English the children have loved immersing themselves into our class text 'The Secret of Black Rock'. A favourite lesson was when we turned our classroom into the deep sea and created poetry and descriptions. In Geography we have managed to take our learning outside, and the children have located the UK seas on maps. They even found out that if you cross the English Channel you get to France! Year 1 have some great computer whizzes. They have learnt to log into the laptops and use the keys to type sentences during their computing lessons. What a brilliant half term we have all had.



Year 2

What an incredible half term! The children have worked so hard and impressed me greatly. In Geography, we've learned about Africa, exploring its animals and comparing life in Ellesmere Port to Kenya. In English, we focused on 'Jack and the Baked Beanstalk' by Colin Stimpson and enjoyed writing persuasive letters from the Giant to Jack. In Mathematics, the children developed their understanding of time and measurements, focusing on reading clocks to quarter past and quarter to. Our Science lessons covered animals including humans, with discussions on exercise and health. We even did an investigation competing with Reception to see if older children could do more star jumps in 30 seconds. Other highlights include a PE afternoon with Complete PE and learning about artist Georgia O'Keeffe.



Year 3

This half term, Year 3 have studied 'Into the Forest' and 'Seen not Heard' in English, focusing on letter and narrative writing. They've improved their writing by using subordinate conjunctions, adverbs of manner, and adverbs of time. In Mathematics, they studied fractions, including finding equivalents, adding fractions, and determining fractions of amounts.

In Geography, they explored 'Our European Neighbours and Famous Landmarks,' identifying countries in Europe and learning about Greece, its islands, landmarks, and currency. They created fantastic leaflets on this topic.

In PE, they practiced rounders skills and played a basketball match against Year 4, showing resilience and teamwork.

They also visited a synagogue and cathedral in Liverpool, where their behavior was impeccable; they were so respectful. They enjoyed learning about different features of each place of worship, especially the whispering arch at the cathedral.



Year 4



Year 4 have had a fantastic start to Summer Term! They've enjoyed our English texts like 'The Lost Happy Endings' and 'The Highland Falcon Thief.' They've worked hard on multiplication, perimeter, and fractions in Mathematics. In Art, they've created bright mosaic pieces inspired by Alma Thomas and learned the ukulele with Mrs. Wright. They've also classified living things in Science and explored the River Mersey in Geography. It's been an exciting half term for Year 4!

Year 5

Year 5 have had a very busy, yet enjoyable start to summer term. In English, the children have enjoyed reading the story of 'King Kong' and have produced some wonderful persuasive writing. Over the last few weeks, the children have been focusing on fractions, decimals and percentages in their mathematics lessons. The children loved a workshop with a musician and beat boxer; they were extremely enthusiastic and wrote some great raps of their own. Another highlight of this half term was visiting a synagogue and a cathedral in Liverpool. The children were very respectful and enjoyed learning in both settings – they were a credit to the school! They were also lucky enough to have a workshop with Cheshire Phoenix basketballers which they thoroughly enjoyed. During geography lessons, the children have been learning about North America and its different tourist attractions as well as the climate there. In PE, the children have continued with a dance unit and have been doing rounders in their games lesson. They have made good progress with this.



Year 6

The whole class worked really hard this term in all aspects of school life, and especially towards their assessments in Mathematics and English. All of the staff have been so proud of our Year 6 children. Their resilience and effort has been amazing and they all were determined to try their best.

In Geography lessons, the children have begun studying the South West of the USA and comparing life there with life in the North West of England. The children have been learning about 'Inheritance and Evolution' in Science lessons where they have shown great interest in applying the learning to themselves. Despite the recent weather, Year 6 have enjoyed rounders lessons in PE where many have been very competitive! A lot of collaboration and imaginative activity was seen when 3D sculptures of spiders were made.

We have been lucky to have many visitors to enhance learning including: staff from Theatre Porto who encouraged creativity and use of imagination; the 'Voices of the Future' team who are working with the children on a digital project; Becky, a drama teacher who is supporting us with the end of year play, Romeo and Juliet; the wonderful James, a rapper and beat boxer with whom a Romeo and Juliet themed class rap was put together.

What a wonderfully hardworking and creative half term it has been!

