

Parkside Primary School Newsletter



30th June 2023

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Weekly Update

It has been another busy week at Parkside. It was a pleasure to welcome our Year Five children back for a sleepover last Friday. They had an amazing evening, watching the sunset, enjoying a campfire and treats provided by Alaskan Ice. We played games on the field before the children retreated to their tents (for a very small amount of time) then enjoying breakfast before dropping their tents in the morning and heading home. For some children this was the first time that they had stayed away from home! The children showed such resilience, team work, respect and kindness towards each other! As staff we were most definitely proud to be Parkside, what an opportunity for our Champions!

Sports Day was a resounding success, the balance of events, the organisation, the children's enjoyment and support for each other were just a few of the highlights mentioned. Thank you for your parental support, it was lovely to see the school come together for the same shared outcome and a celebration of sport.

Next week brings the first of our Matilda productions. Good luck to Year Six, we know you will be amazing!

Have a lovely weekend, we look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Mrs Bell

Attendance

Attendance across the school this week has been 96% with Mrs Clowes's Six Amigos winning the week with 97%, amazing well done!

Please ensure all children arrive to school prior to 8:55am. If they arrive after this time you will be asked to go to the school office for registration purposes.

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Spotlight on....

We are very excited to announce that from tomorrow Parkside will be one of the organisations represented in the blue coin drop at Tesco. This is a Community Grant in partnership with Groundwork WM Community Grants and we have applied for funding to improve our outdoor provision that we utilise for Forest School. This champions every child that uses the area by providing an endless variety of opportunity and new resources.

Our project name is "Parkside Primary School's Forest School Re-vamp"

Please ask for your blue token's when you pay for your shopping and ask all family/friends to use their votes for the school! If we win, it will mean £1,500 towards Forest School which will benefit every child.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesdays

Stay and Solve

Tues 4th July

Yr 6 Matilda Community Performance

Wed/Thurs 5th/6th July

Yr 6 Matilda Performances

Tues 4th July

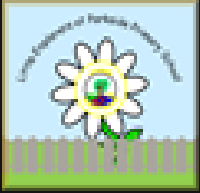
Yr 1 trip to Victoria Park

Tues 11th July

Transition days for new Reception, Whole School and SGB Transitions

Wed 12th July

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Early Years at Parkside

Little Explorers Nursery and Reception

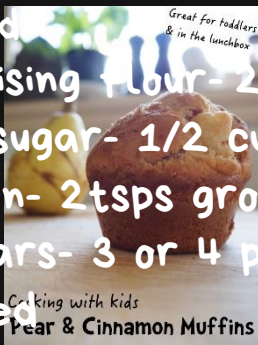
This week has been jam-packed! All of our children enjoyed taking part in their Sports Day events. This year the Little Bears had their own separate Sports Day and it was hugely successful. Tiny Stars and Shooting Stars enjoyed a carousel of activities to compete against themselves, finished off by a competitive egg and spoon race and running race. Great fun was had by all! Thank you for your continued support; the children enjoyed hearing you cheer them on. This week the Little Bears have been learning all about slugs and snails; they enjoyed making their own slime and mark making in the goo. Tiny Stars have continued to extend their knowledge about people who help us, drawing different occupations. They have also been eager to observe the changes in their butterflies - they will soon be ready to go to pastures new. Shooting Stars have been busy recalling the events of their trip to Peak Wildlife Park to write their own retell. Have a lovely weekend, Miss Bills.

Try this at home

Pear & Cinnamon Muffins

You will need

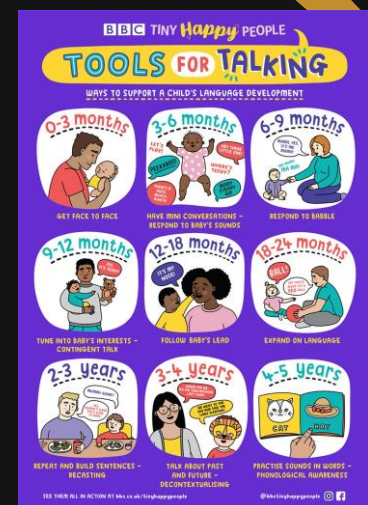
- Self-raising flour- 2 cups sifted
- Brown sugar- 1/2 cup
- Cinnamon- 2tsp ground
- Ripe pears- 3 or 4 peeled, cored and diced
- Milk- 2/3 cup
- Olive oil- 1/4 cup
- Egg- 1



Instructions:

- Preheat oven to 180°C (356°F) and lightly spray muffin tin with cooking oil
- Combine the dry ingredients and carefully stir through your diced pear
- Whisk your wet ingredients together and pour into a well in your dry ingredients
- Carefully combine all your ingredients together without over stirring and then fill muffin tray mix
- Sprinkle the top of each muffin with some extra cinnamon and option brown sugar
- Bake for 20 minutes or until done. They should spring back when pressed on top.

Did you know?



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Parkside Pantry

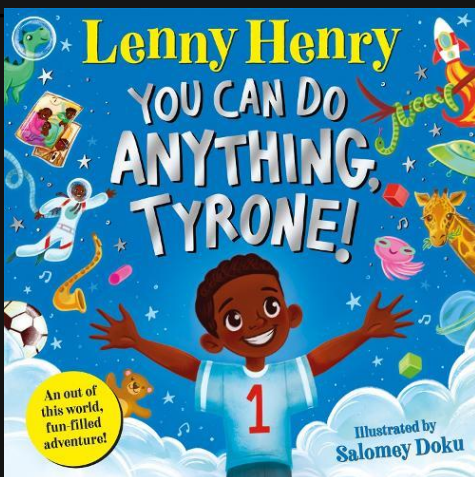
We are getting a little low on the following items if anyone is able to donate anything we would be grateful:

Household items such as toilet roll, cleaners etc. Sanitary products, tinned goods and rice.

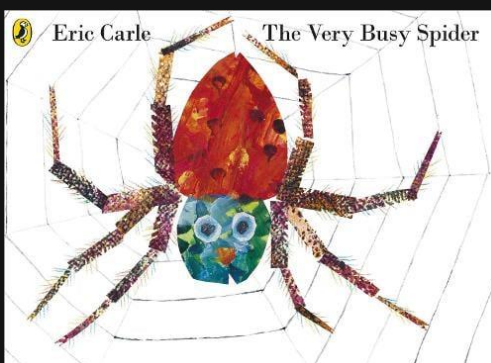
If you need a little extra help then either drop in for a browse or email admin@parkside.staffs.sch.uk and we can make you up a bag confidentially.

Thank you

Recommended Reads



From the iconic comedian and author of *The Book of Legends* comes a vibrant rhyming picture book tale all about determination and self-belief as Tyrone attempts to create a rocket out of building blocks.



In this multi-sensory book, children can feel the pictures as well as see them, while they hear or read the easy rhythmic text. Early one morning a little spider begins to spin her web on a fencepost and she doesn't stop until it is finished.

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SUMMER FUN!



FREE

Holiday Activities and Food

for children and young people aged
5-16 who get free school meals*

Registration opens: 4pm, 3rd July 2023

staffordshire.gov.uk/holidayactivities

*Eligible children and young people will be sent a code via school to register



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HOLIDAY
ACTIVITIES
AND FOOD

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

AMINO



PETS

Amino is a social media platform offering a large group of subcommunities under one digital 'roof'; it was envisaged as the online version of a convention, where fans gather to celebrate a shared interest like comic books or sci-fi, for example. While many such platforms are harmless spaces for devotees of a certain TV show or video game to congregate, there are still some aspects that trusted adults should be aware of. With a focus on sharing user-generated content, the idea of Amino is for users to communicate with like-minded individuals - but even that can create plenty of hazards.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MODERATION GAPS

Amino has a 12+ classification in the App Store and a 'Teen' rating on Google Play. However, certain communities on the platform have little to no moderation in place - increasing the potential for more adult-themed content to reach young users. It's also possible to create an account without proof of age, raising the possibility of even younger children finding their way onto the platform.

UNSAFE CONTENT

The central concept behind Amino is for users to share content, then make and receive comments on these uploads. The level of anonymity that the platform offers (someone's true identity can be completely obscured behind their username, for instance) means that it would be extremely difficult to stop suggestive or outright predatory comments and messages being sent to young people.

INAPPROPRIATE IMAGES

Like most social media, Amino offers easy sharing of images. Its community guidelines state that any suggestive photos of under-18s will be removed immediately, but of course this doesn't prevent inappropriate pictures being seen by a young person. Not all of Amino's communities are rigorously moderated, so there's a chance that some unsuitable images could temporarily evade detection.

COMICS & COSPLAY

MEMBERSHIP COSTS

Amino+ is a premium membership for the platform, offering a bevy of customisation options such as stickers, 'moods' to display and an exclusive profile badge. Users can also purchase one-off cosmetic items including different styles of chat bubble or profile frames. If your child has payment methods available via their device, they could potentially make these in-app purchases without you realising.

REPEATED USAGE

As a social media app, Amino is focused on keeping its communities engaged and coming back for more. Part of this approach is encouraging people to build up 'streaks', as users are awarded 'reputation points' for logging in regularly. This type of mechanism, of course, always carries the risk of young people feeling a compulsion to repeatedly check in with the app, further increasing their screen time.

Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK ABOUT IT

If your child is old enough and chooses to download and use Amino, it's probably wise to remind them of some online safety basics - such as how not everyone in the digital world is who they claim to be, for example, or not to give out personal information online. It might also be a good idea to go into the app's settings and disable incoming chat requests from users that your child doesn't know.

STAY UPDATED

Ensure that your child knows to report any upsetting or worrying online content they might see to you. As much as possible, try to stay aware of which communities they're joining on Amino. Most of these areas are well moderated and full of innocent conversation about common interests, but on any platform of this breadth, there's always the potential for chats to veer off into potentially harmful places.

MEMBERSHIP MEDIATION

If your child asks for an Amino+ membership but you're not entirely comfortable with that, be prepared to explain your decision in depth. Young people's sense of injustice can naturally become inflamed when their friends have things that they don't. Parents of older teens, meanwhile, might actually decide to agree to the membership request but continue to monitor their child's activity on the app.

MONITOR SCREEN TIME

If you haven't already, you might want to consider setting up controls such as Family Sharing (on iOS devices) or Family Link (on Android) so, from your own device, you can keep an eye on how much screen time your child is having - and what apps they're spending it on. This can be extremely useful with regard to platforms such as Amino, which can be quite addictive and reward repeated use.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRecon and has worked in the gaming media for around four years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent who understands the value of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.



Source: <https://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/scottish-news/mum-horrified-after-daughter-10-18773336>



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SUMMER

SOCCER SCHOOLS

WOLVES FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT

Outfield Soccer Schools

At Stafford Rugby Club
Blackberry Lane, Stafford, ST16 2TT

When: Monday 31st July - Friday 4th August
Wednesday 23rd - Friday 25th August

Who: Reception to Year 7

Cost: From £40

At Penkridge Leisure Centre
Cannock Road, Penkridge, ST19 5RX

When: Monday 24th - Wednesday 26th July
Wednesday 9th - Friday 11th August
Tuesday 29th August - Friday 1st September

Who: Reception to Year 7

Cost: From £40

Goalkeeper Soccer Schools

At Stafford Rugby Club
Blackberry Lane, Stafford, ST16 2TT

When: Monday 31st July - Wednesday 2nd August
Wednesday 23rd - Friday 25th August

Who: Year 2 to Year 7

Cost: From £60

At Penkridge Leisure Centre
Cannock Road, Penkridge, ST19 5RX

When: Monday 24th - Wednesday 26th July
Tuesday 29th - Wednesday 30th August

Who: Year 2 to Year 7

Cost: From £40

Scan the QR code for more information,
email footballdevelopment@wolves.co.uk
or to book visit coaching.wolves.co.uk

