

Parkside Primary School Newsletter



23rd June 2023

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Weekly Update

What a fantastic week at Parkside! The children have all taken part in their RSE (Relationships & Sex Education) lessons and have shown a great level of maturity. Children have asked questions, had open discussions and now have improved knowledge appropriate to their year group. All the teachers are so proud of the children this week.

It has been wonderful to welcome our 'Superheroes' in to school this week for 'Board Games & Breakfast.' Thank you to all who joined us. I know the children thoroughly enjoyed spending time with their special people in school. Some children represented Parkside at the Choral Day at Stafford Grammar on Tuesday. Throughout the day, they learnt some songs as part of a choir and performed them to an audience later on in the day. The children's behaviour was exemplary and what a pleasure they were to listen to. Tonight is Y5's sleepover on the school field. I think we may have some tired eyes in the morning – children and staff! What an amazing experience it will be though! Watch out for photos on Facebook...

Next week brings Sports Day which we are very much looking forward to. Have a lovely weekend and we will see you all on Monday,
Mrs Bell

Attendance

Attendance across the school this week has been 96% with Mr Tatton's Fire Fives winning the week with 100%, 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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Parkside's Big Breakfast

Don't forget we are open from 8.30 every morning for Parkside's Big Breakfast. This is a universal offer which is open to every child with no cost attached.

Where: Children are to be dropped off at the main office at 8:30am, Early Years children will need to be accompanied by an adult. Children from Year One upwards can come, without an adult, and have breakfast with us after being dropped off at the main entrance.

When: Monday – Friday 8:30am (start)
-8:45am (finish)



Dates for your Diary

Tuesdays	Stay and Solve
Tues 27 June	Sports Day Nursery/Yrs 1 & 2
Weds 28 June	Sports Day Yrs 3/4 & 5/6
Tues 28 th June	New Reception – Teddy Bears Picnic
Tues 4 th July	Yr 6 Matilda Community Performance
Wed/Thurs 5 th /6 th July	Yr 6 Matilda Performances

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Parkside Pantry

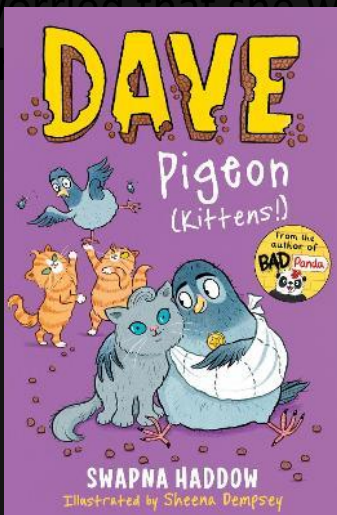
We are getting a little low on the following items if anyone is able to donate anything we would be grateful:

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

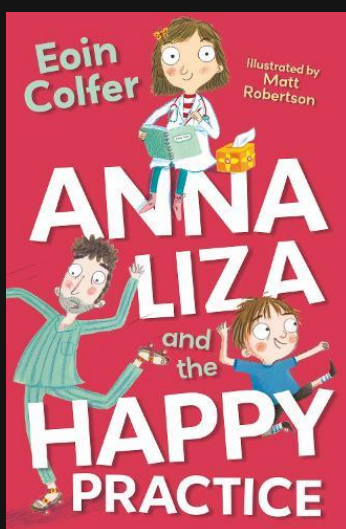
If you need a little extra help then either drop in for a browse or email admin@parkside.staffs.sch.uk and we can make you up a bag confidentially.

Thank you

Recommended Reads



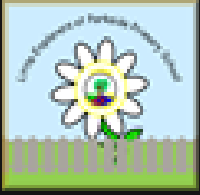
Dave Pigeon and his trusty sidekick, Skipper, are minding their own business in the garden shed when they see Mean Cat behaving very strangely... and why is she multiplying? The arrival of some very cute kittens is disastrous news! More cats? Ugh. But then the kittens come under threat...



Anna Liza likes to help cheer up her mother's psychiatric patients with her 17 top knock-knock jokes and cheerful songs, but when she meets Edward, she hits a brick wall. Edward's dad is so sad since his mum left; he says his life isn't going anywhere any more. Anna Liza has a plan to get him on the move again, if only she can manage to evade her mother's attention long enough ...

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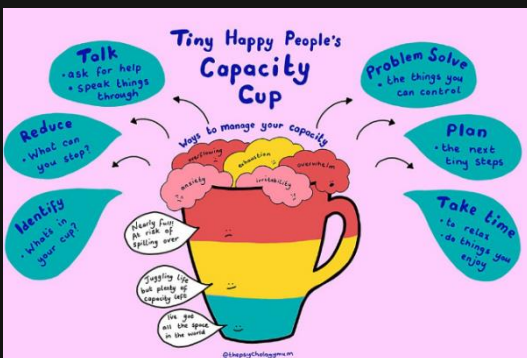


Early Years at Parkside

Little Explorers Nursery and Reception

It has been another busy week in Early Years. The Little Bears have enjoyed their mud play in the classroom; adding their own vehicles to retell stories. Tiny Stars have enjoyed learning about people who help us and were thrilled when the fire engine and firefighters visited them. Shooting Stars have enjoyed reviewing their knowledge of animals and habitats in preparation for their trip to Peak Wildlife Park. All the children had a fantastic time and their behaviour was impeccable; a proud to be Parkside moment! On Friday last week we also welcomed toddlers from the local community to our Parkside Play: No Bake event. The morning was enjoyed by all with toddlers taking home their creations of cous cous, fruity pizzas and wraps. Don't forget that we have our Sports Day next week on Tuesday - details of this have already been sent out. If you are unsure, please speak to your child's class teacher on Monday.

Did you know?



As a parent, there are lots of demands on you. It's important to notice how full your cup is and take action to manage this before it overflows. What are your signs that you are in the different zones? How do you know you are in the red zone and close to spilling over? The Psychology Mum, Dr Emma Hepburn

Tie Dye baby wipes

You will need:

- Baby Wipes. Washable Markers. Rubber Bands. Gloves

Step 1: Start by pinching up your baby wipe together and wrap and secure rubber bands in the spaces.

Step 2: Then you will take your markers and colour the areas that are secure with the rubber band. **Step 3:** Then you can colour the rest of the baby wipe with your markers.

Step 4: Remove the rubber bands and let the baby wipe dry.

Try this at home



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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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YouTube is a video sharing site/application that enables you to upload, view, rate, share and comment on a wide variety of videos. Consisting of a huge resource of information, advice and entertainment, YouTube now has 1.9 billion logged-in monthly users who watch a billion hours of video daily. Most of the content on Google-owned YouTube is uploaded by individuals, but organisations and media companies also offer some of their content via this platform.

AGE RESTRICTION
13+



What parents need to know about

YouTube

SPENDING A PREMIUM

YouTube Premium (formerly YouTube Red) is a new paid streaming subscription service in the UK, offering a three-month free trial to tempt viewers into a £12-per-month plan. This includes the ability to download videos, stream videos with the app in the background, gives exclusive access to original content and a separate music streaming service and gaming app.

DANGEROUS 'CHALLENGE' & VIRAL VIDEOS

On YouTube, 'challenge videos' are shared quickly and can be very dangerous. One person may post a video of themselves doing something unusual like eating a hot chilli or jumping in a river and before you know it, the video goes viral and everyone wants to join in and share their videos. The speed in which challenge videos spread across the Internet makes it difficult to keep up with the latest ones.

SHARING VIDEOS

As well as watching videos, many children are keen to share their own videos online, emulating their YouTube heroes, such as Stampy or DanTDM. However, if they post something on YouTube, they may later regret it or feel embarrassed about what they have shared. There is also a risk that they will receive hurtful or negative comments regarding not only their content, but also their appearance. YouTube's comment section is infamous for being one of the most opinionated on the Internet.

IN-APP MESSAGING

When your child is logged into their Google account and browsing the YouTube website, they can share and talk about videos with their friends using the chat bubble. This can be found at the top right of the desktop site or through in-app messaging on their mobile or tablet. When they tap on the 'Friends' icon, they have a list of suggested people from their contacts - which can be any contact they've had on Google or somebody who has sent them an invite link.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE VIDEOS

As YouTube is the biggest video sharing website in the world, there is content available for all ages, meaning that some content will not be appropriate for your child. If you think that content is unsuitable, there is a flagging feature to submit it for review by YouTube staff, but you will need to be aware that just because video is not appropriate for a younger audience, it may not violate YouTube's policies. YouTube has mechanisms in place to automatically remove explicit and harmful content, yet offensive content may still slip through.



National Online Safety

Top Tips for Parents

TURN ON 'RESTRICTED' MODE

'Restricted Mode' is an optional setting you can use to help screen out potentially mature content you may prefer your child not to see. Restricted Mode works on the browser or device level, so must be turned on for each browser or device your child uses. To do this, follow these steps:

Desktop:
• Go to the bottom of any YouTube page and switch 'Restricted Mode' to 'ON.'
• To make it more difficult for this to be turned off, you will be given the option to lock restricted mode onto your browser.

Mobile:
• Tap the three vertical dots at the top-right on the screen and press, 'Settings'.
• Click on 'Restricted mode filtering'.
• Press 'Restrict'.

Please note that you can't 'lock' restricted mode on a phone in the same way that you can on a desktop. You will need to turn this on each time your child uses it.

CREATE A FAMILY GOOGLE ACCOUNT

By having a shared family Google account, checking the history will enable you to see exactly what your child is watching and sharing on YouTube. To see the history on a computer, on the right hand menu under the library section, click 'History'. On mobiles, the viewing history can be found by clicking on the 'Library' tab.

YOUTUBE KIDS - PARENT APPROVED CONTENT

On the YouTube Kids platform, parents can now handpick videos and channels for their children to view, giving parents and guardians full control over what their children view on the app. Simply enable the feature within the account settings and select 'approved content only'. It's important to note that this feature is only currently available on Android devices.

BLOCKING ACCOUNTS

When using YouTube, there may be instances where your child receives negative comments. If somebody's giving your child a difficult time, here's how to block them and prevent future comments and replies:

- Go to their channel/account by clicking on their name.
- Click on 'About'.
- Tap the dropdown box with an image of a flag on it.
- Press 'Block user'.
- Tap 'Submit'.

MONITOR WHAT YOUR CHILD IS WATCHING/POSTING

The only way to truly know what your child may have been watching is to regularly monitor them. You can do this by checking their viewing history. YouTube videos can also be easily downloaded, so it is important that your child understands the associated dangers of content they are uploading and that it could harm their online reputation in the future. Show them how to set their videos to private or choose a small network of YouTubeurs to share with. To get started, your child can use YouTube Studio which offers learning modules on creating a YouTube channel, however, you should encourage them not to use their real name.

DIGITAL WELLBEING

YouTube has launched a tool called 'Time Watched' that allows you to see how long has been spent on the platform. Once you have discovered how much time has been spent on the app, there is the option to set a time limit. Once the limit is reached, a reminder will pop up on the screen. You can also disable sounds and vibrations to help resist the urge to check for notifications.

OPT FOR A FAMILY PREMIUM PLAN

A YouTube family Premium plan may be a cost-effective option if you have more than one child. For £17.99 a month, it allows you to share a YouTube paid membership with up to five other family members - aged 13 and older - living in the same household. As the account holder, or family manager, you must create a Google family account.

MANAGING IN-APP MESSAGES

If your child is accessing YouTube via your account, bear in mind that they may be contacted by Google contacts who are complete strangers to them. You can remove someone from the suggested contacts list by pressing and holding the person's name and tapping on the red 'x'.

YOUTUBE GAMING

YouTube has created its own destination for gamers, which highlights the top gaming videos from the user's subscriptions, including live streams. There are hundreds of YouTube accounts which show other people playing and commenting on games. These are called 'Let's Play' videos. While YouTube can be a great resource for hints, tips and news for games, it is a good idea for parents to keep a close eye on what YouTube's are posting. Often, the games they are playing will contain strong language and violence. A few examples of popular YouTube gamers for you to have a look at are:

- Stampy
- Yogscast Lewis & Simon
- PewDiePie
- EthanGamer
- Markiplier
- PopularMMOs
- Captainsparklez
- Jacksepticeye
- LtCorbis
- Dan TDM

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Our Champions of the Week....

