



THE PARK FEDERATION

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MONTEM ACADEMY

Everyone to Excel through Pride and Ambition

Newsletter: 24th November 2023

Dear Parent & Carers,

I would like to thank all the parents who have ensured that their child attends school every single day. However, it is very disappointing to see parents requesting special leave which is attached to the christmas holiday. As a result, we have had to fine 10 parents £120 this term.

I would like to remind all parents that it is the legal responsibility of every parent to make sure their child receives an education by attending school every day. The school will not authorise extended leave especially when it is attached to a school holiday

ATTENDING SCHOOL EVERY DAY helps your child:

- To take part in lessons, and reach their full potential
- To be involved in all aspects of school life
- To enjoy a structured routine
- To make friends and develop social skills
- To feel part of the school community
- To value and understand the importance of education
- To have greater success throughout secondary school

Parents are required to call the school to report their child's absence before 8:55 am on the day of the absence and each subsequent day of absence, and advise when they are expected to return.

Yours sincerely
Mrs Probert

Dates for your Diary

29th November 2023:
Year 2 Roald Dahl Museum visit

Parent Coffee Morning -
Pupil Attendance
8.50-10.00AM

30th November 2023:
Jack and the Beanstalk
Pantomime

Attendance

The Year Group with the best attendance this week is:

1st place: Year 6: 96.4%
2nd place: Year 2 : 96%
3rd place: Year R: 95.9%

It will be a non-uniform day for classes that achieve 100% attendance

Acts of Kindness:
Thank you for being you.



Daniel Cimoska





Nursery

Singing and acting to learn about numbers – what could be more fun? This week, nursery children became mathematicians as they learned about numbers and counting through number rhymes. These songs are amazing mathematical activities that help children develop number sense in a fun and low pressured way. The rhythm in these rhymes and repetitive verses, help children to memorise numbers easily and develop an understanding of the value of numbers built. Children learn through repetition, so singing number rhymes helps them to become familiar with numbers and the patterns between them. This week children were encouraged to perform actions to accompany the songs using their fingers, props and even finger puppets. Any form of learning that involves fun and play is effective in early childhood, it is the natural way children learn.



Reception

Reception have very much enjoyed visiting Australia this week as part of our 'Around the World' topic. We have been talking about the animals we might find, the habitats they live in and making our own collages of koalas and kangaroos to enhance our creative skills. The children have also learnt about some of the landmarks that we might find in Australia such as Ayers Rock and the Sydney Opera House, which we have had some fantastic sculptures of!

In maths this week, we have continued to focus on 2D shapes and their properties. The children are becoming more confident in explaining and describing the number of sides, corners and the similarities and differences between each shape. Next week we will be visiting North America...stay tuned to find out about our trip!



Year 1

This week, the children have had the opportunity to create self portraits by printing their thumbprints onto a piece of card and drawing their faces. We have also been exploring different materials in science and have been able to compare the properties of materials like plastic, rubber, metal and wood. The children had great fun discovering how these different materials make up the objects in our classroom. A lot of the children have linked their geography to science and discussed the human and physical features around the school and what materials they are made of. As we have been learning about our local area, the pupils have enjoyed looking at an aerial view map of Chalvey and locating the school. They have also been able to map out a route from the school to Asda.





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Year 2

What a great week Year 2 have had!

In English, we have started writing our letters about our virtual tour of London. We have been using phrases and techniques from our book 'Katie in London' by James Mayhew. We are so impressed with the children's writing and are looking forward to seeing the finished letters. In maths, we have been building on our addition knowledge using our facts to 10 to help us to calculate more challenging addition. The children are getting so much faster at their number bond recall. Keep up the good work!

The children were investigating materials to make a curtain in science this week and finding European landmarks in geography.

2 Oak and 2 Sequoia visited the Roald Dahl Museum yesterday. They had a 'fantabulous' time coming up with new ideas for stories and did the school proud with their behaviour. 2 Cedar and 2 Redwood are really looking forward to their trip next week.



Year 3

This week has been another busy, yet enjoyable week in Year 3! In geography, we learnt about the different currents (warm and cold) that run through our oceans, exploring where they may be, why and what living things you may find there. In science, we investigated how different surfaces would have an affect on a magnet's pull (see photo). The children have been practising, as scientists, to predict and write their own simple conclusions based on their results. In literacy, we continued writing our narrative, This Morning I Met a Whale, including our own dialogue between the two characters, using the correct punctuation. In art, we have thoroughly enjoyed creating our monochromatic self-portraits! Finally, in maths, we have been using our knowledge of number bonds to 10, to create bonds to 100.



Year 4

In Year 4 we have been creating monochromatic self portraits as part of the National Illustration Day.

Each child used their sketching skills that they have been building upon week by week - such as cross-hatching and other shading techniques to create some fabulous portraits.

In literacy, pupils have been busy editing their descriptive setting which was based on visiting Nim's Island.

They are currently publishing their work which they are all very proud of.

In maths, we have moved onto investigating area - using post it notes to create as many different 2D shapes as possible.





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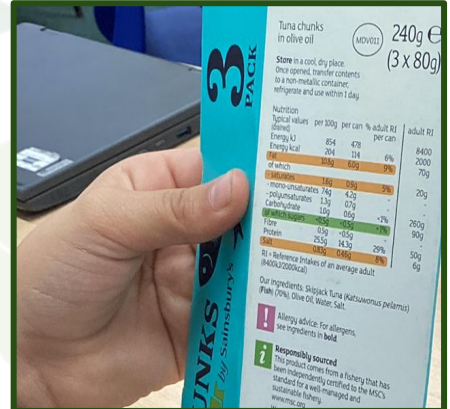
Year 5

This week in geography, Year 5 learnt about the 4 different types of coastal erosion, and took a closer look at how the cliffs are eroded. In science, we learnt all about conductors and insulators, and looked at how these properties are useful to us. One morning, we were lucky enough to watch an online science show, which really amazed us and taught us a lot about renewable energy. We continued writing or descriptive pieces in literacy, using powerful vocabulary to describe the storm and its aftermath. In PSHE, we looked deeper into bullying, and explored how rumour-spreading and name calling are forms of bullying. We also discussed strategies that we can use when we find ourselves in those types of situations (either as the one being bullied, or even the one doing the bullying). We are really trying to be kinder to each other and understanding bullying will help us do this. Year 5 are also really loving their violin lessons!



Year 6

In science this week, Year 6 have been learning about why nutrients are important for the human body. We have looked at the nutritional value of different food products and made decisions on whether we think the food items are healthy or unhealthy. We discussed the importance of knowing what the RDA (recommended daily allowance) is for adults and children alike. The children enjoyed exploring the different food groups and discussed the importance of a balanced diet. Cross curricular links were made with the importance of physical education too.



Inclusion - We need your votes for our Visual Impairment Centre and Sensory Room

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