



Paganel Newsletter

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Hope you all had a lovely half term break. The first week back has been busy, the children really enjoyed our World Book day events and there were some super costumes. (Don't forget to check twitter to see the photos). This week and next week is science fortnight, we have different visitors coming into school, which we are all really looking forward to.

Thank you to all who attended Parents Evenings. The children's books look great and demonstrate the progress they have made since the beginning of the year.

Mrs Gingell

World Book Day:

Wow what a super day we had on Thursday 1st March. There were many super costumes worn by the children and teachers at Paganel. Thank you for all your efforts. During the afternoon, reading corners were being transformed and new library books were being read in classrooms. The winners of the Best World Book Day costumes were:



Pod: Christian	6H: Amir	5B: Faith
5T: Megan	4C: Ibrahim	4B: Amina
3Y: David	3K: Zackary	2M: Evie-Mai
2D: Michael	1L: Noah	1J: Taylor
RL: Sophia W	RK: Brooke	Nursery: Kristians



Chair of Governors:

Martyn Sargeant has now stepped down as Chair of Governors. We thank him for everything he has done for the school in his years as a School Governor and particularly in his role as Chair.

We welcome Mr Rob McGettrick as our new Chair.

Nursery Information sessions:

We are holding 2 information sessions for parents to hear more about our Nursery provision for September. Come along to the Nursery entrance on Tues 20th March at either 1pm or 4pm. Sessions will last about half an hour. Please do not bring your children to these sessions, there will be opportunity for them to visit the setting for inductions once offers have been made.

Attendance Matters:

We are again experiencing a high volume of illness so far this term. Please do not keep children off for coughs/colds as children can often cope at school with these mild ailments. Please be aware that prolonged illness may require evidence (eg appointment card or prescription)

Well done to those whose attendance is above the national target of 96%.

Attendance Figures					
REG	This fortnight	Year to date	REG	This fortnight	Year to date
RL	95.3%	90.7%	3K	95.7%	95.2%
RK	88.0%	90.2%	3Y	93.6%	94.8%
1J	91.3%	92.3%	4C	81.3%	94.8%
1L	92.5%	92.9%	4B	95.5%	93.3%
2M	94.2%	92.7%	5T	93.8%	95.6%
2D	95.5%	95.4%	5B	97.2%	96.6%
Pod	83.3%	90.1%	6H	93.8%	93.6%

Art Work:

As you will remember before half term I asked for help with deciding which iconic world landmarks should be included on our world map that is going outside the main reception. Children will receive house points for their ideas.

Sad News:

Unfortunately over half term school was broken into. A large number of our google chrome books were stolen. This has had a negative impact on the children as, until we replace them, we have a limited number for the whole school to use. The police are working with us, as all of our electronic devices have a tracker system on them.

Paganel Football Team:

On Tuesday 27th Feb Paganel FC played in the 2nd round of the RM Trophy. It was a cold night and the pitch was a bit wet, yet we played some outstanding football.

Paganel dominated the game from start to finish. The football was free flowing and the movement on and off the ball was a pleasure to watch creating a 5-0 first half lead. The second half was a mirror of the first half; with us scoring 6 more. It was a fantastic effort by all. A mention for Callum (Goalkeeper) who was really a spectator but stayed alert and dealt with anything that came his way. Also a mention for Luke who scored a brilliant overhead kick from the edge of the box. **Onward to the next round.**

Reminders:

Please can I remind you that no footballs should be brought in from home to be used on the playground.

We provide balls for the children to play with.

Girls' Football recent match reports:

On Friday 9th February; Taylor, Milly, Gracie, Derica, Nosihle (Y6) and Leah (Y4) took part in the girls 4 a-side football competition finals. The girls faced extremely experienced and strong teams Kings Norton, Tiverton and West Heath. All the girls showed great teamwork, resilience and perseverance in all the matches that they played. Novice goalkeeper Milly produced some excellent saves and Taylor managed to grab some excellent goals. Unfortunately it wasn't Paganel's day as the opposition was too strong with Kings Norton winning the competition. Through her sheer determination, commitment and perseverance Taylor was Paganel's Girl of the tournament.

On Thursday 15th February; Taylor, Milly, Gracie, Derica, (Y6) and Sydney, Lana and Leah (Y4) took part in the heats of the Girls 7 a-side Weatherup Cup at St Edwards Primary School. Due to a school not attending the girls only had to play 2 matches. Their first match was against St Edwards and from the start the girls showed their strength in going forward with Taylor netting a goal after some fantastic passing and pressing forward. The girls continued well and with a fabulous strike to the bottom left corner Gracie grabbed Paganel a vital goal. St Edwards continued to battle and managed to find a gap in the Paganel defence earning themselves a goal back. The final score was 2-1 to Paganel. Our last game was against a very strong West Heath girls team who attacked our goal from the start. The Paganel girls counter attacked and came close to scoring however West Heath managed to find an opening in our defence and finally grabbed a goal leaving the game 1-0 West Heath at full time. The Paganel Girls came 2nd in their heats and are through to the next stage of the cup. Bring on the next round!

Both Miss Calder and Mrs McGettrick would like to take the opportunity to congratulate the girls on their excellent display throughout the competitions, especially Sydney and Lana who played their first game with the school . They should all be very proud of themselves . All the girls are fantastic ambassadors of Paganel Girls Football.

Key Dates

Week beginning 12th March	Science Week
Wednesday 14th March	Handwriting and Spelling Workshop 2.30—3.00pm (in Main Hall)
Monday 19th March	Handwriting and Spelling Workshop 9.00—9.30am (in Main Hall)
Tuesday 20th March	Year 1 local visit to Weoley Castle
Tuesday 20th March	Nursery Information sessions (parents only) 1.00—1.30pm or 4.00-4.30pm
Tuesday 20th March	4C class assembly at 2.30pm
Wednesday 21st March	3Y class assembly at 2.30pm
Tuesday 27th March	Easter Bonnet Parade (Nursery, Rec & Y1) 2.00-2.45pm in Early Years playground.
Wednesday 28th March	2M class assembly at 2.30pm
Friday 30th Mar—Friday 13th Apr	Easter Holidays (note that school is closed Good Friday, 30th March)
Monday 16th April	Summer Term starts: All pupils return to school
Monday 28th May—Friday 1st June	Half Term break

Science Fortnight:

We are celebrating Science at Paganel from Monday 5th March. It is an exciting time at school with lots of special events taking place. We will be having visitors from the University of Warwick completing an assembly on Chemistry for KS2 and workshop on Physics for Year 2. RSPB Volunteers will be working with our Early Years and Y1 children on animal habitats. We are also very lucky to be having a visit from a Mobile Planetarium to learn about space for our KS2 children. Throughout all of this, the children will be learning about a range of other science topics based on the theme of 'Exploration and Discovery' and will have the opportunity to take part in a national poster competition demonstrating their knowledge and understanding. We are all really excited for these events and hope you all have fun hearing about it home!



Fact of the Week is here!

Each week a new mathematical fact will be displayed on our Fact of the Week board. Children have been set the challenge to find a related fact to the original statement. Findings should be handed in to Mrs Khera who will choose a winner from each year group every week. The facts will then be displayed on the board! I am excited to see your mathematical links.



Mrs Khera

Well done to Charlie McGettrick for entering the Radio 2, 500 word challenge. The results will be announced on 9th June 2018. Good luck to Charlie, we hope you enjoy his story:



THE NUCLEAR EXPLOSION

PREVIOUSLY

Chaz and Johnny destroyed an army of lame creepers. They made loads of new friends including a dragon. I bet you are wondering how they made a dragon as a friend. WELL YOU SHOULD OF LISTENED TO THE LAST STORY THAT WAS WROTE AND IF YOU HAVEN'T WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH LIFE. OK explosion lets carry on

IT'S BEGUN!

Ahhhhhhhhhhhhhh!" All team 3T started to scream. "Guys calm down everything will be all right!" Johnny and Chaz shouted. Out of nowhere, the air around us turned green. Everyone started to cough. A few seconds later the air cleared up but all the plants had died. "Wait where is our team?" a member team 3T said. "Yeah, where" said another. "What are your names?" Chaz said. "My name is Louie" he said "And my name is Zaquan" another said. "Hey you forgot me" a girl shouted "and me" another girl shouted. "What are your names" Chaz said. "Oh my name is Madison and this is Telahya". "Hi" Telahya said trying not to laugh. "Wait where is Johnny!?" Chaz screamed " we need to find him!" Chaz screamed again even louder! "JUST HIM" they shouted They all started to fight. "why don't we all stop!" said Chaz trying to calm every one down. "Let's search for them," Chaz suggested. They all agreed and began to search. Chaz started to be a bit suspicious. "why is there food lying there " asked Zaquan. "Don't ask me" said Madison. "Lets go get it" said Louie. Louie pulled everyone to it.

A NEW FRIEND

"Hay Sad Iabrihem " screamed a girl. Four people peered down the edge of the whole. "ahhhh" the three people screamed. "WE NEED TO GET THEM OUT OF THERE!" a boy said. So they did they helped each one of them. "were so so so so so sorry" said the girl. "Its ok your not the problem this guy standing next to me is the problem AKA Louie" saying it calm. Everyone except Louie agreed. "Why me?" he moaned. "Because you pulled us in!" Chaz explained. "True" explained Louie. "Oh what are your names" Chaz asked. "My name is Carina and I'm from an island a Decade from here" The girl said. "My na..." said one boy. Another boy answered for him " oh he doesn't speak English my name is Ibrahim and he is sad" "Do you want to come on an adventure with us" said Chaz nervously.

THE HUNT HAS BEGUN.

"Sure" they all said. They set of on their big adventure. Four hours in and all we saw was twisting vines, leaves and huge trees. "Hugh" everyone moaned and groaned. Out of no where there was a big groan "RAAAA" "WHAT WAS THAT" Chaz said startled. "We need to move quickly" Shouted Carina. So they all ran. They ran for miles not turning back. "Look its getting dark lets find a place to call our home" said Ibrahim. Now it was time for a change around here!

Attendance Information For Parents

At Paganel Primary School, attendance is extremely important. Your child is our top priority and if they are to achieve and excel they must be in school to learn. We aim to have a whole school yearly attendance of **at least 96%**.

When a child is absent from school they miss valuable learning opportunities, which will have a knock-on effect on their education as a whole. Children who have time off school do not achieve as well as their peers. Not only do they miss the lessons, they also miss out on social aspects of school life, including making and maintaining friendships.

It is parents' legal responsibility to ensure their children receive appropriate education. Failing to send your child to school regularly without good reason is a criminal offence.

We will not authorise family holidays, and these will be marked as unauthorised absence on your child's register. Please remember that rainy days, going shopping, visiting family, birthdays during the week and not wanting to go to school, are not acceptable reasons to be absent and will be recorded as unauthorised. If you are concerned that your child does not want to come to school, please talk a member of staff. Let us know if we can help.

Children who hover around or below the 90% attendance mark run a very high risk of underachieving in school. If this attendance level were to continue through a whole year, a total of 30 days would be missed. This is the same as six weeks, or half a term, of lost education. Children with an attendance of 90% or below are referred to as Persistent Absentees.

Children whose attendance falls below an acceptable level will be referred to our attendance officer who will issue a letter to the family about next steps. Please remember that we are here to help your child to learn. If there is a genuine problem in getting your children to school, let us know.

Punctuality is also very important. Children start work promptly in the morning and children who are late will lose out on their learning. The school will contact parents of children who are persistently late.

Good attendance is a parental responsibility and the children rely on you to get them to school each day. With parental support we know that we can reach and exceed our target of 96%, ensuring that all children achieve and excel during their time at Paganel Primary School.

The Impact of Non-Attendance

We cannot stress enough how vitally important good attendance is in ensuring your child makes good progress. If they are regularly late or missing days on a regular basis, this leads to the child falling behind in their learning.

Days of Education	Attendance	Status	Note
190 school days	100%	Good	Gives your child the best chance of success and gets them off to a flying start.
180 school days = 10 days absence	95%	Worrying	Less chance of success. Makes it harder to make progress.
171 school days = 19 days absence	90%	Persistent absentee - serious concern.	Not fair on your child. Their learning and progress is seriously affected. Could lead to court action.
161 school days = 29 days absence (half a term missed)	85%		
152 school days = 38 days absence	80%		
143 school days = 47 days absence	75%		