



Paganel Newsletter

Issue 11

Friday 7th February 2020

A big thank you to all parents for your support over the last half term. We have seen a huge increase in parental attendance at reading breakfasts, coffee and a chat with Mrs Gingell, assemblies. This is great as it emphasises to the children how important it is that school and home are working together. Next week it is parents evening which gives you the opportunity to delve into how your child is progressing and what they have been learning about. Looking forward to seeing you next week.

Mrs Gingell

The wider curriculum:

Myself and the senior leaders have been in and out of classrooms over the last half term looking at the wider curriculum. There is some superb learning happening and the children are really engaged with it. Year three have been comparing Paganel Primary with a school in Thailand, flowing a local walk. Year four have been researching and learning about the volcanoes across the world and the impact they have on life afterwards. Year one have been busy learning about the four countries that make up the United Kingdom and can discuss landmarks in London.

Parents Evening

Parents Evening is next Wednesday and Thursday (12th and 13th February). Access will be off the large playground through the year 2 (Miss Morris's door). The Senior Leadership Team, Mrs Gingell, Mrs Shuter, Mrs Bashall and Mrs Ball will be available to answer any questions on both nights. Governors will be available between 3.30pm and 4.30pm, if you would like to discuss any questions with them.

Don't forget
parents
evening!

What the children say:

At Paganel we really care about what the children say about our school - their opinions and ideas really matter to us! Last week we conducted some pupil interviews to find out what they thought of behaviour at our school! We were so impressed with some of the things they said!

It was amazing to hear how the children felt about being part of our school, they said:

'It's an honour to be at Paganel, its like home'

'I feel happy and grateful to go to school at Paganel...we are respected here'

'I feel happy every single day because I am excited to learn new things'

'I have lots of friends here and I am well looked after'

When the children were asked what someone would see if they walked around our school they said:

'Children showing respect and persevering with their work'

'Children treating others how they would like to be treated'

'We try to get everyone involved so no-one feels left out'

'Children being good team players and always telling the truth, even if we have made a mistake'

We were most impressed with the children's responses when asked about how bullying is dealt with at Paganel, they said:

'We have to tell a teacher if we are worried or upset, they will always help us'

'Teachers deal with our problems quickly'

'Our teachers always listen to both sides and find ways of solving the problems'

'The teachers here always take bullying seriously'

Many thanks to the children who took part in the interviews - we can't wait to talk to you again soon about the curriculum!

Keeping in touch:

A reminder: when you change your phone number please can you ensure that you update the office with the new number straight away. By doing this it enables us to text you updates from school and get in touch with you if there is an emergency at school.

Attendance Figures

REG	This fortnight	Year to date	RE G	This fortnight	Year to date
RA	91.5	88.8	3B	96.3	94.0
RB	94.5	90.9	4A	93.4	93.4
1A	95.0	94.5	4B	93.4	94.8
1B	92.6	93.9	5A	92.8	95.6
2A	94.8	95.9	5B	95.7	96.0
2B	95.7	96.1	6A	93.2	95.2
3A	92.8	94.3	6B	97.6	94.0

Parent Conduct

One of our core values at Paganel is respect. As adults we need to ensure that we are demonstrating this important value. My staff team work incredibly hard at school, and deserve the respect that they give to parents. If you feel there is an issue please come and discuss with the Senior leadership Team.

Internet Safety Day



Tuesday 11th February is Safer Internet Day, each year this is celebrated on a global scale to remind people how important it is to stay safe when using the internet. The aim is to inspire citizens to use the internet responsibly and respectfully but still allowing them to be creative. This year the global theme is 'Together for a better internet' with a UK focus on 'Free to be me'. The goal is to encourage young people to explore how they manage their online identity and to understand how the internet shapes how they think of themselves and others.

On Tuesday 11th your children will participate in an activity chosen by their class teacher related to the theme. Class teachers will then tweet the work so you will be

able to see it.

During the week of 24th February (after half term) you will be invited in to school to discuss internet safety and look at the platform we use at Paganel School for your children to complete their Computing work. Look out for your invite that will be coming home with your child. We look forward to welcoming you to the workshop.

Top Internet Safety Tip: Discover the internet together; let your child show you what they like doing online and talk about why they like visiting the sites they do. Subsequently, they are then more likely to confine in you if there is an online safety issue.

Uniform:

Children are now able to wear black trainers to school. Please support us with this and ensure that children are not wearing brightly coloured trainers to school, as this is not part of our school uniform.

Year 5 Space Centre Trip

On Monday 27th January, year 5 went on a trip to the National Space Centre in Leicester. When we arrived, we went inside the planetarium where we watched the astronaut show. This showed all the children what it would be like in outer space. The children absolutely loved the show and gasped with amazement as we travelled through space. After the show had finished, we had more time to explore the rest of the centre, especially going up to the top floor to look at the spaceship which included being in the pod with completing different instructions set from the other children. We also managed to test out some of the space equipment which could be used and found out more about the planets in our solar system. This has definitely helped the children the deepen their knowledge which hopefully they can use in their science topic. Overall, it was a fantastic day!



Times Table Rocks Stars

If your child is in Years 2, 3 or 4, and you haven't seen much of them for a couple of weeks, Mr Ball would like to apologise - Years 2, 3 and 4 at Paganel Primary school are currently addicted to Times Table Rock Stars!! Mr Ball has set up a Battle of the Bands competition, with year groups facing off against each other every week, to win the coveted Paganel Primary School Rock League of Legends! Last week alone over 150,000 times tables questions were answered, with some children answering 20,000 questions on their own! Mr Ball would like to thank you for your support with this at home, as times table skills are such a fundamental part of the maths curriculum, and are now tested in Year 4 with a statutory test, so anything we can do to support increased times table knowledge will benefit all of the children at Paganel.

The Kitchen @ Paganel

During the half term holiday, we will be launching our very own Café. **'The Kitchen'@ Paganel'** will open on Wednesday 19th February from 12pm—1:30pm. All food and drinks being served are **FREE**.

If you would like to come along with your children for a **FREE hot meal**, please come to the main office and give us your name and the name of your children so that we know how many hot meals you would like. The closing date for letting us know is Wednesday 12th February. You will receive further details at the end of next week.

Womens Aid - 0808 800 0028 Our helpline is open Monday to Friday, 9:15 am to 5:15 pm. Email info@bswaid.org

NSPCC— 0808 800 5000 Email <https://forms.nspcc.org.uk/content/nspcc---report-abuse-form>

Birmingham Children's Trust — 0121 303 1888 (Monday to Thursday 8:45am—5:15pm, Friday 8:45am—4:15pm) Emergency Out of hours - 0121 675 4806. **CALL 999 IF A CHILD IS IN IMMEDIATE DANGER.**

Key Dates 2020

Parents Evening	Wednesday 12th & Thursday 13th February
February Half Term	Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February
Children in School	Monday 24th February