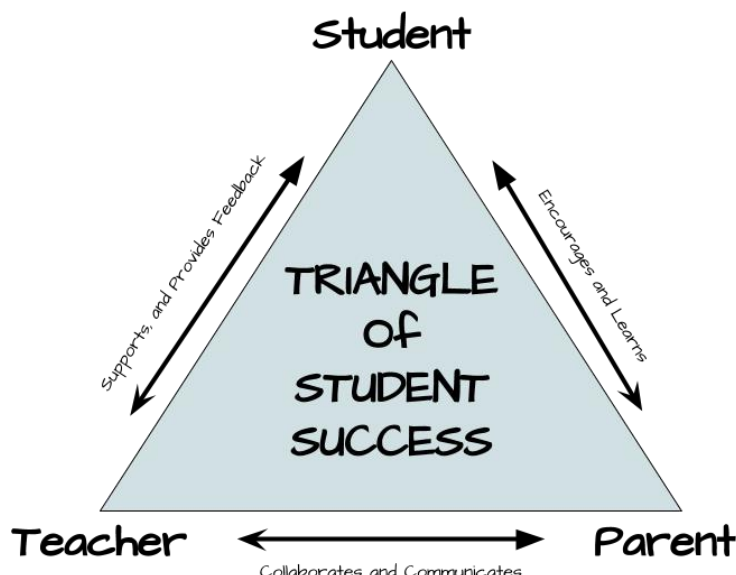


Dear Parent and Guardian,

Thank you for attending your meeting with your child's teacher, this week. It is very important to remember that teaching and learning is not just school's responsibility, school is here to support you and your child as they learn, progress and develop.



Last Sunday our choir represented the school at the Peace Proms Concert in the SSE Arena in Belfast. As you can see below the children had a brilliant time as part of the 3000 strong choir and supporting the Cross Border Orchestra of Ireland. It is a fantastic event that has a great benefit to our children.

S Baillie

Monday 26th February – Friday 1st March – Parent Teacher consultations

Thank you to everyone that took the time to attend their meeting this week. We had a great turn out for the meetings with nearly all our families attending these meetings. I hope you have found it useful in helping to support your child's learning.

School Attendance

I am in the process of contacting families in relation to attendance and have unfortunately referred some of our families to the Education Welfare Service. Please remember that your child must attend school as much as possible. If there are issues that we can help you with to support attendance, please let us know.

Parent Pay

Please make sure that your child's Parent Pay account has credit for any services that they use. Unfortunately, we have to refuse break to some children and we never want this to be the case. Please ensure that your child's account has credit, otherwise they will not receive their break.

In an emergency please contact the school office for support.

Peace Prom

On Sunday, Parkhall Primary School, led by Mr Hanna and Miss McDonald and accompanied by Miss Elliott, joined approximately 6000 other pupils from across the country and The Cross Border Orchestra of Ireland to entertain a sold-out SSE Arena for this year's Peace Proms.

Established in 2002, Peace Proms is the flagship initiative of the Cross Border Orchestra of Ireland (CBOI), the island's most celebrated and award-winning youth orchestra which has performed to sell-out audiences all over the world – from New York, to London, to Shanghai.

In a time of global conflict and war, the Belfast Peace Proms shares a powerful message of peace and unity.

Well done to our choir for their wonderful performance and for all the hard work they put into preparing for this fantastic event.





School Uniform

Please take the time over half term to sort out the uniforms and get them ready for the second half of the year.

Most children in school wear their uniform properly and are a credit to you and our school. We are less than halfway through the year and the standard of some of the uniforms is poor.

- We have an array of coloured footwear, it should only be black footwear,
- Ties missing for weeks and not replaced, these are available from the office or from Wallace's in Antrim.
- Leggings are not suitable for school; children must wear skirts or trousers.
- Only school jumpers in school, no hoodies, sweatshirts, or other jumpers.
- Please put your child's name on uniform, it helps when they get misplaced.

Collection from school

At times someone else may need to collect your child from school. If this happens you must inform the school, if we have not been informed, we will not release a child to another adult. You as parent or guardian, must give us the authority to release a child to an adult who is not their parent or guardian.

World Book Day 2024

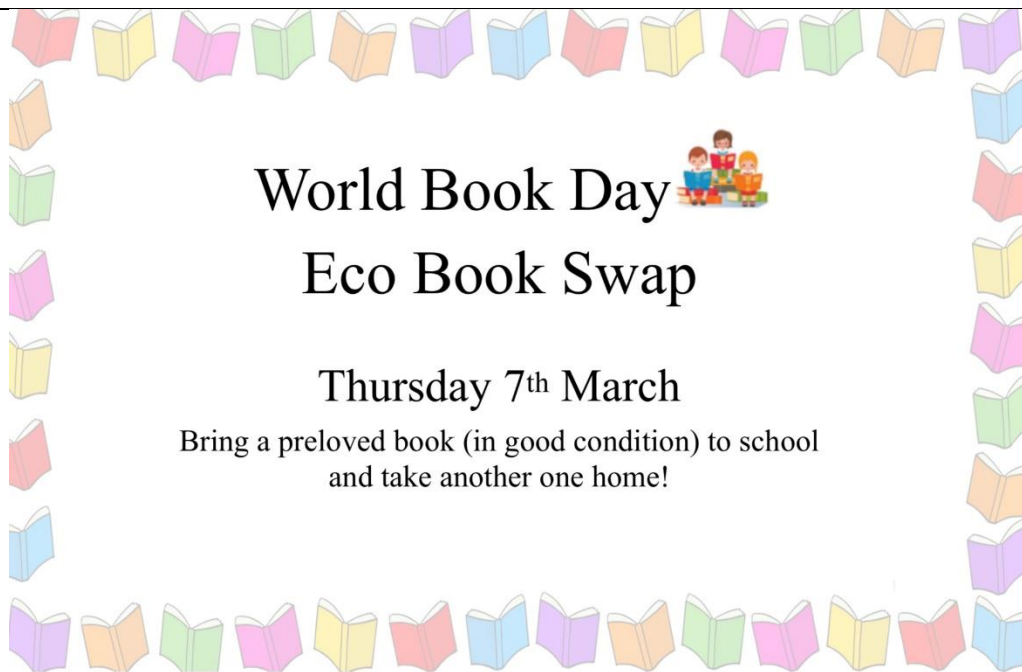
World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March 2024, and we are going to be celebrating the day in school.

The pupils will be involved in a variety of activities in school throughout the day.

Dressing up - we would like pupils to dress up as a book character. If the pupils have a book for this character, they can bring it with them to school. There are lots of ideas online to help parents and pupils to create their own costume if they wish to.

Craft - pupils will each be receiving a paper plate in school to take home with them. We would like pupils to use their paper plate to make a book character or something related to a book. Pupils should bring their paper plate creations into school on or before World Book Day (7th March). We look forward to seeing all of the pupils' crafts.

Thanking you for your support
L McKinstry



Healthy Breaks

For many years we have had a Healthy Breaks Policy in school. This has been guided by the Health Promotion Agency and the Department of Education. At all times, for break, we are promoting a healthy option for our children. I will follow up in the next few newsletters, about a healthy break for our children.

Try the Healthy break quiz with your child:
Can you have it at break time?

Parkhall Primary School
The Week Ahead

		
Yes		No
Water Milk Banana Bagel Toast Golden Cow – thinly spread Apple Orange		Celebrations Brioche Buns Fruit Juice Milk Shake Raisins Brioche Cereal Bar Nutella
PTA We look forward to you supporting our PTA non uniform day on Friday 15 th March. Donuts will also be available at 2pm pick up. Children are encouraged to wear green or a rainbow.		



ST. PATRICK'S DAY

NON UNIFORM

AND DONUTS!!

FRIDAY 15TH MARCH

Non-uniform £1 per child
Donuts 50p

Year Seven Heart Start

Some of our year seven pupils have been learning the valuable skill of CPR, that one day could help save someone's life. As you can see from the pictures they enjoyed the activities and have developed their life saving capabilities.



Lyric Theatre – Waste Buster

The Lyric Theatre sponsored by DAERA brought a new musical called Waste Buster to our school. The story follows 12-year-old Ella and 3 'Waste Buster' detectives working together to solve different environmental issues. This play is aimed at P3 - P5 audience and explored themes of littering, recycling, plastic pollution, and global warming. The children had a great time at this super performance



Year Seven Sports

Our year seven pupils had another enjoyable sporting week, with basketball, boxing and football.



Parkhall Primary School
The Week Ahead



Irish Athletic Boxing Association - Antrim Boxing Club

Coaches from Antrim Boxing Club are currently working with our year six and year seven pupils.

They have a junior club that trains on Tuesdays and Thursdays 5pm - 5:45pm. the sessions at Antrim Boxing Club, Durnish Road, Springfarm, are led by the coaches Eamon Gillen, Lynsey McMillan and Adam McCaughey. they would be delighted to see some pupils from Parkhall Primary School joining the club.

It costs £5 per and you can get the first week free if you quote Parkhall Primary School

Safer Internet

Please ensure, bedtime means bedtime for your children. Devices and games being played long after your children are meant to be sleeping can lead to poor performance in school. Consider as well, how long your child is spending playing games online. Talk to them about limits and time online, the best advice suggests no more than 60 minutes on a school night.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day
Friday 15th March – PTA wear green or rainbow - non uniform day
Monday 18th March – St Patrick's Day - School closed
Thursday 21st March – Key Stage Two Show – The Little Mermaid
Thursday 27th March – Last day of Term Two
Monday 8th April – Children return to school

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Well done to our Pupils of the Week!



School Meal Menu next week:



EAT SMART WITH **THE LUNCH BUNCH** @ Parkhall PS

Week beginning - Monday 4th March

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Course	Main Course	Main Course	Main Course	Main Course
Golden Crumbed Fish Fingers -Or - Creamy Chicken & Broccoli Pasta with Garlic Bread	Homemade Cottage Pie -Or- Homemade Margherita Pizza	Roast of the Day, Stuffing & Gravy -Or- Chicken & Pepper Fajita	Chicken Curry & Naan Bread -Or- Beef Meatballs with Tomato & Basil Sauce	School "Chippy Day" Chicken or Fish Goujons / Sausages -Or- Baked Potato with Tuna & Sweetcorn / Salad / Beans
SIDES	SIDES	SIDES	SIDES	SIDES
Sweetcorn & Roasted Peppers Chipped / Baked Potato / Coleslaw	Spring Greens / Butternut Squash/ Oven Baked Potato Wedges Or Baked Potato	Fresh Vegetables in Season Mashed Potato / Oven Roast Potato	Green Beans / Baton Carrots Steamed Rice / Pasta Spirals	Or Mushy Peas Chipped / Baby New Potatoes
DESSERT	DESSERT	DESSERT	DESSERT	DESSERT
Ice-Cream, Pears & Chocolate Sauce	Summer Fruit Cheesecake	Golden Krispie Square	Sticky Date Pudding & custard	Frozen Fruit Yoghurt
MILK, WATER, BREAD AND FRESH FRUIT AVAILABLE DAILY		MENU MAY CHANGE DUE TO DELIVERY ISSUES		IF YOU REQUIRE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON ALLERGENS AND SPECIAL DIETS PLEASE CONTACT SCHOOL