

Park School and Outreach Service

Newsletter February 2024



**Roses are red, Park's badge is blue.
I'm useless at poetry... enjoy the Newsletter!**

After a much disrupted start to the term, school is back to normal this week. The staff day which was cancelled in January (due to Strike Action) is now scheduled for Monday 19th February. School will not re-open after half-term until Tuesday 20th February. This will make the half-term a little longer for students. As always, thanks for your continued support.

Please keep your eyes peeled for updates on details about Children's Mental Health Week events as well as the Annual Review process which is continuing in school over the coming weeks. As always, the school Facebook page, website, Class Dojo and this unparalleled Newsletter will keep you posted.



Please remember that **Park School is now cashless**. The school will not be accepting cash or cheques for school meals, HE fund, School fund, charity donations, non-uniform days etc. Please check that you are signed up to Parent Mail and **contact the office if you need support**.

SPECTRUM & PIECE BY PIECE

Another amazing effort by both Post 16 Enterprise groups. The groups attended the Castle Court Trade Fair and came away with four awards. Sadly, not all of the students could attend. As you can see, the quality of their creations, and the amazing displays, show it was truly a team effort!

Best Team Winner – **SPECTRUM**

Best Team Runner Up – **Piece By Piece**



Best Display Winner – **SPECTRUM**

Special Recognition for Leadership
– **Joseph**



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Jan-Mar 24 - Annual Reviews

05-11.02.24 - Children's Mental Health Week

06.02.24 - Internet Safety Day

09.02.24 - Post 16 Formal

13.02.24 - Valentine's Bop

14-19.02.24 - Half-Term Break

19.02.24 - Rescheduled Staff Day

(School is closed to students)

20.02.24 - New half-term begins

04-08.03.24 - Literacy Week

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Ayubowan!



9TS have been completing a Citizenship module all about 'Expressing Identity'. As part of this, Mrs Gamage, who is from Sri Lanka, brought in a range of traditional Sri Lankan items such as money, clothing and some delicious snacks (which she made herself). The pupils thoroughly enjoyed learning about a different culture.



Festive Dodgeball



At the end of last term Year 8s from BRD and BSA competed in a festive dodgeball tournament at St Gerard's school against local special schools.

The students displayed the 5 'D's of dodgeball whilst dancing and singing along to Christmas classics in Christmas hats. All had a great time and the students particularly enjoyed the target the teachers round!

Children's Mental Health Week is in full swing at Park. There are different activities each day this week to empower, equip and give a voice to all of the young people in our school.

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CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

5-11 FEB 2024

Monday - Mindful Monday

Tuesday - Safer Internet Day

Wednesday - Wellness Wednesday

Thursday - Talking Thursday

Friday - Fun Friday



In the shoes of Professionals...

Over the next few months we'll preview some of the work experience opportunities on offer for students at Park. This edition is the turn of 16PB.



I'm currently at a travel agents in Belfast. I enjoy the banter with the friendly staff and learning about travel. My daily tasks involve training modules, printing travel documents, and exploring holiday options on Jet2 or easyJet. I hope this experience will pave the way for a full-time job after school.