

PARK NEWSLETTER



Monday 18th September 2017

Ensuring every individual achieves their best through high expectations for all; with a focus on aspiration, confidence, creativity and care.

★★★Stars of the Week★★★

Explorers (Reception & Year 1)

Asma in Aldrin Class

Tabasom in Attenborough Class

Amelia in Marco Polo Class

Scientists and Inventors (Years 2, 3 & 4)

Prodige in Einstein Class

Masumah in Marie Curie Class

Naomi in Pasteur Class

Sabiha in Da Vinci Class

Johan in Edison Class

Rayan in Galileo Class

Arrun in Berners-Lee Class

Lisette in Brunel Class

Huzayfah in Hawking Class

Leaders (Years 5 & 6)

Natalia in Gandhi Class

Erika in Helen Keller Class

Tiana in Rosa Parks Class

Maariyah in Mandela Class

Assistant Head Teachers'

Stars of the Week

Miss Cook's Star of the Week in KS1

Maryam in Marco Polo Class

Miss Patora's Star of the Week in LKS2

Ishaq in Galileo Class

Mrs Ttoffali's Classes of the Week

Pasteur Class in Key Stage 1 for superb behaviour on the stairs.

Da Vinci Class in Lower Key Stage 2 for their mature learning behaviour and excellent start to the year.

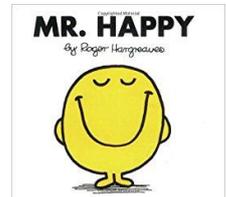
Mandela Class in Upper Key Stage 2 for settling into Year 6 so well and learning to appreciate the views of all members of the class.

Word of the Week

Key Stage 1: **Happy**

The children will be reading the story 'Mr Happy'.

Key Stage 2: **Determination**



Value of the Week



This week, we will be thinking about **creativity** in our values assembly.

This Week's Learning Power: Perseverance

This week we are being **Persevering Parrots**. We show our teachers that we are Persevering Parrots by:

- working hard
- practising lots
- taking a brain break
- trying new strategies
- asking for help
- discussing the solution with others
- working through a problem on our own
- and above all, not giving up!



House Points Results



Birch	1292
Maple	1153
Oak	1240
Sycamore	1092

Thought for the Week

Before you act, listen.
Before you react, think.
Before you spend, earn.
Before you criticise, wait.
Before you pray, forgive.
Before you quit, try.
- William Arthur Ward

Philosophy for Children

Whilst we have incorporated some elements of Philosophy for Children (P4C) into the curriculum over the last couple of years, this year we are timetabling fortnightly P4C sessions into the timetable for each year group. Philosophy sessions encourage the children to think for themselves; they teach the children to articulate their thoughts; they develop questioning, listening and reading skills; they teach the children to disagree in a non-confrontational way and they allow the children to reason and justify.

To find out more, visit <http://www.sapere.org.uk/>.

To encourage philosophical discussion at home, we are adding a 'Park Ponders' question to the newsletter each week. Please enjoy discussing the question with your family at home. Remember to say **why** you have the opinion that you do.

Park Ponders

This week's Park Ponders question is...

Would you rather swim with whales or fly with birds?



Beat the Street 2017

Park Primary will be participating in Beat the Street East London & Newham which will run from Wednesday 20th September to Wednesday 8 November! Beat the Street is a free, fun game for the children and parents in Newham, Hackney, Tower Hamlets & Waltham Forest to see how far they can walk, cycle, run and move any which way they can! Each class will be getting their cards from Monday 18th September. These will be delivered to your classrooms.

How does it work?

Players record journeys and score points around East London, in a bid to win prizes! Walk, cycle or run from point to point, tapping your dedicated Beat the Street RFID (Radio Frequency ID) card or fob on sensors (Beat Boxes) which are placed on lamp posts and other street furniture across the dedicated routes where the game is being played.

Tapping a card or fob on the first Beat Box sends the location information to a database. The second Beat Box that is tapped will record a journey. You must tap at least two Beat Boxes within one hour to record a journey and score 10 points. You can then tap as many Beat Boxes as you can find as you walk, run or cycle around Newham, Hackney, Tower Hamlets and Waltham Forest! There must be a time gap of at least 1 minute between tapping Beat Boxes, or the second box will not register points.

A registered player can see their journey appear on their total mileage, that of their team and on the overall East London & Newham total. [Register your card on this website](https://beatthestreet.me/eastlondon/howtoplay) to be able to see your journeys and points, to join a team and for the chance to win prizes!

You can find out more by looking at the Beat the Street East London & Newham website <https://beatthestreet.me/eastlondon/howtoplay>





A Stone Age Visitor?

Peculiar things do sometimes appear in our Park Primary playground and, on Wednesday, Year 3 were called out to witness a very strange arrival.

Having just settled for our afternoon lessons, the school office called all Year 3 classes down to the playground and there we saw a very strange sight. A man. But not, it seemed, a man from today's world...

While some children claimed it was Mr Walker we wondered if that was possible, he was teaching in Year 6 (wasn't he?!) And this man could only 'speak' in grunts and wore some very strange clothes: a simple brown tunic, animal fur and there were no shoes on his feet. How strange!

We could tell he was frightened, so we all felt it best to leave although some children were very keen to investigate this strange man further! Finally, we all made it back to class but it left so many questions.

What was going on? Who was he? Where had he come from? A visitor from The Stone Age perhaps? But why?.....



Attendance Matters

At Park we believe that every child should achieve their very best in all aspects of their education. There is clear evidence that a child's school attendance has a direct effect on their learning. Children who are poor attendees, or who are consistently late for school, often do not achieve their full potential.

Lateness Adds Up!

- Being 5 minutes late every day will add up to THREE DAYS of learning lost every year.
- Being 15 minutes late every day will add up to TWO WEEKS of learning lost every year.

Missing School Adds Up!

100% Attendance	0 days of learning missed	Best chance of success!	
95% Attendance	2 weeks of learning missed	Poor attendance will impact on learning.	
90% Attendance	4 weeks of learning missed		
85% Attendance	5½ weeks of learning missed	Very poor attendance, you are at risk of prosecution.	
80% Attendance	At least 7½ weeks of learning missed which is more than half a term.		



Leave from school is only authorised in exceptional circumstances. **Parents who take their children out of school during term time without leave being authorised are highly likely to be fined by the Local Authority.**

Good attendance is celebrated at Park. This week, the five classes have achieved 100% Attendance. We are incredibly proud of them. Congratulations to **Aldrin Class, Edison Class, Brunel Class, Helen Keller Class** and **Pankhurst Class**. Keep it up!

Head Lice

Head lice is a topic that regularly crops up in schools. It is important to remember that head lice is a problem for the whole community and not just schools. It is also important to bear in mind that head lice do not cause serious health problems.

The best way of controlling them is by early detection. To do this, families need to be checking their hair on a regular basis, preferably each week.

- Detect using a plastic fine tooth lice detection comb. Hair can be dry or damp but damp hair helps prevent the lice arching off with static. For very thick hair, the use of conditioner may help. Hold the comb at a 45° angle and comb small sections of hair at a time. It takes 10-15 minutes per head to check effectively.
- Only treat members of the family on which a living louse has been found.
- For treatment advice see your community pharmacist, GP, Practice Nurse, Health Visitor or School Nurse.
- Treat twice with a 7 day gap between treatments and using the same lotion- this should kill any lice that have hatched since the first treatment before they are mature enough to lay more eggs (nits).
- Detection combing should be done between the 2 treatments and at 3-4 day intervals after treatment is complete for 2 weeks. If a living louse is found following the second treatment, consult one of the professionals listed above.

Whilst professionals (education and health) provide advice and support they cannot enforce treatment. Detection and treatment is a parental responsibility.

Hopefully this information will help you. For further information, a fact sheet is available from the school office. If you need further advice on this or any other health topic please contact our school nurse:

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Sharing Assemblies

Our sharing assemblies are on a Friday at 9:05am. Please enter the school through the main office if you are attending sharing assembly.

	Key Stage 1 Drama Studio	Key Stage 2 PE Hall
22.09.17	Aldrin	Da Vinci
29.09.17	Marie Curie	Brunel
6.10.17	Attenborough	Gandhi
13.10.17	Einstein	Mandela
20.10.17	Marco Polo	Edison
Half Term		
3.11.17	Pasteur	Berners-Lee
10.11.17	Aldrin	Rosa Parks
17.11.17	Marie Curie	Pankhurst
24.11.17	Attenborough	Galileo
1.12.17	Einstein	Hawking
8.12.17	Marco Polo	Helen Keller
15.12.17	Pasteur	Malala

Diary Dates

19.9.17	Discover Story Centre visit Da Vinci Class
19.9.17 - 22.9.17	Mandela Barge Visit
3.10.17	Year 5 visit Petrie Museum
4.10.17	Year 5 visit Petrie Museum
18.10.17	Parent/Carer Afternoon School Closes at 1:00pm. Children must be collected at this time.
23.10.17 - 27.10.17	School Closed - Half Term
6.11.17	Year 5 Shakespeare Schools Festival at Stratford Circus
12.12.17	Year 4 Production
15.12.17	Save the Children 'Christmas Jumper Day'
19.12.17	Whole School Winter Showcase
20.12.17	Star of the Term Assembly
21.12.17 - 2.1.18	School Closed - Christmas Holiday
3.1.18	School Closed - Staff Training Day

NB Term dates are available on the school website.

School Lunch Menu

This week is **Week 2** of the menu. Our [School Menu](#) is available on our website.



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