

PARK NEWSLETTER



Monday 12th September 2016

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

★★★Stars of the Week★★★

Explorers (Reception & Year 1)

Our reception children have all been stars this week! Well done Columbus, Cook and Da Gama Classes.

Hasan in Aldrin Class

Naomi in Attenborough Class

Caisea in Marco Polo Class

Scientists and Inventors (Years 2, 3 & 4)

Summer in Einstein Class

Oleksandr in Marie Curie Class

Amina in Pasteur Class

Juan Tim in Da Vinci Class

Maruf in Edison Class

Hanifah in Galileo Class

Ali in Berners-Lee Class

Ruben in Brunel Class

Raluca in Hawking Class

Leaders (Years 5 & 6)

Elizabeth in Gandhi Class

Junaydur in Helen Keller Class

Zerios in Rosa Parks Class

Zahrah in Malala Class

Samantha in Mandela Class

Alishba in Pankhurst Class

Standards Leader Stars of the Week

Miss Cook's Star of the Week in KS1

Deen in Marco Polo Class

Mr Smith's Star of the Week in Lower KS2

Tom in Da Vinci Class

Mr Davy's Star of the Week in Upper KS2

David in Gandhi Class

Mrs Ttoffali's Classes of the Week

This week we would like to thank all the children for their super behaviour as they move around school. What a great start to the year!

House Points Results



Birch	175
Maple	150
Sycamore	160
Oak	175

Word of the Week

Key Stage 1: **HAPPY**

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

MR. HAPPY



Key Stage 2: **DETERMINATION**

The children will be learning about the Ethiopian long distance runner, Haile Gebrselassie.

Value of the Week

This week, we will be thinking about 'Tolerance' in our phase assemblies.

Optional Project Homework

Theme: **Roald Dahl**

Deadline: 10.10.16

Thought for the Week

"Do not judge me by my successes, judge me by how many times I fell down and got back up again."
-Nelson Mandela



School Lunch Menu

This week is **Week 1** of the menu.

Our [School Menu](#) is available on our website.

Welcome Back

Welcome back to all our families and a special welcome to our new families in Reception and across the school. We hope your children settle into their classes quickly, are happy, and achieve their very best with confidence, creativity and care.

This year is going to be a challenging one with the building works but we are doing all we can to combat the inconvenience that is caused. The children have been amazing this last week, adapting to the new routes around the building and moving sensibly up and down the stairs.

We'd like to thank all our families for adapting back to our entrance/ exit system. It is in the best interests of everyone to follow this system so thank you.

As always, if you have any questions please feel free to speak to us.

Staffing Changes

This term we have welcomed a number of new staff to the school.

In the office, Haidee Butler-Rubbino joins us as our new receptionist and Zakiya Sharif as our new Attendance and Admissions Officer.

Stephen Davy joins us as our new Assistant Head, with responsibility for the Curriculum and Years 5 & 6.

Chloe Rice is teaching in Reception; Martin Szwaba in Year 2; Andrew Ttofalli and Kirandeep Singh in Year 3; Mags Phelan and Katie Healy in Year 5; and Michael Sansom in Year 6.

On Thursday we said goodbye (for the time being) to Natalie Aldham as she goes on maternity leave. We wish her well and look forward to hearing about her new arrival in the coming weeks.

Punctuality & Attendance

Please could all children be in the playground ready for the bell to ring at 8:55am. If your child is late to school by 5 minutes each day, that adds up to 950 minutes across the year which is nearly 16 hours of learning time.

We recommend being in the playground for 8:50am.

Our whole school attendance target is 96%. There is clear evidence to suggest 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.

We are working closely with Newham's Attendance Management Service to monitor the children's attendance. Children should be in school every single day unless they are sick. Medical evidence will be requested for children whose attendance becomes a concern.

Whilst our whole school attendance target is 96% we want the children to aim for 100%. A child whose attendance is 95% will have missed 2 weeks of learning in one year.

If your child will not be attending school, please call the school office to inform us.



Road Safety

It is often very congested on the roads outside school at the beginning and end of the day.

Drivers

Please do not park outside the school gates or drop your child off in the middle of the road. It puts our children in danger.

School Crossing Patrol Officer

Please teach your children how to cross the road safely by crossing with the School Crossing Patrol Officer.



Hungry Tummies and Mid-Morning Snacks

This week we've had a number of children grumbling (mid-morning) that they are hungry. Please send your child to school with a snack for the morning.

Please could we remind you that only fresh fruit and vegetables may be brought to school for the children to snack on at playtime. This is to help ensure children are eating healthily and many of the cereal bars that were being brought to school as healthy snacks have a high sugar content. We do not allow nuts, seeds or pulses due to allergies in school and we want to maintain a safe environment for all the children and staff. It is also our policy that children may only bring in water to drink at school – no cordial, fruit juice or fizzy drinks please.

Beat the Street

Before the summer we heard from Julia in Edison class that she had walked 92 miles for Beat the Street! Between Julia and her mum, they scored 5090 points for Park Primary. Julia played the game right up until the end with her last tap being 3 minutes before the Beat the Street deadline. Julia also won a 'Lucky Dip' £25 Decathlon voucher; a very well deserved voucher in our eyes!



Building Update

You will have noticed that there have been many changes over the holiday as the building works progress.

Phase 1 is now complete – our new school office is open and the four new classrooms have been completed.

Phase 2 is progressing well – the transformation of classrooms into toilet blocks is underway and is due to be completed by the end of September. Once this has been completed, we will have boys' toilets, girls' toilets and an accessible toilet on each floor of the building.

Phase 3 is due to begin once the toilet blocks have been completed. We will keep you updated over the coming months.

New Classes

You may have noticed that we have two additional classes in Key Stage 2 this year. Brunel Class is a Year 4 class and Pankhurst Class is Year 6. Now that we have the new classrooms, we have the space to have 3 classes in each year group across Key Stage 2, which has meant we no longer have any split year group classes. This also means that we are fortunate to have smaller class sizes in Key Stage 2 (as we have had in Reception and Key Stage 1 for many years).

As the school grows from Reception up, class sizes will grow to 30 pupils. Our Reception intake this year is the first year where our intake is 90 pupils.

Dates for the Diary

September	
13 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">9:00am Year 6 Parent/ Carer Information SessionYear 6 TFL TalkRoald Dahl Day (Whole School)
14 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">9:00am Year 5 Parent/ Carer Information Session
October	
20 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Parent/ Carer Afternoon (School closes at 1:00pm)
24 th - 28 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">School closed for half term
31 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Back to SchoolBlack History Week
November	
December	
20 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Last day of term
21 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none">School closed for Christmas holiday
January 2017	
4 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">School closed for Training Day
5 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Back to school

Term Dates for this academic year are available on the school website.

<http://www.park.newham.sch.uk/term-dates.html>

Paper copy of the newsletter

In order to reduce the amount of paper we use, and to reduce printing costs, the newsletter is published on our website and emailed out to all parents/ carers weekly (on a Monday). If you do not receive emails from us, please contact the school office to check that the email address we hold for you is correct.

However, if you do not have an email address, or you'd prefer to receive a paper copy of the newsletter, please return this slip to the office.



I would like to receive a paper copy of the newsletter.

Child's name _____

Class _____