

PARK NEWSLETTER



Monday 11th September 2017

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

Welcome!

Welcome back to all our families and staff, with a very warm welcome to the new members of our Park community. We hope you had a wonderful summer break and are looking forward to the year ahead. This term we have a number of new faces on our staff and we will be introducing them over the coming weeks.

Michael Rosen Visit

We were very excited to welcome Michael Rosen into school on Thursday to share his poetry with the children and to open the new wing of the school building. He delighted the children with performances of, "We're Going on a Bear Hunt," and "Chocolate Cake," amongst others.

The Year 5 children joined Michael for a writing workshop where they were inspired to write their own poems.

At the end of the day he stayed to sign copies of his books, which were available to buy from Newham Bookshop.

Thank you to all our families for supporting the day. Thank you also to Newham Bookshop for their donation of £80 worth of books for the school.



Value of the Week

This week, we will be thinking about '**confidence**' in our Values Assembly. Our Values Assembly is a new assembly focusing on our core values; aspiration, confidence, creativity and care. The assembly will take place on a Monday. It is an opportunity for a third of the children from Year 1 through to Year 6 (and later in the year, Reception) to come together. Each third will meet every three weeks and the groups will swap each term so that the children meet with different children from across the school.



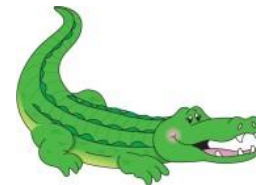
This Week's Learning Power



Each week we focus on a different Learning Power – a key skill to be an effective learner. Each skill is associated with an animal.

This week's focus is **Concentrating Crocodile**. We show our teachers that we are Concentrating Crocodiles by:

- Looking, listening and sitting still
- Doing one thing at a time
- Showing care about what we are doing
- Managing our distractions
- Drawing diagrams or making jottings which help us to think



Year Group Information Sessions

Our Year Group Information Sessions are taking place over the next few weeks. They are a good opportunity to meet with the Assistant Head Teacher who is overseeing your child's year group; to find out about the curriculum for the year ahead and to have a clear understanding about the expectations of the year.

We are aware that many parents did not receive the communication last week about the sessions and therefore missed the Year 1 session which was held this morning. We are very sorry about that and will repeat the Year 1 session for those parents who were unable to make it.

- Year 1 Repeated Session – 9:05am, Tuesday 19th September
- Year 2 Session – 9:05am, Tuesday 12th September
- Year 3 Session – 9:05am, Monday 18th September
- Year 4 Session – 9:05am, Friday 15th September
- Year 5 Session – 9:05am, Thursday 14th September
- Year 6 Session – **3:00pm**, Tuesday 26th September

Climbing Frame

Please do not allow your children to use the climbing frame before or after school. We cannot be held responsible for the use of the climbing frame at this time.

School Lunch Menu

This week is **Week 1** of the menu. Our [School Menu](#) is available on our website.

Thought for the Week

Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference. -
Winston Churchill

Birthdays

Please could we remind you that we do not allow the children to bring in treats for their birthday to be distributed in class or at the end of the day. The children will be made to feel special in school when it is their birthday but it is our policy that any cakes, sweets, chocolates, party bags etc. that are brought in from home will be returned at the end of the day.

PE Kits

Please ensure your child brings their PE kit to school at the beginning of the week and leaves it in school until the end of the week. If your child is in Key Stage 1 your child's PE kit can stay in school for the term. We will not have the PE hall for much longer therefore the children will be doing PE outdoors. Please ensure they have leggings or jogging bottoms and a jumper for the colder weather.

Please label all items of clothing with your child's name.



Sharing Assemblies

Each week a different class in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 will share their learning. Parents and carers are invited into school to see their child share their learning. 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
15.09.17	No Sharing	No Sharing
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

11.9.17 - 14.9.17	Malala Barge Visit
13.9.17	Year 4 Museum of London Visit
15.9.17 - 18.9.17	Pankhurst Barge Visit
19.9.17 - 22.9.17	Mandela Barge Visit
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
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.

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