

PARK NEWSLETTER



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

7th January 2019

Happy New Year

Welcome back to all of our Park Community. We hope that you had a restful break with your family and friends. We'd like to wish you all a happy, healthy and prosperous new year.

New Staff

We'd like to take this opportunity to welcome the following new members of staff to the Park Team.

Tahirah Sherriff - Admissions & Attendance Officer

Ms Sherriff is joining us as Admissions and Attendance Officer to cover for Ms Sharif whilst she is on maternity leave. Ms Sherriff has been with us since the beginning of December, shadowing Ms Sharif. She is your first point of contact should you wish to discuss attendance and punctuality issues. Ms Sherriff will be working as part of the Safeguarding Team.

Rehana Begum - Family Support Worker

Ms Begum has joined us as the new Family Support Worker, taking over from Ms Crawley. Ms Begum joined us mid December so you may have already met her on the gate, or out in the playground. Ms Begum will also be working as part of the Safeguarding Team. Please see the 'Getting to Know You' section later in the newsletter to find out more about her role.

Vicky Light - Class Teacher of Berners Lee Class

Mrs Light joins us as Berners Lee's Class Teacher to replace Ms Westbrook, who left at the end of the autumn term. Mrs Light came into the school before the holiday to meet Berners Lee and she looks forward to sharing her expertise with the Year 4 Team. We are delighted to have her on board at Park.

Alison Turner - Class Teacher of Helen Keller Class

Mrs Turner is joining us to teach Helen Keller Class, alongside Ms Begum, when Mrs Nott goes on maternity leave in a few weeks' time. Mrs Turner also visited the school prior to the Christmas Break in order to plan alongside the Year 5 Team. Mrs Turner has taught at Park previously and we are pleased to welcome her back.

Park's Nursery

Thank you for all the support we have received to date regarding the establishment of Park's own nursery. Thank you also for your continued patience and understanding regarding the lack of information we have been able to provide. In the last week of term, we received the contract from the church which we had been awaiting. This will now be passed on to a legal department operating on behalf of the school to review. The Governing Board will then convene an extraordinary meeting to raise questions and make any necessary decisions regarding the nursery. Once this has taken place, we will be in a position to update you further.

Contact Details

If you have moved over the holiday period or you have a new phone number,



please make sure you let the office staff know so that we hold the correct contact details for you. Please also let us know if any of your emergency contacts have changed their phone number. Thank you.

This week...

Word of the Week

In Collective Worship this week the children will be focusing on:

Promise in Key Stage 1

Resolution in Key Stage 2

Thought for the Week

The best way to predict your future is to create it.

Abraham Lincoln



Learning Power Focus

This week we are focusing on being a 'Creative Chameleon'. The Creative Chameleon reminds us to think about things in different ways.



You can show your teacher that you are a Creative Chameleon by:

- Letting your imagination go
- Thinking up new ideas and questions
- Being creative
- Being adaptable
- Suggesting alternative strategies to answer questions or solve problems



Park Ponders

What is your New Year's Resolution? How do you intend to keep it?



House Point Update

As it is the beginning of term, the house points have been reset to zero.



Sycamore was the victorious house last term. Let's see if they can hold on to the trophy for a second term or will Birch, Maple or Oak take it from them.

Ms Phelan's Weekly Mathematics Challenge

KS1 Challenge

Jack has 20 stickers.

Sana has 4 stickers.

Jack gives Sana 6 stickers?

How many more stickers does Jack now have than Sana?

Jack

20

Sana

4

KS2 Challenge

A box contains some chocolate eggs.

- Harry takes $3\frac{1}{3}$ kg of the eggs.
- Ron takes $\frac{2}{3}$ kg of eggs less than Harry
- There are 3.75 kg of eggs left.

What was the mass of the eggs at the start?



Answers to the problems in the newsletter dated 10.12.18

KS1 - 7 ones, 2 tens, 30 ones, 1 hundred

KS2 - $\frac{4}{10}$ (or $\frac{2}{5}$) of the pizza is left

Every Child Consultation

The Local Authority currently funds the 'Every Child' programme. The aim of the programme is for every child and young person in Newham to have the opportunity to have access to a rich variety of cultural and creative experiences. In school the programme currently provides:

Every Child a Musician

- music lessons for every child in Years 5 & 6;
- a gift of a musical instrument to our Year 6 children.

Every Child a Theatre Goer

- a theatre visit for every child in Year 6.

Every Child a Chess Player

- funding towards chess lessons for every child in Year 3.

There is also funding for Year 7 pupils for Every Child a Sports Person when our pupils move on to secondary school.

The Local Authority has launched a consultation regarding the Every Child programme.

Losing access to the above services would be detrimental to all of our pupils. With school budgets being cut, we do not have the funds in school to be able to provide the same opportunities to our children if the programme is withdrawn.

The consultation will run until Sunday 20th January. If you would like to find out more about the consultation, please visit www.newham.gov.uk/EveryChildConsultation
If you would like to complete the questionnaire, please visit <https://www.snapsurveys.com/wh/s.asp?k=154478456701>.

Dates for the Diary

January 2019

Mon 14th Mathematics Workshop for parents of children in Year 1 & Year 2 (9:00 -10:00am)

Tues 15th Year 1 visit to the Cutty Sark and the Maritime Museum

Thurs 17th Mathematics Open Morning for parents of children in Year 5 & Year 6 (9:00 - 10:00am)

Mon 21st Mathematics Open Morning for parents of children in Year 3 & Year 4 (9:00 - 10:00am)

Tues 29th Year 5 visit to Kew Gardens

Weds 30th Year 4 visit to the British Museum

February 2019

Thurs 14th School closes at 1:00pm. Children must be collected at this time.

Thurs 14th Parent/Carer Afternoon

Mon 18th - Fri 22nd School Closed for Half Term

Mon 25th Back to school

April 2019

8th - 19th School Closed for Easter Holiday

22nd School Closed for Bank Holiday

23rd Back to School

Sharing Assemblies

Date	KS1 Drama Studio 9:00 - 9:30am	KS2 PE Hall 9:00 - 9:30am
11.01.19	No sharing	No sharing
18.01.19	Marie Curie	Galileo
25.01.19	Aldrin	Gandhi
1.02.19	Pasteur	Mandela
8.02.19	Attenborough	Brunel
15.02.19	Einstein	Da Vinci
HALF TERM		
1.03.19	No sharing	Malala
8.03.19	Columbus	Rosa Parks
15.03.19	Marco Polo	Berners-Lee
22.03.19	Cook	Edison
29.03.19	Da Gama	Pankhurst
5.04.19	Star of the Term Assemblies	

Getting to Know You

Hi my name is Rehana Begum. I am your new Family Support Worker here at Park.



What is a Family Support Worker?

A Family Support Worker provides Early Help to families who would benefit from, or need, support early on in life to prevent an issue from escalating and becoming a concern later on in life. These issues could affect your child developmentally, socially, emotionally and physically which in turn affects their wellbeing.

A Family Support Worker can visit families at home or work with them in school to provide individual or block sessions of support.

To give your child the best possible start in life we work in partnership to build a solid foundation for your child to help them to flourish as they grow up.

What can I do to help you and your family?

Support can be given in various ways. This could be in a practical way e.g. support in form filling for housing, benefits, schools, nurseries and doctors.

If you are going through financial difficulties, I could come with you to the local food bank which could help you throughout your time of need or if you are confident to go independently I could provide the letter for you to access the food bank.

If you are having difficulties managing your child's behaviour, if you are worried about their health/diet or toileting is hard I can sign post you to all the right places.

If you have a child with special educational needs and are struggling, I could provide support for that too e.g. finding family support groups where you can speak to other parents who are going through similar situations.

How can I support you to support yourself?

If English is an additional language, I could signpost you to the local ESOL classes.

If you need support finding a job, I could arrange for someone from the job centre or Newham Workplace to give you an insight into the process that will be required.

If you have a 2 year old that may be eligible for Free Early Education funding, I could support you to check your eligibility and make the application.

Is that all?

No... Sometimes we all need to have a good chat with someone and let out how we are feeling. I could come to your home or we could meet at school (whichever suits you best) and have a chat over a coffee.

Where will you find me?

I am out in the playground every morning before school and at the end of the day too. If you come into the school office and ask for me, I will come down to speak to you if I am available or I will contact you as soon as I'm free. You can also talk to me at the Monday morning coffee mornings.

I look forward to meeting you.
Rehana