

# PARK NEWSLETTER



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

1st July 2019

## ☆☆☆☆ Stars of the Week ☆☆☆☆

### Reception & Key Stage 1

Arjan, Kevin and Inaaya in Year 1.

Sunny, Evie and Zaarib in Year 2.

### Lower Key Stage 2

Daniel B, Hajira and Ismail in Year 3.

Sabiha, Gabrielle and MJ in Year 4.

### Upper Key Stage 2

Maryam, Amina and Hashim in Year 5.

Darius and Philip in Year 6.

### Assistant Head Teachers' Stars of the Week

Miss Cook's star is Arandeep in Key Stage 1.

Miss Patora's star is Anika in Lower Key Stage 2.

Mr Walker's star is Yuvraj in Upper Key Stage 2.

### Attendance Stars

**Marie Curie Class** in Reception and Key Stage 1 with 100%.

**Da Vinci Class** in Lower Key Stage 2 with 99.5%.

**Pankhurst Class** in Upper Key Stage 2 with 97.9%.

Overall Attendance: 94.4% 😞

Overall Attendance Target: 96%



### Punctuality Stars

Congratulations to **Pasteur Class** who achieved 100% punctuality this week.

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## Transition Day

Please remember that the children will be meeting their new teacher on Wednesday this week. The children will be collected from the playground by their new teacher. They will be with them until 2:00pm when they will return back to their current teacher.

Please note Mr Hodkin and Mr Ttofalli will not be in school to meet their class on Wednesday as they are accompanying Year 6 on the barge this week.

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## Fond Farewells

At this time of year we prepare to say farewell to some members of our teaching staff as they move on.



We are firstly saying goodbye to **Ms S, Ms Shaukat, Mrs Turner and Mr Vincent** who joined us at various points this year to temporarily cover classes where the teachers left mid-year for various reasons. We are very grateful to them all for their flexibility and commitment to providing the very best for the children at Park.

Next, we are saying au revoir to **Miss Healy** who is going on maternity leave. We wish her well and look forward to hearing about her new arrival when the time comes.

Finally we are saying goodbye to the following members of staff who have been with us for some time: **Ms Castro, Miss Eckton, Mr Mowjoudi and Mr Walker.**

Mr Mowjoudi is not only saying goodbye to Park, but he is saying goodbye to the UK. He is taking up the post of Additional Educational Needs Leader at a school in Beijing.

Mr Walker is leaving Park to run more poetry retreats and creative writing projects. He will be working across lots of primary and secondary schools in East London, as well as writing some books of his own.

We are pleased that we will still be seeing Mr Walker around Park when he works with us for various projects. We'll be seeing him at the beginning of September as he will be supporting the Year 5 team with the barge visits.

We are very thankful to each member of staff for all they have done for the children and families at Park. You will be missed but we wish you the very best.

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## Apologies

We would like to apologise for any confusion caused by the letter which was sent home on Friday. In rushing to get the letter out as promised, errors were made. Apologies for this.



### Clarification

Please note that the children return to school on Wednesday **4th** September. This is the date that has been advertised on our website.

### Omission

Edison Class will be taught by Miss Parsons.

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## Reading Zone Picture Book Competition

Well done to the following children who were chosen to represent Park Primary School in the Reading Zone Picture Book Competition 2019.



- Amarah in Mandela Class with 'Who Am I?' and 'I Don't Know What My Book Should Be About'
- Maryam, Amina and Amalia in Helen Keller Class with 'The Fish who Could Wish.'
- Rassoul in Hawking Class with 'I Became an Alien'

Even though we did not win the competition (they had over 1400 entries), this is what the judges had to say about their entries: *"We enjoyed the range of ideas in the picture books you entered for the competition, especially 'The Fish Who Could Wish' which has a great twist in its tale. This picture book is also nicely illustrated, as is 'I Became an Alien', which also has a striking cover. 'Who Am I?' asked an interesting question through its pages, as did 'I Don't Know What My Book Should Be About' (something that all authors and illustrators struggle with from time to time!) – and we enjoyed the bright and colourful illustrations in 'Who Am I?'. Congratulations to you all in creating this wonderful variety of picture books."*

## Summer Reading Challenge

All the children from Reception to Year 5 have visited the library over the past few weeks. Where permission slips have been returned, clearly stating that you would like a new or replacement card, one has been provided. However it's not too late. If you would still like a card then please get a permission slip from the school office, complete it, and return it to Miss Chandrarajah.



Taking part in the challenge is simple – sign up for the challenge with your local library. Some of you already have done when you visited with us. When you sign up, you will receive your very own Space Chase mission folder to get you started. Read six library books (or more) over the holidays to collect special stickers to add to your folder. Collect all the stickers to find the aliens, save the missing books and complete the challenge. Last year our school had a record number of children taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge, which saw us win a trophy. We hope to keep up this great success, and to be even better this year!

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## Book Amnesty

Parents and carers, we will be asking children to return ALL school reading books that they may have at home. Please look around your house, on your bookshelves, behind the sofa and under the bed. Return any books with the Park Primary School stamp.

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BOOK AMNESTY

All books need to be returned to us by **Thursday 11th July**.

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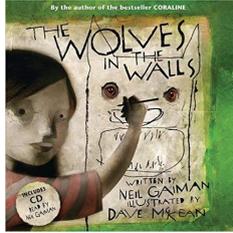
## This week...

### Word of the Week

In Collective Worship this week the children in Key Stage 1 are talking about 'scared' and Key Stage 2 will focus on 'worried'.

### Park Ponders

This week P4C club's stimulus was the story, *The Wolves in the Walls*. The children generated lots of questions with the majority being about trust.



This week's Park Ponders question is...  
How do we decide who we can trust?

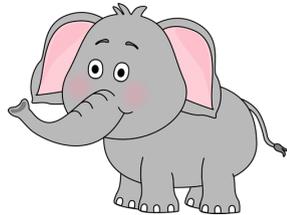
### Learning Power Focus



This week we are using 'Exploring Elephant' to remind us to be curious about the world around us.

You can show your teacher that you are an Exploring Elephant' by:

- asking questions;
- noticing things;
- thinking of reasons;
- asking, "What if...?";
- trying new things;
- and looking for patterns and connections.



### Thought for the Week



## Current Affairs

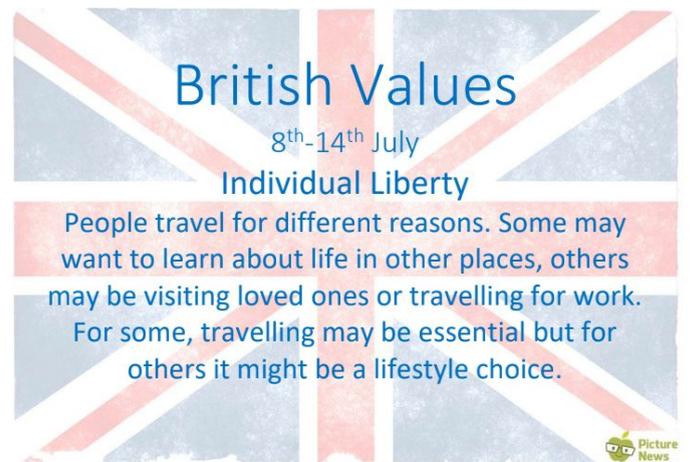


Heathrow Airport has unveiled its £30 billion expansion plans with a third runway set to open by 2026. Many campaigners have warned the project will cause 30 years of misery and long-term damage. The plans include lowering the M25 motorway for the third runway to cross, diverting rivers and moving roads, with campaigners warning of the environmental impact. Supporters of the new runway have said it would help to reduce fares of tickets, lead to fewer delays, and allow travel to more daily destinations.

Things to talk about at home...

- When did you last make a long journey?
- What was it for?
- What is your preferred way to travel? Why?
- Do you think another runway should be built at Heathrow?

### British Values Link: Mutual Respect



## Dates for the Diary

### Sharing Assemblies 9:00-9:30am

Date	KS1	KS2
12.07.19	Marco Polo	Berners Lee
19.07.19	Star of the Term Assembly (Invite only)	

### July 2019

**Wednesday 10th** Transition Day

**Wednesday 10th** Aldrin and Edison Parent/ Carer meetings

**Friday 12th** End of Year Reports Home

**Friday 12th** Choral Speaking Event: Shakespeare in the Park 2:00pm-3:00pm

**Monday 15th** Sports Day 2 (Whole School PM)

**Wednesday 17th** GO Run for Fun AM

**Friday 19th** Star of the Term Assembly AM

**Friday 19th** Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 2:00pm

**Friday 19th** Last day of term

### September 2019

**Wednesday 4th** Children back to school

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## Share Your Talent at Park's Got Talent



Don't forget to practise your acts ready for Park's Got Talent 2019.

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