

PARK NEWSLETTER



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

9th December 2019

☆☆☆☆ Stars of the Week ☆☆☆☆

Key Stage 1

Taylor, Amelie & Ronak in Y1.

Emily, Melissa, Alamia, Inaaya, Alice & Younes in Y2

Lower Key Stage 2

Sunny, Nicole, Hafsa, Sadaqat, Ronnie & Jenny in Y3.

Zeshaiya, Muhammad, Milena, Ehram, Bianca & Sama in Y4.

Upper Key Stage 2

Elizabeth, Thea, Yusuf I, Raees, Abrar & Zeke in Y5.

Aiza, Eva, Yusuf, Dijon, Imtiaz & Sienna in Y6.

Assistant Head Teachers' Stars of the Week

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

Miss Broadhurst's stars are:

Abdallah & Yusuf in Lower Key Stage 2

Luqman & Elizabeth in Upper Key Stage 2.

Attendance Stars

Da Gama Class in Reception and Key Stage 1 with 96.6%.

Brunel Class in Lower Key Stage 2 with 98.5%.

Helen Keller Class in Upper Key Stage 2 with 96%.

Overall Attendance: 93.6% 😞 (Target: 96%)

Visit to London Chess Classic

On Thursday 5th

December, we went to the London Chess Classic event at London Olympia in Kensington for my first chess tournament. It was a great experience. There



we were other students from different schools. We were even given tips from some Grandmasters. We even got goody bags. I can't wait until next year! Well done Park. You did well in the chess tournament and thank you Mr Ttofalli and Ms Williams.

Ronnie, Galileo Class

Nursery Places for September 2020

We still have some places available for September 2020. If you would like to know more, or sign your child up for a place, please contact the school office.

PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL



Early Start Parenting Courses

The highly recommended, Early Start Parenting Courses are taking place once again next term across Newham.

There are courses for parents/carers of:

- Under 5s
- 5-12 year olds
- Teens
- Children with SEND



Each of the courses is free and you are able to self refer to the course on the following website:

<https://www.earlystartgroup.com/parenting/>

Some of the courses are run in Benagli.

We are also able to make referrals so please speak to Miss Critchley if you would like support with this.

"I came into parenting the way most people do - knowing nothing and trying to learn everything."

Mayim Bialik

"There is no such thing as a perfect parent, so just be a real one."

Sue Atkins

"Parenting is the easiest thing in the world to have an opinion about, but the hardest thing in the world to do."

Matt Walsh

Drama, Drama, Drama! Thank you PTA!

Our wonderful PTA have made a generous contribution to allow every child in the school, from Nursery through to Year 6, the opportunity to enjoy a piece of theatre over the past few weeks.



The Snow Queen



Years 3 - 6 made their way to the Redbridge Drama Centre in South Woodford, to see their performance of The Snow Queen, based on the original Hans Christian Anderson fairy tale. They

were treated to a magical, mysterious show with lots of laughs along the way. The choc ices certainly helped to get into the icy world too!

The Littlest Elf



Our Nursery and Reception children were treated to a performance of The Littlest Elf which, through puppetry and song, told the story of Pip, the littlest Christmas elf.

Pip is different to the rest of her fellow elves as she is a little smaller and a little slower than the rest but she has the biggest imagination and even bigger dreams! Pip came in search of some help from the children to achieve her ambition of creating and making a toy of her own for Santa to deliver this year. You will need to ask a child in our Early Years to find out if she was successful!



Beauty and the Beast

Chaplins Panto4Kids entertained Key Stage One with their performance of Beauty and the Beast.

The performance was packed full of comedy, songs and adventure, with the children



learning (alongside Beauty) that true beauty comes from within.

Thank you once again to the PTA for agreeing to contribute to these treats, and to all the parents and carers who have supported the PTA events where this money was raised.

PTA Cake Sale

Following on from the thanks above, we are now asking you to support the PTA's next fundraising event to allow them to keep raising money for the children in school!



On Monday 16th December, there will be a cake sale after school in the MUGA. If you are able to help, please donate a cake/ individual cakes to the school office on Monday morning and/or buy cakes from the playground after school.



The last cake sale raised £156.90 for the PTA funds. It would be great to match this at the next sale.



Newham's Winter Reading Challenge

Dates:

Monday 2nd December - Friday 17th January

Location:

All Newham Libraries

Any child taking part will receive their very own Winter Reading Challenge card on which they can log the titles of the books they have been reading and give them a rating. There are also stickers to collect and an opportunity to review books online with the chance to win more prizes. The aim of the challenge is for children to read and rate 3 books of their choice over the time period.



This week...

Thanks to get you Thinking!



Key Stage 1 Think

Think about this...

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How high is the sky?



Sentence starters:

I think...
I believe...
I feel that...
I would rather...

Key Stage 2 Think

Think about this...

Monday 9th December 2019

Would you have your sense of humour removed in exchange for a million pounds?



Sentence starters:

In my opinion...because
I believe that...because
On the other hand...
However...

Thought for the Week



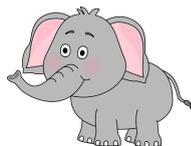
No act of kindness no matter how small is ever wasted.

-Aesop

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.



Current Affairs



The number of youth centres supported by local councils has more than halved between 2011-2019, according to a Parliamentary Group. Ahead of the general election, Labour, the Conservatives and the Lib Dems parties have all pledged to invest in youth services if elected. Successful music entrepreneur Jamal Edwards, who helped to launch the careers of musicians including Ed Sheeran, puts his success down to the support he received from local youth centres. Edwards has recently set up Jamal Edwards Delve, a project aimed at refurbishing and reopening youth centres.

Things to talk about at home...

- Is there a youth centre near where you live? If so, have you ever been? If not, would you like there to be?
- If a new youth centre was to be built near you, what kinds of activities would you like to see there?
- What activities or clubs take place where you live? Talk about any you take part in, or any that you'd like to take part in.
- Are there any places for young people to go where you live?

British Values Link: Individual Liberty



Reminder

WANTED: Donations of Wool



One of our grandparents is currently working as part of a small group of volunteers, to knit blankets for the homeless. They have set themselves the challenge of making at least 100 blankets by Christmas 2020.

If you have any leftover/ spare wool that you wish to donate, please leave it in the school office and we will pass it on to her. Thank you.



ALSO WANTED: Outdoor Clothing



If you have any waterproof clothing at home that your child has outgrown, we would welcome it in school with open arms! Please could any donations be given into the school office. Thank you.

Dates for the Diary

December

Mon 16th PTA Cake Sale

Wed 18th 2:00pm Winter Showcase Performance 1

Thur 19th 9:30am Winter Showcase Performance 2

Thur 19th 2:00pm Winter Showcase Performance 3

Fri 20th Last day of term

January

Mon 6th School Closed - Staff Training

Tues 7th Children back to school

March

Wed 25th 2:00pm Year 4 Production

July

Thurs 9th 6:00pm Year 6 Production

Fri 10th 2:00pm Whole School Choral Speaking

Fri 17th 2:00pm Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

Sharing Assemblies

| Date | KS1 9:00am | KS2 2:20pm |
|----------|-------------------------|-------------|
| 13.12.19 | No sharing | No sharing |
| 20.12.19 | STAR OF THE TERM AWARDS | |
| 10.1.20 | No sharing | No sharing |
| 17.1.20 | No sharing | Galileo |
| 24.1.20 | Cook | Rosa Parks |
| 31.1.20 | No sharing | No sharing |
| 7.2.20 | Columbus | Malala |
| 14.2.20 | Aldrin | Berners Lee |
| 21.2.20 | HALF TERM | |
| 28.2.20 | No sharing | No sharing |
| 6.3.20 | Da Gama | Edison |
| 13.3.20 | Attenborough | Gandhi |
| 20.3.20 | Marco Polo | No sharing |
| 27.3.20 | No sharing | No sharing |
| 3.4.20 | STAR OF THE TERM AWARDS | |

Please note that school term dates are available on our website for [2019-2020](#) and [2020-2021](#).

Reminder

School is **closed to children in Reception on Thursday 12th December** due to the Reception classrooms being used as a polling station.

ParentView Feedback

Thank you very much to everyone who completed our ParentView questionnaire at our Parent/Carer Afternoon in October. The feedback from the questionnaire has now been shared with staff and governors. Where there were comments/ queries that required following up, we have done so in order to find out more and to see if/where changes can be made where appropriate.

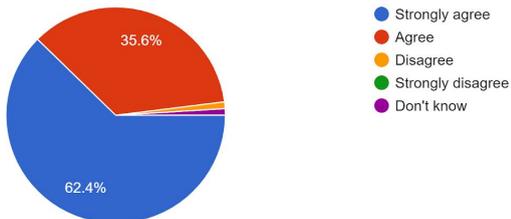
Please remember that we have an open door policy at Park and whilst we use Parent/Carer Afternoons as a time to capture feedback, your thoughts are always welcome and appreciated.

We would like to share the feedback with you below.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

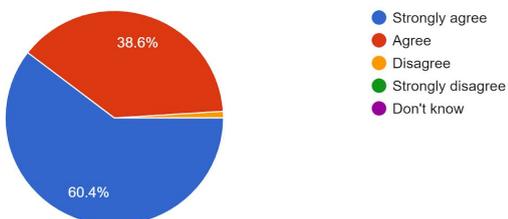
My child is happy at this school.

101 responses



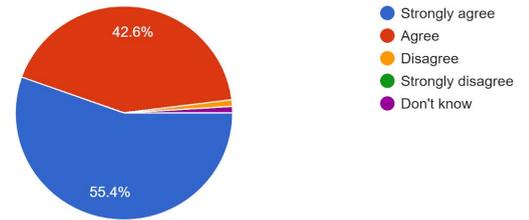
My child feels safe at this school.

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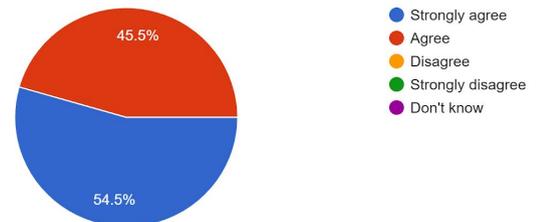
My child is well looked after at this school.

101 responses



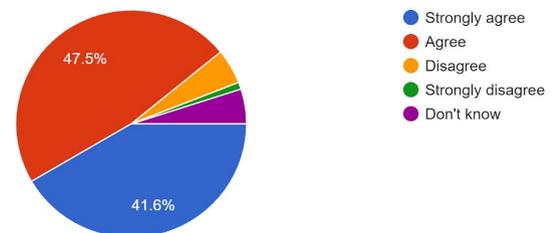
My child is taught well at this school.

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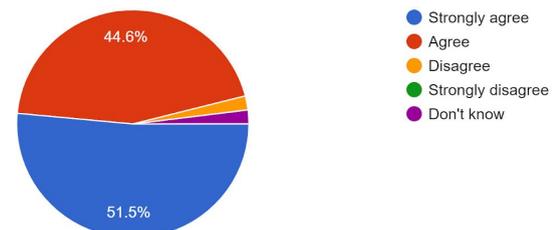
My child receives appropriate homework for their age.

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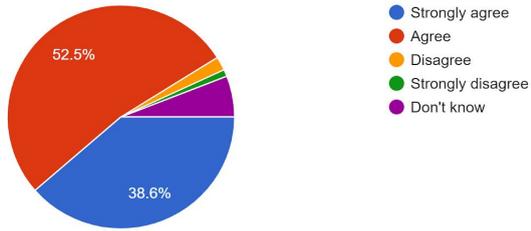
This school ensures the pupils are well behaved.

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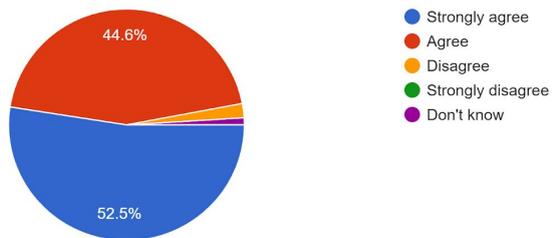
This school deals effectively with incidents of bad behaviour.

101 responses



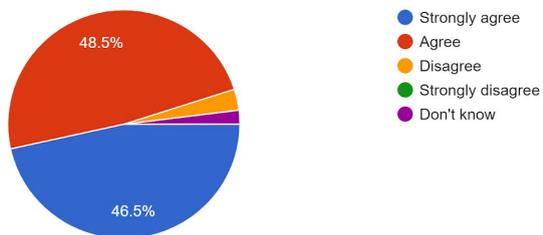
This school is well led and managed.

101 responses



This school responds well to any concern I raise.

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I receive regular communication from the school.

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