

PARK NEWSLETTER



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

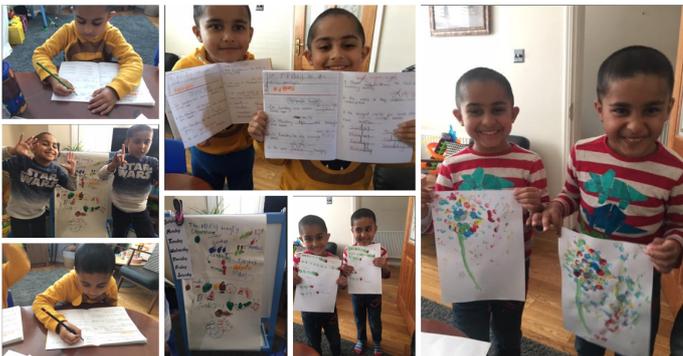
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☆☆☆☆ Stars of the Week ☆☆☆☆

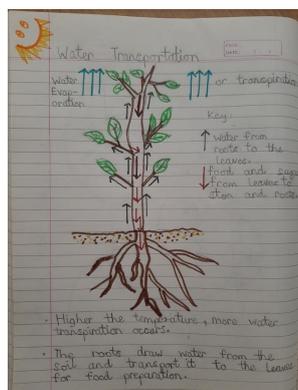
Thank you for continuing to share with us the reasons why your children have been little stars at home.

Alannis (Marie Curie) and **Sienna** (Helen Keller) continue to try and be kind to their family, even when they are fed up and they have allowed their mum and dad to work when they have needed to. Additionally they have both been Creative Chameleons, doing lots of junk modelling, making clothes for their toys and playing imaginatively. On top of all that, they have also been Go for it Gorillas, being willing to try new foods their parents have experimented with, even though they haven't always liked them! Well done girls.

Aryan (Da Gama) and **Ayaan** (Cook) for their outstanding efforts in their learning and for working together as a team.



Daksh (Galileo) for always showing full dedication in completing all the school assignments. This week he went the extra mile by taking effort to understand the process of water transportation from roots to leaves and evaporation into the atmosphere.



Kaitlyn (Little Nursery) for becoming quite the little chef! So far she has made white and wholemeal rolls, bread, oat biscuits, viennese whirls, lemon meringue pie, fairy cakes, hot cross buns, Rice Krispie and cornflake cakes.



Aria (Little Park) for making remarkable progress with her reading! She can blend words together and is super consistent at reading and writing at home.

Angel (Columbus) has been a superstar because he has helped make dinner every day.



Sofia (Aldrin) has been helping a lot with house chores and has been teaching her little brother colours. She has also been reading him stories every night.

Agota (Cook) has been a true superstar this week because she's been practicing her RWI sounds and she's been doing really well with her reading.

Anastasija (Helen Keller) has been a super star because she has been keeping active.

Dijon (Malala) has been a star for listening. He made a geography quiz that he challenged the whole family with and he is finally doing the maths challenges voluntarily and really enjoying them. Well done Dijon!

Alamia (Marie Curie) has been trying hard learning her times tables and she has also been learning Arabic.

Amelia (Marco Polo) has been a star this week as she always has a positive attitude to her learning at home and she has been working really hard in all her learning including reading, writing, phonics and maths. This week she has written a wonderful diary using some really interesting sentences in her writing. We're so proud of her.

Ada (Marie Curie) has been a super star this week as she has persevered when she's found her work difficult, and has always been willing to try again if what she's doing doesn't work the first time around!

Kayla (Marie Curie) has been a superstar all this time! I work full time from home and she has shown she is so patient and understanding. She enjoys spending time alone playing. I am so proud of her.

Deen (Hawking) is a star for putting real effort into something he finds challenging, learning his times tables. He now knows most of his times table from memory! I am so proud of him.

Azeem (Little Park) is a star for practising his phonics and saying his sounds whilst pointing to objects in the house. Well done super star.

Anita (Malala) and **Anisa** (Rosa Parks) have been superstars this week because they planned a surprise birthday party for their baby sister Saria and made presents for her. They also helped their mum make a cake, decorate it and cut it.



Saria (Little Park) has been a superstar this week because she drew a rainbow all by herself for her birthday cake.



We hope you enjoyed your birthday Saria.

Aleena (Marco Polo) has been a superstar because she has been a helping hand for her mummy and for her little brother who has been toilet training. She has been helping her mummy to encourage her brother and cheer him up. Also, Aleena has been doing her school work every day and listening to her mummy when it's time for bed.

Wasifur (Pankhurst) has been helping a lot at home, listening to instructions and helping to take care of his younger siblings, especially when they play out in the garden. Well done Wasifur!

Grace (Brunel), **Amelia** (Da Vinci) and **Levi** (Attenborough) were stars at home this weekend as they created a pop up restaurant and a date night for mummy and daddy!

Grace was the maitre d, Amelia was the chef and Levi was the waiter.

They came up with the menu and cooked the food, set up a table, took the orders, brought all the food and drinks and gave their mummy and daddy a lovely evening in the garden.

The menu consisted of:

Small sandwiches

Fruit salad

Cheese burgers

And chocolate pudding with chocolate sauce and marshmallows!



I'll Be There for You Lip Synch

We hope you enjoyed the lip synch video which we shared with you last week. We are really



grateful to Mr Walker for making it happen and to the staff for sharing their lip synching skills! In these challenging times, we hope it raised a smile.

If you haven't seen it, take a look.

https://youtu.be/vsrh6_zsGNM

KS2 Lockdown SATs Quiz

Last week would have been SATs week for our Year 6s. We know that many of our Year 6 pupils were disappointed not to have been able to sit their SATs after all their hard work but as we have told the children time and again, they aren't learning for the tests, they are learning for themselves so that hard work won't have been lost. In lieu of what would have been their first test paper, the Year 6 children had a KS2 Lockdown SATs Quiz hosted by Ms Phelan, quiz master extraordinaire!

The quiz included the following rounds:

- General Knowledge
- Park Primary Knowledge
- What's the Teacher's First Name
- Riddles
- Scavenger Hunt

Well done to all the children who participated.

Take a look at a selection of the questions below - how do you think you would have fared if you were taking part?

1. What does M.U.G.A stand for?
2. Name the three Reception classes.
3. In what century was Park Primary school opened?
4. What are the 4 values of Park Primary?
5. How do you spell Ttoffali?
6. What goes up and down, but never moves?

ChessKid

Mr Ttoffali has been liaising with Chess in Schools and Communities (CSC) to arrange for the children in Years 4, 5 & 6 to receive a username and password giving them free access to ChessKid until the 20th July.



Mr Ttoffali has now heard that the same offer is available to any other children who are interested in developing their chess skills at home. There is a series of lessons to access which include videos, worksheets and quizzes. The children also have the opportunity to play friends from our own school or children from other schools.



| 2020 National Curriculum Tests | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-----|-------|------|--|
| Key stage 2 | | | | |
| KS2 Lockdown SATs | | | | |
| First name | | | | |
| Middle name | | | | |
| Last name | | | | |
| Date of birth | Day | Month | Year | |
| School name | | | | |
| OIE number | | | | |

If you would like your child to access ChessKid for free, you will need to follow the ChessKids SIGNUP link for Park Primary School.

<https://www.chesskid.com/register/kid/group/HLW94T>

You will be given a username and will be asked to create a password. For safeguarding purposes, please do not amend the username to one which includes any part of your child's actual name.

Once your child has signed up, they will need to log in here: <https://www.chesskid.com/login>.

Mental Health Awareness Week

In celebration of Mental Health Awareness Week 2020, and the **theme of kindness**, primary schools are being encouraged to get mentally healthy by spreading a little kindness.



This calendar, designed to be used throughout Mental Health Awareness Week, encourages pupils to do two acts of kindness each day – one for someone else and one for themselves.

We'd love to hear about any acts of kindness your child does across the week. Follow this link for the full size calendar and more information.



<https://mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/media/2036/seven-days-of-kindness-calendar.pdf>

Getting to know...

We continue to find out about different members of our Park staff in our *Getting to know...* feature. Did you guess which member of staff is most proud of jumping out of a plane? Find out if you're right below.



Getting to know... Mrs Auguste

(Mrs Auguste is our new Admissions Officer)

Where did you grow up?

Newham

What are you most proud of?

My little family (Hubby & Two Beautiful Sons)

What did you want to be when you were younger?

A Singer & actress

What was your first job?

Working in my local corner shop, I was 13

What is the best piece of advice you've been given or would give to others?

The best person you can be is yourself

Tell us something about you that we may not know.

Look at your fingers, on each finger should have 2 lines and 3 spaces my fingers have 3 lines and 4 spaces.

What do you like to do when you're not at Park?

Spend time with my family

What's your favourite...

Ice cream flavour? Haagen Dazs Strawberry (not the cheesecake one, the plain one)

Food? Caribbean style soup with dumplings, lentils, lamb and more

Children's book? The Hungry Caterpillar

Childhood memory? When my little sister was born.

Park Primary School memory? I haven't made many yet but it has to be in my interview. Mrs Ttoffali was so bubbly and welcoming; I knew Park was somewhere I wanted to stay.

Sport to watch? Basketball (don't tell my son because he loves football)

Superhero? Mrs Incredible

Quote? If you always try to be normal you will never know how amazing you can be - Maya Angelou

Why are you proud to work at Park?

Because it seems like everyone treats each other like family, family is important to me so it makes me feel at home.



Getting to know... Mr Sansom

Where did you grow up?

Poole, Dorset

What are you most proud of?

Jumping out of a plane

What did you want to be when you were younger?

Refuse collector or a police officer

What was your first job?

Insurance sales

What is the best piece of advice you've been given or would give to others?

Listen...really listen to others and hear what they have to say; never taking people for granted.

What would your superpower be and why?

To control the weather (like Thor).

If you could visit anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

Patagonia (Argentina) - the scenery looks spectacular and seems like the place where you could be close to nature. Or Iceland - To see the Northern Lights.

What was the most recent book you read?

Stephen Hawking - A Brief Answer To The Big Questions. A book published posthumously, with the final thoughts of Stephan Hawking on some of the big questions.

Tell us something about you that we may not know.

I overcame Leukaemia at the age of 21.

What is your most embarrassing moment?

I was running on holiday (10 years old) with some new friends and tripped over a speed bump...I still have the scar .

What's your favourite...

Children's book? Varjak Paw

Board game? Catan or Trivial Pursuit

Park Primary School memory? School pantomime

Sport to participate in? Rugby

Superhero? Thor

Sandwich filling? Prawn

Quote? When the whole world is silent, even one voice becomes powerful - Malala Yousafzai

Why are you proud to work at Park?

The way Park has reacted to the current events shows how we are really true to our ethos.



Getting to know... Ms Nath

Where did you grow up?

India

What are you most proud of?

My family

What was your first job?

Sales assistant in Woolworths

What did you want to be when you were younger?

Teacher

What is the best piece of advice you've been given or would give to others?

Do your best. Treat others how you would like to be treated.

Tell us something about you that we may not know.

I enjoy taking part in yoga.

What do you like to do when you're not at Park?

Visit my grandchildren.

What would your superpower be and why?

My super power would be to have healing power. I would heal anyone suffering severely from coronavirus and help the world go back to normal.

What's your favourite...

Ice cream? Magnum Almond

Food? Tandoori chicken

Children's book? Matilda

Childhood memory? Going to the ice cream parlour every week with my dad.

Park Primary School memory? The year 2 trip to the London Zoo. Everyone had an amazing time.

Sport to watch? Cricket

Sport to play? Badminton

Quote? "Every day may not be good but there's something good in every day."

Why are you proud to work at Park?

Working with young people provides a new challenge every day. I would be proud to say that I had played a part in helping each child to achieve their target and gain confidence in themselves and make progress in their work. In addition to this the friendly and supportive environment makes me proud to be working at Park school.

Getting to know...???? Next Week

In next week's newsletter, we will be finding out which member of staff used to be a journalist. Who do you think it could be?



This week...

Thanks to get you Thinking!

Key Stage 1 Think



Think about this... Monday 18th May 2020

Would you rather be covered in fur or scales

Sentence starters:
I think...
I believe...
I feel that...
I would rather...

Key Stage 2 Think

Think about this... Monday 18th May 2020

Would you rather be able to see 10 minutes into your own future or 10 minutes into the future of anyone but yourself?

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

Learning Power Focus

This month we are trying hard to improve our cooperation skills. We use the 'Collaborative Critters' to remind us to work together to learn and achieve.

Being cooperative, 'Collaborative Critters' requires us to:

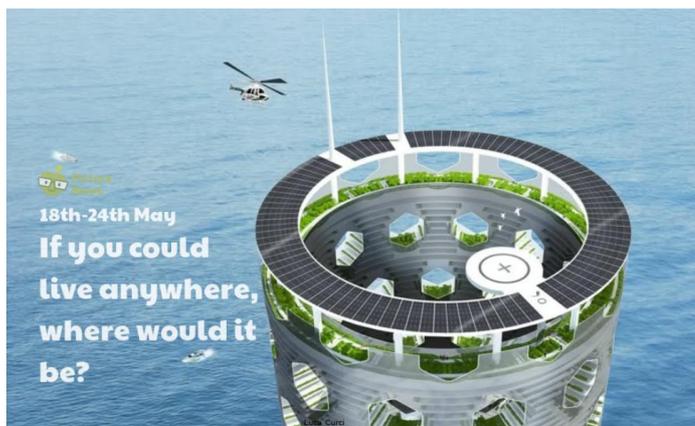
- listen to others;
- say when we don't understand;
- explain things to help others;
- be kind when we disagree;
- compromise where necessary;
- understand that sometimes we need to lead others and sometimes we need to follow;
- show empathy towards others;
- and to be tolerant.



Thought for the Week



Current Affairs



Early Years: What does a home need?

KS1 & KS2: If you could live anywhere, where would it be?

An Italian architect is planning a city of skyscrapers! Luca Curci said that he wanted to build four self-sufficient, interconnected towers with trees, wildlife and farms. He claimed that his buildings, for 200,000 people, would be the best way to tackle population growth, pollution and poverty. He says his project, The Link, could save the world and halt urban sprawl. He says, "We need a sustainable vision, my towers are designed to encourage a sense of community."

Things to talk about at home...

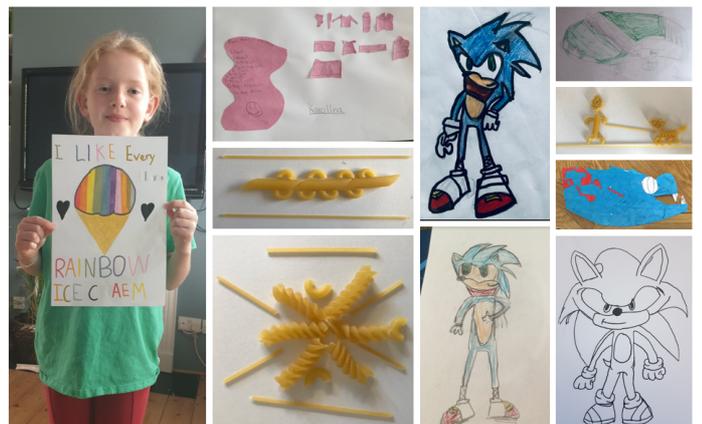
- Talk about where you live, what do you like about it? Is there anything you would change?
- Would you like to live in architect, Luca Curci's, city? What are the positives about the project?
- What would your dream house look like? What features would it have?

British Values Link: Respect

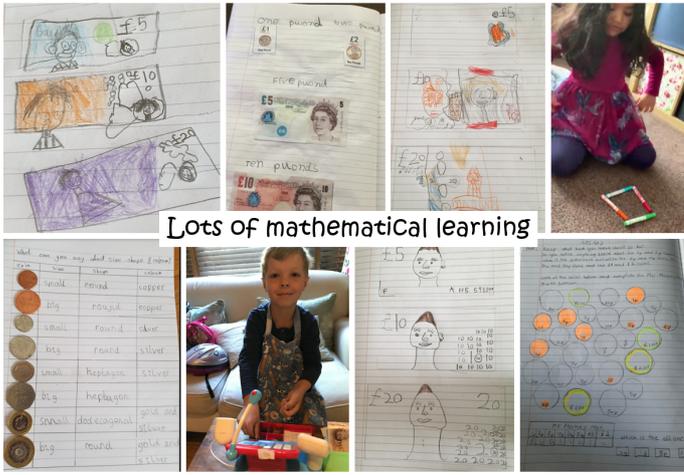


Home Learning Gallery

This week's home learning gallery includes a selection of work from across the school.



Spanish Learning



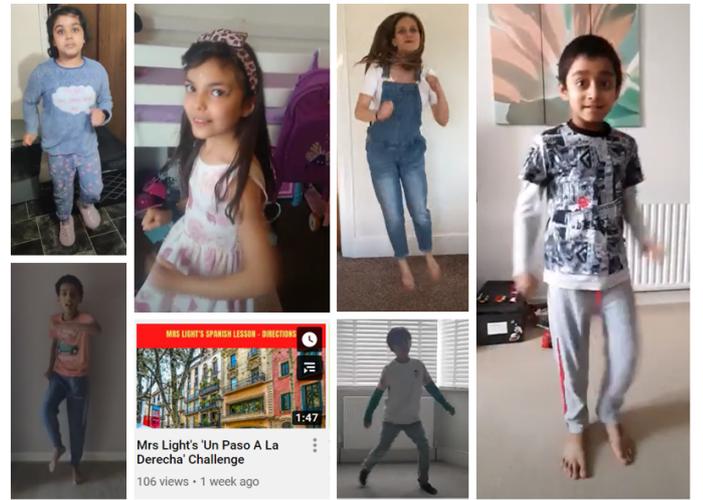
Lots of mathematical learning



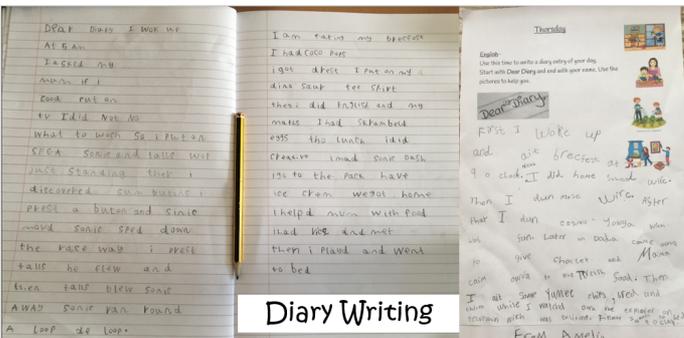
Science Learning



Staying active



Being Creative



Diary Writing

Finally for this week...

Covid-19 Rap

Ismail from Pankhurst Class, aka Rapping Unicorn, shared his latest rap with us. We hope that he'll agree to perform it for us to share on our Home Learning Channel but for now, we are sure you will appreciate his talents in the written form.

*First came the virus and its stories
about how the people died,
Then people really started to take
notice but they'd wasted too much
time.*

*We could shrug it off, stay apart,
and tell ourselves we'd be fine,
But fear really started to get worse when we were
told to stay inside.*

*Then down came the small shops, down came the
schools,*

*Up went restrictions about buying our food.
So many theories about what Covid is,
some say we're getting sick and some say we're
being killed.*

*Some say this will end soon,
Some say that's a lie.
But we really don't know anything,
will we live or will we die?*

*Slowly going crazy,
When we're all trapped inside.
It's easy to forget,
all the people by our side...*

*We've got the doctors and the nurses, trying to keep
us all alive.*

*We've got the cooks and the farmers, always willing
to provide.*

*We have all the other key workers who do their job
despite the stress.*

*Special mention to the parents who care for their
children during this mess.*

*With every time we clap, they get a little bit stronger.
And I want them to know that I'll clap till I can clap
no longer.*

*I know it's easy to forget the clappers during all of
this crazy stress,
I know it's easy to think about the ones with Covid
and forget about the rest.*



*I don't blame you for forgetting with all the pressure
on you.*

*But I just want you to know that when you're feeling
stressed and blue,*

As long as I am here...

I will always clap for you.
