

# PARK NEWSLETTER



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

6th July 2020

## ☆☆☆☆ Stars of the Week ☆☆☆☆

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

**Deen** (Hawking) for being brave in completing the Times Tables Rockstar test for Year 4 - although you were a bit nervous, you gave it your best shot. Also for being grateful. It was Deen's birthday this week and although we were not able to go on holiday as planned, Deen was grateful for everything we have and still said he had the best day ever. Well done my super star!

**Azeem** (Little Park) for showing independence in his work. Even though you found it tricky to write the letters A and Z you kept on trying. Also, for being kind and making his brother feel special on his birthday and for being kind. Well done my little star, I'm so proud of you.

**Sienna** (Helen Keller) for showing great determination and perseverance when learning balancing tricks on the slackline. Sienna has also been very kind and creative, making individual gifts for everyone for our movie nights.

**Alannis** (Marie Curie) for showing great creativity making her sister an amazing popcorn hat for our movie night. She has also shown great kindness by looking after any animals & insects she has found in the garden, including this family of snails!



**Kaitlyn** (Little Park) for helping to take care of her little brother whilst her Mummy and baby sister had to stay in the hospital. Once they were home, Kaitlyn helped get Hannah to sleep and made sure no one woke her up. She has been a little star giving Mummy cuddles when she needs them. Thank you big Tink, Mummy is so proud of you.



**Oliwier** (Pasteur) for always trying hard in maths; for his improved attitude to learning; for trying so hard with his writing; and for showing great concentration.



**Kacper** (Little Park) for excellent construction work and trying to do his best at all times.



**Saara** (Galileo) for dissecting a flower for her topic work.



**Maisha** (Little Park) has been exploring around the park lately. She has been able to have great outdoor fun. With the sun out, and the lovely hot weather, Maisha has been keeping active and making good use of her time. We went to the flower garden and it was so much fun with loads to see and do. Maisha loved it!



**Ibrahim Rafiq** (Da Vinci) has been a star for helping his mummy and for his good listening.

**Ayyub** (Little Park) for developing his balancing skills through lots of practise at Epping Forest.



### Pod 1 Producing Puppets

This week in Pod 1 Bubble 2 we made puppets. First we chose fabrics in different colours and then cut out the shape of the puppet. Then we cut another puppet shape for the other side. After that we whipstitched it to the other side. Finally we glued on some bows, googly eyes and much more. That's how you make a puppet!

*Hajar*

### Nest Building

This week Pod 1 Bubble 2 enjoyed a visit to our local park. We took a moment to appreciate the cooling wind and cloudless sky (it was a very hot day). Then we focused on our activity, we had to build a nest. We began to gather natural resources.

We gathered sticks (some of which were so big we had to break them up), bark, grass and some leaves. Then we began to settle down into the task.

Making nests is not as easy or simple as it may sound. There are many ways to do it, some more suited than others. Some used bark as a base, some wove together grass and some stacked sticks. Nearly everyone struggled at first before getting a strategy, but in the end they all looked wonderful! We tried to help each other (but still trying to social distance!).



In the end we had to take them apart though so the birds could take the necessary tools for their nests.

So why don't you try to build a nest, and maybe get a grown up to join in too! But remember to always take them apart, as birds need them more than you do.

*Mary*

### Sports Week

Park Primary is going to be running our first ever Sports Week this week which includes everyone in our school, at home or in class (even parents and carers can join in).

Every day the children will be given 2 activities to complete (for in school children it might be a little bit



different). There will be a video of each activity for children to watch and some information about how to perform each activity. Then, once they have completed each challenge the score should be recorded on their class sheet which teachers will share on Google Classroom or Tapestry.

This is a challenge for the whole school so there will be prizes for the class with the most people involved as well as individual prizes for the best in each year group.

Feel free to send pictures/ videos of yourselves, the children or other family completing challenges.

Good luck and enjoy!

*Mr Sansom*

### Onjali Rauf - Newham Heritage Month

A few weeks ago, Ms Chandrarajah invited the children to share questions that they would like to ask local writer, Onjali Rauf (author of *The Boy at the Back of the Class* and *The Star Outside My Window*). We were delighted when, as part of Newham Heritage Month, Onjali answered all our questions.



[https://youtu.be/\\_pEWki8hxU](https://youtu.be/_pEWki8hxU)



## Run, Oscar, Run Update

Oscar is continuing to work towards his challenge of running 10k a week for 10 weeks. To date he has raised an incredible £432 for the Trussell Trust (raising money for food banks). We're really proud of you Oscar. Keep it up!

If you'd like to sponsor Oscar, visit his JustGiving page.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/10kaweekOscar>



## 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 worked in a sweet shop when they were younger? Find out if you're right below.



### Getting to know... Miss Hamlett

#### Where did you grow up?

Born in South Africa and moved to Dagenham when I was 4.

#### What are you most proud of?

Becoming a teacher

#### What did you want to be when you were younger?

A vet

#### What was your first job?

Working in a supermarket

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

The Maldives, the water and everything about it looks beautiful!

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

Going out to eat with my friends

#### What is your favourite...

**Ice cream?** Chocolate

**Food?** Spaghetti Bolognese

**Children's book?** The Day the Crayons Quit

**Board game?** Scrabble

**Sandwich filling?** Anything with chicken

**Colour?** Red



**Childhood memory?** Visiting Southend-on-Sea and Adventure Island every summer

**Park Primary memory?** Watching how calm the children were when we let the ducklings roam free in the classroom for the first time.

#### Why are you proud to work at Park?

Because everybody is AMAZING!

### Getting to know... Miss Laine

#### Where did you grow up?

I was born in Queen Mary's Hospital, Stratford. The hospital was knocked down and is now flats. I first lived in Neville Road, Upton Park, and then my family moved to Stratford and that's where I grew up.



#### What are you most proud of?

Raising my daughter as a single mum.

#### What did you want to be when you were younger?

I think it was probably someone who rides horses, definitely something to do with animals.

#### What was your first job?

I worked in a sweet shop as a Saturday girl from the age of 13 until I left school, then I went to work in Marks and Spencers at Marble Arch, in the West End.

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

Be honest, be kind, be the best you can be. Treat people how you would like to be treated.

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

The Amazon Rainforest, it has been a fascination of mine for as long as I can remember.

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

Cook for my friends, spend time with my family in Dorset in the holidays, watch tv, listen to music, try to grow things in my little garden and go to the park with my dog.

#### What is your favourite...

**Ice cream?** Real, old fashioned tutti frutti.

**Food?** Toast and marmite crisps (not together 😊)

**Children's book?** Little Rabbit Foo Foo, or the original Chicken Licken

**Board game?** Frustration.

#### Favourite film

**Sandwich filling?** Smoked salmon and cream cheese.

**Sport to watch?** The Grand National.

**Childhood memory?** There are so many, I am very lucky! I remember going to Rathbone Market with my nan and wanting a pink headband and not having enough money so my nan 'lent' me the rest. She then bought me hot Sarsaparilla from the 'wagon' which i didn't like, but i felt grown up, so i drank it. 😊

**Superhero?** Captain Tom Moore... well I think he's a superhero ❤️

**Quote?** 'If you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all!'

**Why are you proud to work at Park?**

Because it's 'family'.

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

In next week's newsletter, we will be finding out which member of staff wanted to be a ballerina when they were younger. Who do you think it could be?

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## School Games 2019/20

This certificate is to recognise the school's commitment to the School Games Programme in the autumn and spring terms. Well done to everyone who contributed to this certificate by participating in sports competitions against other schools.



## This week...

Thanks to get you Thinking!



### Key Stage 1 Think

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Think about this...

What is the difference between a child and an adult?

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

### Key Stage 2 Think

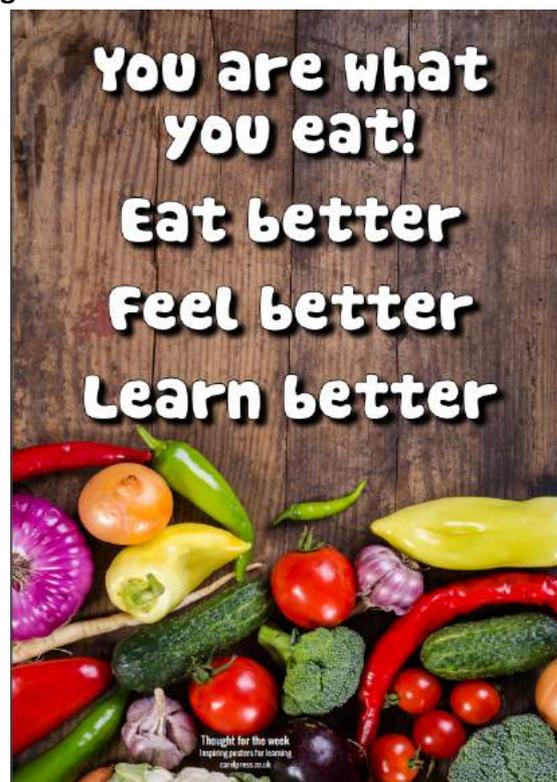
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Think about this...

How would the world be different if animals could talk?

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

### Thought for the Week



## Current Affairs



Early Years: Why do we decorate different things?  
KS1 & KS2: How important are first impressions?

A red, white and blue paint job on the Prime Minister's plane has recently been revealed. The RAF Voyager is used by the Prime Minister and members of the Royal Family for official visits around the world and was previously coloured grey. An official spokesperson for the government confirmed that the plane received its makeover in Cambridgeshire in the colours of the Union Jack at the cost of £900,000, taken from public funds.

### Things to talk about at home...

- What do you think when you first see the RAF Voyager plane from the poster?
- Do you think it matters what the plane looks like if the Prime Minister or the Royal Family are using it? How about if it was being used to take people on holiday?
- Do you think that the government should pay for the paintwork? Why?

### British Values Link: Individual Liberty



## Home Learning Gallery





Fact File	
SUPERHERO NAME	FRID RICH
SUPERPOWER	TROCKSTAR
SUPERPOWERS	CAN SOLVE 150 TIMETABLES IN A MINUTE
SUPERHERO CALLS	MONITOR NUMPAD AND DRUM
OTHER FEATURES	TROCKSTAR BELT AND BADGE



# Make a difference to a child every month

We are looking for short break foster carers who can spare at least one weekend a month to care for a child with a physical or learning disability.

Just one weekend a month makes all the difference to a family.

As a Short Break Foster Carer we will support you through:

- A generous allowance
- A one-off grant of £750 to set up your home
- Bespoke training in relation to the child you are caring for
- Support from our specialist services
- Being part of a team supporting children in Newham

## Interested?

If you would like to find out more about respite fostering please give us a call on **0800 0130 393**.

[www.newham.gov.uk/fostering](http://www.newham.gov.uk/fostering)

