

PARK NEWSLETTER



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

18th September 2020

Mrs Ttoffali's Weekly Update

I trust you have had a good week and have been making the most of the bright, sunny days.

It is Friday and we have had a truly lovely week seeing the children immerse themselves in their new classrooms with their new team to teach them.



Thank you all for working with our staggered start and finish times; I really hope you can appreciate that, whilst this is challenging, when you (as a parent/ carer) have different children in different bubbles, it is the only way of managing the numbers through the gates (and in the small space we have available) at any one time. From Monday we are all back for 5 days per week however the staggered start and finish time will remain and, in fact, will be even more necessary from Monday. Please, please ensure that you are on time at both ends of the day so that your children receive their full day's learning.

Lunchtimes

For the time being we will have to maintain a system where only half the children in the school can have a hot lunch in the Dining Hall, each week. Unfortunately we cannot get (in a safe manner) all children through the Dining Hall in the period of time we have available. We are sorry for any inconvenience but safety has to come first. So, just to confirm, from now on your child will have a hot lunch for one week in a fortnight and a packed lunch in the classroom for the other week.

Illness

Please be reminded to keep your child at home if they are unwell. If you suspect they have Covid 19 symptoms please use this website to check symptoms <https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19/>

And [read this handy leaflet](#)

Please be advised: if you report that your child has symptoms, they will be expected to self-isolate for 14 days and all members of the household should do the same (or until there are negative test results). We will advise you to obtain a test for your child. If the results are positive, please let us know as soon as possible as we need to contact the Department for Education for advice before perhaps closing a bubble or even multiple bubbles.

Education

As you know, it is necessary by law that your child is in school. If they are sick, or they are having to isolate, their absence will be authorised. If your child is not in school because a member of the family is vulnerable, I am sorry to say that we are not able to authorise the absence and therefore it will be unauthorised. If this unauthorised absence continues for a period of time, it is likely that the Newham will issue penalties. Our role is to ensure that your children, while off, still have access to high quality education materials. We are working tirelessly to ensure that there are materials online for all children so that they can continue to learn no matter what the scenario.

Please email info@park.newham.school.uk FAO BLL if you wish to know more about how to access learning from home or if you are having problems with devices or access to the internet.



Remember, wash your hands, cover your face when it is right to do so and keep a good distance from others so that the virus does not spread so easily.

☆☆☆☆ Stars of the Week ☆☆☆☆

We are really happy to share with you the first individual Stars of the Week 2020-2021!

Early Years (Little Park & Reception)

Jovani (Jemison Class) for being confident when coming into class in the morning and for including all of his new friends in his play.

Sara (MacArthur Class) for settling down really well in Reception. Well done for being brave and coming into school with a big smile. Keep it up.

Sofia (Seacole Class) for coming into school everyday with a smile. You have settled well and your teachers are proud to have you as part of Seacole Class.

Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)

Adam (Aldrin Class) for starting the school year in a calm manner and yet managing to be enthusiastic about his learning at the same time.

Junayd (Attenborough Class) for returning to school with a positive attitude and for welcoming change. Junayd is sharing with friends and is joining in with carpet times. We are all proud of you, keep it up!

Zaynab (Marco Polo Class) for being a Go For It Gorilla. You were focussed on your learning and used your voice in class to answer questions.

Maryam (Einstein Class) Despite being new to Park before lockdown, Maryam has already shown a mature and positive attitude to her learning and has been a positive role model to her class. Well done, Maryam - you should be very proud!

Aidan (Marie Curie Class) for working incredibly hard this week and showing his new teachers the great learning he is capable of.

Zohaar (Pasteur Class) for starting the school year with a cheerful and positive attitude. You have been a super role model for your friends and we hope that this continues throughout your time in Year 2. Well done!

Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)

Tyrone (Da Vinci Class) for his enthusiastic start to Year 3! Well done for engaging in all your learning and being so positive.

Amarjeet (Edison Class) for concentrating on his writing and working incredibly hard to show what he is capable of.

Mizanur (Galileo Class) After being a little bit scared and unsure of his new environment Mizanur overcame

these feelings and persevered to show his comedic side. Keep making us laugh Mizanur!

Farhan (Berners Lee) for learning all his times tables during lockdown and coming back as a more confident mathematician.

Jenny (Brunel Class) for coming back to school with such a focused approach, Jenny you have shown me how passionate you are about your learning and I can't wait to see how you progress this year!

Aisha (Hawking Class) for starting Year 4 with such enthusiasm and desire to learn! She takes so much pride in her work, she is an example to all others.

Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5&6)

Nevaeha (Gandhi) for starting Year 5 with a bang. Your positive attitude throughout the week has been great, well done!

Zane (Helen Keller) for not giving up on his work, and showing great pride.

Amira (Rosa Parks) for starting year 5 with a big smile and a positive attitude. It has been great to see how well you have settled into your new class.

Fatima (Malala) for the care and creativity you showed in designing your part of our class display - well done, Fatima.

Anisa A (Pankhurst) for your amazing effort and perseverance during Maths this week.

Adam (Mandela) for having such wonderful manners in class and engaging the class with interesting questions and opinions.

Congratulations to this week's stars and thank you for being so fabulous. We're all really proud of you!



Park Wonders Learn About Other Wonders!

Year 3 & 4 (some of our little wonders!) have been learning about 'Wonders of the World'. Children in Year 3 were inspired by both the beauty and the peril of the Great Barrier Reef. The children created before and after pictures to show the impact that climate change has had, and is having, on this natural wonder. The children spoke passionately about how seeing images of the suffering reef



made them feel, from sadness to disappointment. They asked questions and discussed their own solutions. No one would know these children had missed a moment of school!
Ms Rios

Quotes from children in Year 3 Da Vinci class:

Zaynah, "I've been waiting and waiting to come back to school. I'm so excited and happy."

Amelia, "My friends and I are really excited to do our learning together again."

Ibrahim R. "I missed school. I just want to play and do my learning."

Samia, "I missed school because of all the fun stuff. It's been so nice talking to my friends."

Deiziliana, "I feel so happy to be back in school so I can spend time with my teachers and my friends."



Forest School Fun

Little Park and Reception children, along with their grown ups, have had a fantastic time getting to know all about Forest School with Mrs Nott. They started their session by having a tour of our Linden Gate Forest School site and coming up with some rules to stay safe and happy.



After that they had the chance to explore, dig for treasure, make muddy cupcakes, have a relaxing swing in the hammock, hunt for interesting bugs, have a go at weaving and, they even got to make some natural paint from berries.

Mrs Nott was really impressed by the children that she met and can't wait to start her Forest School sessions with them very soon!

Writing Competition - Win a Hamper!

We have made the decision to award the hampers that were kindly donated by Morrisons, as prizes in a competition (one prize for Key Stage 1; one for Lower Key Stage 2; one for Upper Key Stage 2; and one for the best 'family entry').

In no more than 150 words, complete the following:
Our family should win a hamper because...

Written pieces can be entered by individuals or as a collaborative family entry. Entries should be emailed to info@park.newham.sch.uk (either typed or a photo of a handwritten piece) Subject: Hamper Competition. Please make it clear who the piece was written by so that we know which category it is being entered into.

Deadline: Monday 28th September 12:00pm



Let's Talk About Feelings

As part of our Recovery Curriculum, one of our first units of work across Key Stage 1 & 2 was based around



the book *Feelings* by Libby Walden.

This beautiful, poetic book provoked lots of excellent discussion, empathy and care from the children, who were inspired to produce stunning pieces of artwork. Ms Tasneem has collated some of the beautiful work

in a display described by one of our teachers as

'breathtaking' when she first saw it. We will add more photos to the website next week so that you can see the work in more detail.



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's favourite memory is showering under stormy, pouring rain? Find out if you're right below.



Getting to know... Ms Sanca

Where did you grow up?

Guine-Bissau (West Africa) up to 14 years old and Spain from 14 to 22 years old.

What are you most proud of?

Being able to witness life with all its pros and cons as an AFRICAN. The more I learn, the more experience I get, the more effort I put, the older I become, the more confused I get sometimes, the more life is changing from what is used to be, the more I achieve and the more I yearn and want my children to experience the childhood I had – the more proud and happy I am to be an AFRICAN.



What did you want to be when you were younger?

Flight attendant. Although I studied it and achieved it, I never worked as such!

What was your first job?

Family shipping company!

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

"Life is unfair, unpredictable and beautiful – we're all its students (we never stop learning) and that, the only constant thing in life is change!"

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

Baking, sewing, dancing, listen to music, swimming or nothing depending on my mood

What's your favourite...

Ice cream flavour? Vanilla and chocolate

Food? Rice all the time....

Children's book? We're Going on a Bear Hunt!

Sport to participate in? Swimming

Childhood memory? My favourite childhood memories are all about AFRICA ❤️, – I miss everything but in particular, "having shower under stormy and pouring rain – the best time of my life so far"!

Quote? "It's better a known evil, than an unknown Saint"

Why are you proud to work at Park?

The environment, children and the amazing team relationship and everything I have learned so far.

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

In next week's newsletter, we will be finding out which member of staff has got 2 guinea pigs called Diego and Miguel. Who do you think it could be?

This week...

Thanks to get you Thinking!



KS1 Think

Think about this...

Do trees have feelings?

Agree

Build

Challenge

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

KS2 Think

Think about this...

Can you feel **guilty** for something you haven't done?

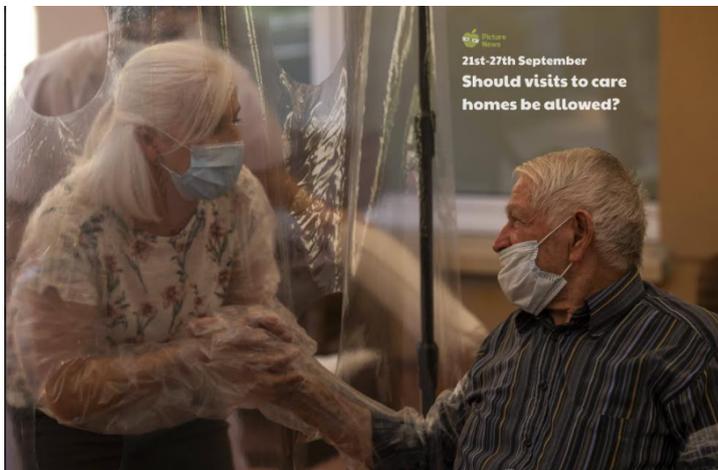
Agree Build Challenge

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



Last year we introduced the ABC approach to responding to each other's ideas. When you are discussing our Thinks at home, encourage your child to use the same approach. We will be reminding the children about this in school so if your child has forgotten it, they will be recapping it very soon.

Current Affairs



Should visits to care homes be allowed?

A charity is seeking a review of the government guidance on care home visits. John's Campaign says many care homes in England are still refusing regular face-to-face visits, despite changes at the end of July that outlined new guidance for visitors.

Things to talk about at home...

- Do you have any family or friends who live in a care setting?
- Have you ever visited a care home or residential home? If so, what was it like?
- Do you know anyone who works in a care home?
- Could you find out about what life is like in a care home? Perhaps you could ask family or research online?

British Values Link

British Values
21st-27th September
Rule of Law
Visits to care homes are currently only allowed if certain rules are followed. Rules are often used to help keep us all safe.



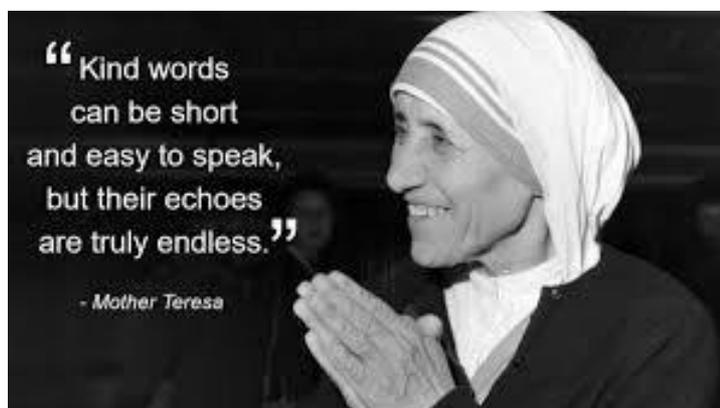
UN Rights of a Child

Families and friends can be separated for many different reasons, particularly in times of difficulty. With the help of modern technology, we can often find ways to keep in touch and still have the opportunity to spend time with those we care about.



Thought for the Week

The kind words we have received from some of our families over the past two weeks reminded us of this quote. Never forget the power of your words!



Reminders from last week...

Here are a few reminders from last week. If you need further details, please look back at last week's newsletter.



Water Bottle Request

Please don't forget to send your child to school with their own water bottle, labelled with their name.



Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge ends on Wednesday 30th September. Please return your challenge card to your class teacher by Friday 2nd October.



Reading Book Plea

Please search high and low to find any reading books that you still have at home and return them to school for others to enjoy.



Guitar & Ukulele Plea

If you have borrowed a guitar or ukulele from school, please return it for our music lessons.



Bring us
back please!

