

PARK NEWSLETTER



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

25th September 2020

Mrs Ttoffali's Weekly Update

Happy Friday, despite the weather we are still smiling as we have had a truly remarkable week.

As you will know we had to close an extended bubble this week which has been a challenge to us all but we are really proud of what has been achieved. We are proud of:



- you as parents/ carers for responding to our request so quickly and for keeping your children at home;
- the children for accessing the learning at home. On Thursday we had 65 children in the Google Classroom. That is a great achievement, well done guys;
- ourselves, a tremendous amount of work has been going on to ensure that as many children as possible can get online and learn as they would be doing in school.

We cannot wait to see you all again on Wednesday 30th September.

Please can I remind everyone that education is now compulsory again. If you have a child in a bubble who is isolating (without symptoms) and you also have children in other year groups, your other children still need to be in school. You only need to isolate, as a family, if a member of your household has symptoms; please read this [parent letter from the NHS](#).

As stated last week, education is now statutory and it is expected that, unless children are told to isolate or are ill, everyone should be in school. Unlike the period of time between March and July, the children's learning will be ongoing - it will not stop. That is why, if your children are not in school, it really is expected that they are accessing the learning online (this will help them to understand the learning when they return). Please, please contact us if you need support in this area. We do not know what is around the corner so we are trying hard to get as many families

'home learning ready' as possible. We can loan you a device so that the children can learn well at home.

I have had a couple of requests for a Zoom question and answer session which is a great idea. It may be that we move forward with that on a monthly basis so that people have the opportunity to hear each other's concerns/ questions and suggestions. In the first instance, please may I state that I will be in the main playground on Friday 2nd October at 9:05 to host a forum and will be happy to talk to you in a socially distanced manner and answer any questions that you may have. I appreciate that Zoom is preferable in these times but there are still many who are not able to access this opportunity.

Important announcement - date for your diary:

On Thursday 22nd October we will be hosting our parent/ carer consultation event. As you will know, the school was due to be closed in the afternoon for this to occur. **The Governing Board have agreed that the school will instead be closed all day on 22/10/20.** The meetings will take place online. The children will be expected to undertake set home learning in the morning of that day and then the teachers will arrange online meetings for each parent/ carer over the course of the afternoon. As soon as we have the booking system set up, we will let you know.

Finally please may I draw your attention to the latest briefing note from Newham: [The Newham London Update from The Mayor](#)

Please have a super weekend and remember: if you have a positive case at the weekend (or out of hours) and you need to get in touch immediately, email me directly on natasha.ttoffali@park.newham.sch.uk Take care everybody and have a lovely weekend.

☆☆☆☆ Stars of the Week ☆☆☆☆

Early Years (Little Park & Reception)

Petya (Mexia Class) for learning the new routines in Nursery. Petya has been a Collaborating Critter, learning how to share toys with her new friends!

Anya (Tenzing Class) for settling well into Nursery.

Anya has shown bravery and confidence saying goodbye to mum and coming in with a smile!

Gloria (Coleman Class) for returning to Nursery with confidence and enthusiasm to learn! Gloria has been setting a good example to her new friends and helping them to settle in.

Margo (Jemison Class) for settling well into Reception, independently coming into class with a smile each day. Margo has been a real exploring elephant and Creative Chameleon this week.

Fatimah (Macarthur Class) for trying really hard with new sounds.

Marley (Seacole Class) for your positive attitude towards your learning. You have shown you can be a Concentrating Crocodile when it comes to learning new sounds. Keep it up!

Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)

Xinyang (Aldrin Class) for being a Persevering Parrot. She has worked really hard to do the learning on Google Classroom and it has been great to see the work that she has uploaded.

Eric (Attenborough Class) for being a Collaborating Critter this week. He is beginning to learn the importance of team work and understands how vital his role in a team is.

Sami (Marco Polo Class) for always having impeccable manners and always trying your best.

Scarlett (Einstein Class) for being a Concentrating Crocodile at all times and ensuring she remains focused and manages any distractions. Keep up the great work, Scarlett!

Nathan (Marie Curie Class) for his determination, hard work and growing enthusiasm towards his maths learning. Well done, Nathan!

Amiyhaa (Pasteur Class) for your positive attitude towards your learning. You are forever a kind and caring little girl who is always willing to support others. You work hard each and every day and your beautiful smile brings a bundle of happiness into our class. Thank you for being our star Amiyhaa!

Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)

Ethan (Da Vinci Class) for his involvement, dedication and listening to instructions carefully during his online learning sessions. Well done, Ethan!

Ayra (Galileo Class) for her willingness to be involved in our blended learning (even if it means unmuting herself when she shouldn't!) and really showing us what it means to be a creative chameleon!

Rehaan (Edison Class) for continuing to impress Ms Murphy and Mr Hodkin with his hard work and dedication in our virtual classroom.

Luca (Berners-Lee Class) for being such an inquisitive learner. His engagement in science lessons has been nothing short of exceptional.

Silvia (Hawking Class) for being such a kind and considerate member of the class and school community. Her dedication as a learning partner has been outstanding.

Ismail A (Brunel Class) for being an incredible role model to the whole school, he is always focused, on task and so keen to learn. Well done Ismail, keep up the phenomenal work!

Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5&6)

Denislav (Gandhi Class) for your increased confidence in lessons.

Yusuf (Helen Keller Class) for actively discussing ideas with his learning partner and listening well to their suggestions too.

Grace (Rosa Parks Class) for always trying to improve her work and understanding through partner discussion and perseverance.

Lane (Mandela Class) for being a wonderful active listener in class, and responding so well to other people's comments, verbally and non-verbally.

Ana-Maria (Malala Class) for her increased confidence in joining in class discussions. I've really enjoyed your contributions this week, Ana-Maria - please keep them coming!

Oscar (Pankhurst Class) for having the confidence to question and challenge your peers during class discussions. You have encouraged others to expand upon their thoughts and ideas.

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



An Introduction to... Workshops

Introduction to Year 1 - On Thursday 1st October at 4:00pm, Miss Cook and Miss Chandrarajah will be having a parent/carer workshop as an introduction to Year 1. To join the meeting please log in to your child's Google Classroom and then join the meet which will be posted in the stream.

Introduction to Year 2 - On Thursday 8th October at 4:00pm, Miss Cook, Mrs Kazi and Miss Chandrarajah will be having a parent/carer workshop as an introduction to Year 2. To join the meeting please log in to your child's Google Classroom and then join the meet which will be posted in the stream.

Introduction to Year 4 - On Thursday 8th October at 1:45pm, Miss Patora and Mr Hodkin will be holding a parent/carer workshop welcoming you to Year 4. They will also offer support with accessing Google Classroom.



Introduction to Year 6 - On Thursday 1st October at 1:45pm, Miss Patora and Miss Phelan will be holding a parent/carer workshop welcoming you to Year 6. The focus of the workshop will be transition information and an introduction to Year 6 SATs.

Introduction to Year 3 & Year 5 - Dates to be confirmed.

Face Coverings & Social Distancing



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.

Thank you to everyone who has been wearing a face covering on the school premises. We really appreciate your support. We understand that not everyone is able to but if you are, please try to remember to so that we're all doing all we can to keep each other safe.

Autumn Hunt!

This week Year 1 explored West Ham Park. They have been learning about seasons during their science lessons and were looking for signs of Autumn in the park. They found acorns, conkers, shiny green leaves and listened to the crackling of leaves under their feet. They will revisit the park during winter to observe any changes.

Miss Allinson



Attenborough's First Forest School Visit

Having always seemed to have experienced Forest School in the rain when they were in Reception last year, Attenborough Class really appreciated the sunshine when they headed over to the park for their first Forest School session of the year.

The children were hammering nails, digging for worms and relaxing in the hammock, amongst other things. Mrs Nott was really proud to see the progress that the children are making and can't wait for their next session.



Park's Family has Expanded Again!

We are delighted to share the news that there is a gorgeous new member of the Park family! Baby Ezra Matthew Light was born on Tuesday 22nd September. Congratulations to Mrs Light and her husband on his safe arrival.



Wrap Around Care

Thank you for your support and patience with regards to the Wrap Around Care provision. We recognise that the interim 'emergency' setup may not be exactly what you are looking for however we are working really hard to establish an excellent offer for families as soon as we are able to.

We will be sending out another booking form early next week for the following two weeks.

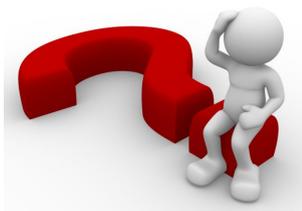
If you do have any questions, please get in touch.



Leafleting & Tuition

Earlier this week a tutoring company was leafleting outside the school. This company is not affiliated to the school nor are they in any way endorsed by the school. If you are ever in any doubt, please ask us. Should you be thinking about tuition for your child, please talk it through with someone at school who will help you to consider the options available and discuss whether or not it would be beneficial for your child.

We recognise that some families may be anxious about supporting their child to 'catch up' missed learning from lockdown. Please be assured that as a school we have plans in place for any children who we identify as needing additional support to get back on to their own track so do talk to us if you have concerns.



This week...

Thanks to get you Thinking!



KS1 Think

Think about this...

Are heroes ever scared?

Agree Build Challenge

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

KS2 Think

Think about this...

If both hands fall off my clock, is it still a clock?

Agree Build Challenge

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

Current Affairs



Should you always report those who aren't following rules?

It has been announced by Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, that Covid marshals will be introduced in towns and city centres, in parts of the UK, to help ensure social distancing rules are followed. He believes that the public want to see 'stronger enforcement' of the rules. The government said

marshals can either be volunteers or existing members of council staff from local governments.

Things to talk about at home...

- Talk through some of the news rules you have encountered in school and in clubs or shops.
- Have there been any times where you didn't know what the rules were, or you found they had changed?
- If you saw someone not following a new rule in school, would you tell them or tell an adult?

British Values Link



28th September 2020
UN Rights of a Child

When adults make decisions and set rules, they should think about how these decisions will affect children. All adults should do what is best for children. Governments should make sure children are protected and looked after by their parents, or by other people when this is needed.



Thought for the Week

Before

- Before you act, listen.*
- Before you react, think.*
- Before you spend, earn.*
- Before you criticise, wait.*
- Before you pray, forgive.*
- Before you quit, try.*

William Arthur Ward

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.



Writing Competition - Win a Hamper!

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



Park needs Play Leaders!!

Responsibilities will include:

- helping to tidy up equipment
- teaching other children playground games
- watching out for those that need a friend in the playground.

If you would like to apply for this role, please prepare a short speech explaining why you think this is the role for you and let your class teacher know.

Ms Ami will listen to the speeches and interview candidates next Thursday October 1st, in the playground, during your lunchtime.

Dates for the Diary

October

1st (Thurs) 1:45pm - Introduction to Year 6 Parent/Carer Workshop via Google Meet

1st (Thurs) 4:00pm - Introduction to Year 1 Parent/Carer Workshop via Google Meet

8th (Thurs) 1:45pm - Introduction to Year 6 Parent/Carer Workshop via Google Meet

8th (Thurs) 4:00pm - Introduction to Year 2 Parent/Carer Workshop via Google Meet

22nd (Thurs) - Parent/Carer Consultation Day - **school closed all day**

23rd (Fri) - Last day of the half term

26th (Mon) - 30th (Fri) - Half Term - school closed

November

2nd (Mon) - Back to school

December

17th (Thurs) - Last day of term

18th (Fri) - School closed - Staff Training Day

January

5th (Tues) - Back to school



Virtual Sharing Assemblies

This is the intended sharing assembly rota for this term. The sharing will be recorded and shared as part of our weekly Friday assembly posted on YouTube. We hope that it is not the case, but should a year group's assembly be affected by a bubble closure, we may need to move their assembly to an alternate week.

2nd Oct	Pankhurst
9th Oct	Aldrin
16th Oct	Berners-Lee & School Council
23rd Oct	Einstein
	Half Term
6th Nov	Gandhi
13th Nov	Jemison
20th Nov	Da Vinci
27th Nov	Malala
4th Dec	Little Park
11th Dec	Attenborough
17th Dec	STAR OF THE TERM AWARDS

Are you unemployed and looking for a job in the health and care sector?

If so, the following message may be of interest.

I'm writing to you from Newham College to let you know about a new project that may be of interest to parents of your students who may be looking for employment, called Get into Health Care
www.getintohealthcare.co.uk



It has been designed to provide unemployed people with the skills, awareness and knowledge to help them find work within a wide range of career areas in the health and care sector, whether

in direct care related roles such as patient care, caring for the elderly or in associated job areas such as customer service, reception, administration, finance, hospitality, cleaning, portering, patient transport and so on.

The courses are aimed at people from all levels of learning who are looking for jobs within the health and care sector and will provide learners with a tailored route into their chosen career area, and involve online and face to face learning, job search support and employer engagement throughout. We are working closely with a range of employers, including Barts NHS in offering real employment opportunities for those taking part.

To be eligible for the free courses, learners need to be unemployed, aged 19+ and live within one of the following boroughs:

Barking & Dagenham, Bexley, Bromley, Enfield, Greenwich, Havering, Newham, Redbridge, Waltham Forest, Barnet, Hackney, Haringey, Lewisham, Southwark & Tower Hamlets.

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