

PARK NEWSLETTER



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

16th October 2020

Mrs Ttoffali's Weekly Update

Dear all,

Happy Friday. I hope that the week has been a good one and I hope too that the weekend ahead is a calm, safe and happy one.



Accident on Wednesday

I am sure many of you are aware that there was a serious car accident at the end of the day on Wednesday of this week. Although there was great damage to the car (and to the wall at St Matthew's Church) thankfully nobody was hurt. The lady driving is heavily pregnant and there was a child in the car; mummy, child and baby have been given the all clear and I am sure you join with me in wishing them well and being very grateful for the fact that nobody was hurt.

Covid 19 Update

As you will have seen, the status of some parts of the country have changed and areas are now being categorized in the Government's new Tiered System. You will have also seen that, due to its rising cases, London has been placed into Tier 2. Please see the [Newham London Update](#) for a breakdown of what it means to be in this Tier.

A Polite Request

We are coming to the end of what has been a very difficult half term and I think it is the right time to reiterate a few key messages. We are hugely aware of the challenges that some people and families are facing and we want to state that we are always here to help. We can only support you fully if you talk to us and treat us with respect. We try really hard to listen and work with you but please bear with us. Please continue to treat our staff with respect and we will continue to do our best for you. Effective communication is vital at these times and we understand that sometimes there are barriers to

communication (this is currently made much harder by the fact that we cannot meet and see each other and properly talk). Many of us are finding things hard but that is no reason to treat people disrespectfully. We are a really strong community at Park, please let's keep it that way through continued kindness, understanding and compassion.

Please may I refer you to the [Code of Conduct for Adults on the School Site](#)

Please remember:

- School is closed all day on Thursday 22nd October
- To book your Zoom appointment with your child's class teacher on that day
- If your child is off school but well enough to engage with learning, there will be English and maths to do in their Google Classroom.
- If a bubble is isolating and the bubble is away from school, all children in that bubble (if it is Y1-Y6) are expected to participate in at least 4 hours' learning per day. This learning will be a mix up of teacher instruction and posted activity.

Wrap Around Care Feasibility Study

As you may be aware, we sent out a form last week to see parents and carers interest in Park running its own Wrap Around Care provision which would include Breakfast Club and After School Childcare. We have analysed the responses and we have decided to run our own Park Primary's Wrap Around Childcare as a trial up until the Christmas holidays. This will allow us to see how many families are using the provision and whether it is financially sustainable. We will be in touch shortly with information on how to book your child's place and how to pay for this service.



★★★★★ Stars of the Week ★★★★★

Early Years (Little Park & Reception)

Tafida (Mexia Class) for being a Concentrating Crocodile during our carpet learning sessions! Joining in and being enthusiastic about her learning.

Umaiza (Tenzing Class) for being an Exploring Elephant, Umaiza shows confidence in trying new activities at Little Park.

Felix (Coleman Class) for being a Collaborating Critter, Felix has grown in confidence among his peers and is beginning to make friendships within the class!

Uthman (Jemison Class) for coming into school with a smile on his face each day. You have really persevered with your settling into school and shown real resilience this week!

Jainil (MacArthur Class) for beginning to feel happy about being at school and having the confidence to make new friends. Keep it up Jainil.

Ayyub (Seacole Class) for being an amazing role model in the classroom. You are a kind friend and you are always happy to help others.

Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)

Adaiah (Aldrin Class) for always having such a positive attitude and being so willing to take part in every lesson. Well done Adaiah, keep it up!

Lewis (Attenborough Class) for making conscious efforts in improving his behaviour and for being a role model during the fire alarm practise.

Ziyan (Marco Polo Class) for your amazing maths work. You should be proud.

Marwan (Einstein Class) for his brilliant contributions in class and positive attitude to his learning. Your enthusiasm is infectious, Marwan!

Franks (Marie Curie Class) for his never ending perseverance, which has helped him to make noticeable progress!

Samiah (Pasteur Class) for being confident with her learning and voicing her ideas during class discussions.

Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)

Aryan (Da Vinci Class) for his involvement in class discussions and listening to his friends.

Bibi (Galileo Class) for being an active listener and responding to what others had said in a P4C session

Effie (Edison Class) for bouncing back and showing that she is a true leader. Believe in yourself Effie because both of your teachers think you are an

exceptional learner who has a lot to offer.

Yuki (Berners-Lee Class) for a massive improvement in his effort to be a proud learner and engage in learning both his spellings and times tables.

Kelly (Hawking Class) for showing brilliant concentration skills. Always prepared and ready to give her learning her all!

Ibrahim R (Brunel Class) for being so exceptionally passionate about his reading, he amazed me with his love and dedication for books. I can't wait to read with you again.

Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6)

Tianna (Gandhi Class) for making thoughtful contributions to class discussions during our work on Black Herstory Month.

Noel (Helen Keller Class) for always being ready to learn and take an active role in class discussions.

Amelia (Rosa Parks Class) for always trying her best across all her learning. You are such a good role model for Rosa Parks, well done!

Luqman (Mandela Class) for making meaningful contributions in class discussions.

Destiny (Malala Class) for bouncing back from a disappointment last week and being your happy, bubbly self in class this week, making lots of great contributions to our discussions. Well done, Destiny.

Alex (Pankhurst Class) for having the courage to share your ideas with others during class discussions.

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



Year 4 Virtual Visit

Year 4 had a virtual visit from the David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation. The children had a short presentation about



habitats and climate change to link to their science topic. Our visitor was so impressed by how professional our Year 4s were and all the amazing questions they asked. Well done Year 4!

Year 1 Art Week

This week the children in Year 1 have been looking at shape and complementary colours to create some beautiful collages.



Absence Procedures

If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason you must:

- Contact the school as early as possible on the first day of absence by calling the school office on 020 8534 4065 and speaking to a member of the office team or by leaving a message on the attendance officer's answering machine.
- If your child is unwell please be specific about the nature of their illness. 'Unwell' does not allow us to know why exactly they are not in school. Please be more specific. E.g. 'sickness' or 'headache'.
- If sickness absence is for three days or more the school will require medical evidence in the form of a doctor's note, copy prescription or label from prescribed medicine.
- If your child is isolating as they or a member of your household has Covid-19 symptoms please call us on the first day of their absence to let us know. We will then put you in touch with our Blended Learning team to ensure that your child can access their learning from home on Google Classroom (Years 1-6) or Tapestry (Reception and Nursery).
- If your child's attendance is poor, you may be required to provide medical evidence for all sickness absence.

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.

Hamper Winners

A huge congratulations to the winners of our hamper competition who were:

Lane (Mandela), Aanya (Attenborough), Binyamin (Pasteur) and Haroon (Mandela).

We would also like to congratulate Nusaiybah (Berners Lee) and Anastasija (Malala) whose entries were highly commended.

Thank you to everyone who entered. It was a really difficult decision.

House Points

At Park we use a House Points system in which every child belongs to one of the four houses: Birch, Maple, Oak and Sycamore. House Points are awarded for children who demonstrate the school values. 5 HPs are awarded where significant examples of confidence, creativity, care and aspiration are exemplified.

Below is the total of the House Points collected this week.

Well done to **Oak**! You have the highest total this week!

Birch		Sycamore	
225		260	
Maple		Oak	
170		290	

Getting to know...

We continue to find out about different members of our Park staff in our *Getting to know...* feature.



Getting to know... Mr Walker

Where did you grow up?

Doncaster in Yorkshire

What are you most proud of?

My students' achievements, and how quickly I can eat a creme caramel

What did you want to be when you were younger?

A doctor and a writer



What was your first job?

Basketball coach

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

"Be reyt" - it's a Yorkshire saying, meaning "meh, it'll be fine". It is useful in all areas of life

What would your superpower be and why?

A Hermione Granger watch, so I could do more stuff

Tell us something about you that we may not know.

I can hold a bankcard in my frown line

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

Pat my cats on the head

What's your most embarrassing moment?

Broke my arm trying to do a scissors kick in a football match against Y6s

What's your favourite...

Food? Biryani

Children's book? *The Imaginary* - AF Harrold

Board game? Trivial Pursuit

Park memory? Working with kids and teachers in Y5 and Y6



Getting to know... Ms Regina

Where did you grow up?

I grew up in Newham.

What are you most proud of?

I am extremely proud of going to University and completing my degree.

What was your first job?

I worked in a Leisure Centre as a Receptionist.

What did you want to be when you were younger?

A teacher.

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

Never give up on what's important to you, whether that's a person or something you truly value.

What would your superpower be and why?

My superhero power would be a 'waffler' (someone who likes to talk a lot). It helps me when I am nervous as well.

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

I would visit my country which is Bangladesh and perhaps set up a charity organisation to help lots of poor people.

Tell us something about you that we may not know.

I am a gym fanatic.

What do you like to do when you're not at Park?
I like to exercise a lot, go shopping and see my family.

What is your most embarrassing moment?
I fell asleep in my lecture at University.

What is your favourite...

Ice cream? Any chocolate flavoured ice cream.

(Yummy)

Children's book? Double Act

Childhood school memory? When I visited FairPlay house as a child.

Why are you proud to work at Park?

I am proud to work at Park as I have a lot of memories attached to it. As a child I attended Park and I knew it was the best experience for me. Everyone was friendly at the time and I can still say that everyone is still friendly now.

This week...

Thunks to get you Thinking!

KS1 Thunk

Think about this...

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Would you rather live in a funfair or a zoo?

Agree Build Challenge







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

KS2 Thunk

Think about this...

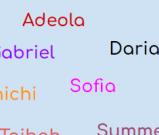
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If you changed your name would it change who you were? Would the old you still exist?

Agree Build Challenge

Anisah Adeola
Ted Gabriel Daria
Mara Chichi Sofia
Taibah Summer

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



Thought for the Week

'On the Turn' by Rumi

I am so small, I can barely be seen.
How can this great love be inside me?
Look at your eyes. They are small,
But they see enormous things.

Jalaluddin Rumi, (1207-1273)

Current Affairs



Is selling red noses a good way to raise money?

Comic Relief has announced that from 2021 its red noses will be plastic-free for the first time. The new noses will be made from bagasse, a natural by-product of sugar cane, and take more than 18 months to create! The charity, which "strives to create a just world free from poverty", made the change after it received letters and emails from the children of Fourlanesend Community Primary School asking them to create a plastic-free version of the nose to help reduce plastic waste.

Things to talk about at home...

- Have you ever bought or worn a red nose?
What did you do with it after the fundraising event/day?
- What do you know about Comic Relief? Can you think of any alternatives to the red noses?

British Values Link



UN Rights of a Child

If we see something happening that affects our lives, as children, we have the right to give our opinion about it freely. We can expect adults to listen respectfully and take our views seriously.



Dates for the Diary

October

22nd (Thurs) - Parent/Carer

Consultation Day - **school closed all day**

Information to follow this week about how to book your online appointment(s).

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

February

15th (Mon) - 19th (Fri) - Half Term - school closed

Virtual Sharing Assemblies

We'd like to say a huge thank you and well done to Berners Lee Class for their sharing this week. You rocked it!



Parents and carers, don't forget that our assemblies are being posted weekly so please do take a look at them from the comfort of your own home on our [Park Primary Home Learning YouTube Channel](#).

This is the intended sharing assembly rota for this term. 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.

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