

PARK NEWSLETTER



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

9th October 2020

Mrs Ttoffali's Weekly Update

Dear all,

Another week, another challenge but we managed and we thank you kindly for your support. Thankfully the water pressure is now sorted and we are able to be hygienic again! Apparently, according to some of the children, the reason for us not to be in was because the teachers would 'stink'! I am glad to say though that I was not part of the group as, apparently, Head Teachers don't ever 'stink' - phew!



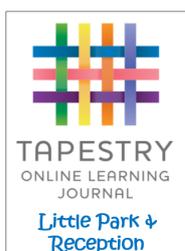
Are your children online-learning- ready?

The day proved to be an opportunity for us to reflect on how far we have come in terms of our online learning as we saw just how quickly children were online and how many of you were keen to support your children in getting to that place. Thank you.

Across the school there was about 50% take up of the learning on that day but, whilst this is good, it is not as good as it should/ could be. Please may I reiterate that full time education is now a statutory expectation again; if we are closed (for whatever reason); your family is isolating or a bubble is closed down, unless your child is ill, all are expected to be undertaking a full time education at home. We have staff working really hard to ensure that everyone is 'online-learning-ready', please let us know if you need support; as always, we are here for you.

Walk, scoot or cycle!

Please be advised that it is Walk to School Month. It is my understanding that we are to be part of the next phase of Newham's Healthy School Streets scheme which will mean that we will be consulting on making the local streets car free for given periods of the day. If this



is to be the case, it would be good for us to begin getting the children used to this as soon as possible.

Covid 19

Please be reminded that congregating around the school gate and in the playground is not safe. Please:

- Arrive at your child's time wherever possible (we do understand the sibling challenge)
- Collect your child/ children and leave the premises as soon as possible
- Wear a face covering at all times on site

Newham's data

Attendance on Tuesday 6th October reported to DfE for Newham as a whole is: 86.5% .

As of 8th October there have been:

- 55 schools reporting 1 or more confirmed cases (since the beginning of September)
- 44 schools where 1 or more bubbles have closed (since the beginning of September)
- 48 confirmed cases amongst staff; 75 confirmed cases amongst pupils (since the beginning of September)
- Around 2,700 pupils and 192 staff are currently self-isolating (around 4.5% of pupils)

[Newham London Update](#) Please see the link for more Newham information.

Have a happy and safe weekend and please take care,
Natasha Ttoffali

Wrap Around Care Feasibility Study

If you haven't already completed the Wrap Around Care Feasibility Study questionnaire, please do so by Wednesday 14th October.

[COMPLETE THE STUDY HERE](#)

If you missed seeing the letter that was sent home regarding this, it is available to [read here](#).



☆☆☆☆ Stars of the Week ☆☆☆☆

Early Years (Little Park & Reception)

Aamirah (Mexia Class) for being a Concentrating Crocodile during carpet sessions and adapting well to her new routines and expectations

Khalil (Tenzing Class) for being a Concentrating Crocodile during carpet sessions.

Keya (Coleman Class) for being increasingly independent at lunchtimes, trying new foods and eating much more!

Mikaeel (Jemison Class) for becoming more independent in his self care skills and using brilliant listening ears at Forest School.

Stuart (Macarthur Class) for trying to be a Concentrating Crocodile and not giving up on his writing activity until it is finished.

Beatrice (Seacole Class) for being an Exploring Elephant and trying new food.

Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)

Ayla (Aldrin Class) for being an Exploring Elephant and trying new food.

Suha (Attenborough Class) for joining in with the Google Meet this week. Suha was really vocal and joined in with all the lessons - thank you!

Danyaal (Marco Polo Class) for listening to instructions, waiting patiently and asking for help when you needed it during our first computing lesson. Well done for being so sensible.

Aissatou (Einstein Class) for her never ending resilience and perseverance towards her learning.

Scout (Marie Curie Class) for always persevering with her learning!

Prittam (Pasteur Class) for being focused and trying his best to improve his written work. Keep it up!

Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)

Zaynab (Da Vinci Class) for concentrating and being a great role model to the rest of her class.

Shrinav (Galileo Class) for being a considerate learning partner and always wanting to help others!

Adam (Edison Class) for making the right choices and leading by example.

Amarah (Berners-Lee Class) for concentrating on her learning and always trying her hardest in English.

Keshav (Hawking Class) for outstanding contributions in class, always showing a brilliant attitude to learning.

Daisy (Brunel Class) for her moving and confident speech this week in our School Council elections, you captivated the audience so well.

Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6)

Ehram (Gandhi Class) for always being a model pupil, dedicated to achieving his best at all times. Well done!

Norah (Helen Keller Class) for working collaboratively with her learning partner during tasks. She listens to the ideas of others and confidently builds on these.

Karolina (Rosa Parks Class) for her well considered and thoughtful answers during class discussions.

Jordie (Mandela Class) for always showing such determination to do his best in all lessons at school, and making wonderful progress with his reading at home.

Neveah-Joy (Malala Class) for finding the confidence to make her speech at the House Captain auditions this week. Speaking to a large audience is never easy, and Neveah-Joy gave an excellent speech - well done.

Lara (Pankhurst Class) for having the courage to participate in class discussions.

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



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.

House Captains

This week, Year 5 and 6 pupils embraced technology in school and we held virtual house captain elections. The brave candidates, who had written and practiced their speeches at home, delivered their persuasive words to all UKS2 classrooms via Google Meet and then all children could vote for who they wished to represent their school house this year. The standard was extremely high, and the votes were very close, but we are proud to announce that the House captains for this year are:

Oak: Lucas and Mary

Sycamore: Anastasia and Ishaq

Birch: Lucy and Uzair

Maple: Videlina and Maria

We are sure that they will represent themselves, their houses and the school proudly throughout the year. A huge well done to all candidates who were brave enough to give speeches on the day.

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 **Birch!** You have the highest total this week!

Birch 230 	Sycamore 215 
Maple 70 	Oak 200 

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 has got 2 guinea pigs called Diego and Miguel? Find out if you're right below.



Getting to know... Ms Murphy

Where did you grow up?

Dublin, Ireland

What are you most proud of?

Training in Park Primary - what a wonderful school!

What did you want to be when you were younger?

A dancer

What was your first job?

Making pizzas!

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

Never compare yourself to others. We are all different and that's what makes the world so magical.

What would your superpower be and why?

I would love to be able to fly so that on the weekend I can fly to Spain and relax on the beach and then fly back on Sunday evening to see all the wonderful children at Park.

Tell us something about you that we may not know.

I'm afraid of heights. YIKES!

What's your favourite...

Ice cream? Honeycomb

Children's book? *The Witches* by Roald Dahl

Film? Matilda

Quote? It's nice to be important, but it's more important to be nice.

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

In next week's newsletter, we will be finding out which member of staff fell asleep during a lecture at university (we hope they didn't snore!). Who do you think it could be?



This week...

Thanks to get you Thinking!

KS1 Think



Think about this... Monday 12th October 2020

What colour is happy?

Agree Build Challenge

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

Sir David Attenborough has celebrated the efforts of young people who have “woken up the world to the threat of climate change.” Sir David became the fastest person to have one million followers on Instagram recently after he joined the social media platform to reach out to younger people, many of whom support his message of protecting the natural world.

Things to talk about at home...

- Have you ever watched any of Sir David Attenborough’s documentaries? If you have, what were they about? What did you learn? If you haven’t, would you like to?
- Why do you think at 94-years-old, David Attenborough has decided to join Instagram?
- Do you think it is a good way for him to spread his message?
- Do you think it’s important for young people to care about the environment and wildlife? Why?

KS2 Think

Think about this... Monday 12th October 2020

Is the cuckoo a 'bad' bird?

Some species of cuckoo birds lay their eggs in bird nests of a different species making sure to knock out most (if not all) of the eggs already in the nest and then fly off. When the cuckoo chick hatches, they are usually a lot bigger than all of the other chicks so take all of the food, leaving the other chicks with nothing resulting in them dying.

Agree Build Challenge

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

British Values Link

British Values
12th-18th October
Mutual Respect
If I try to do what I can to protect our amazing planet, it will create a better world for everyone to live in.

Thought for the Week

Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world.

Harriet Tubman

Picture News
12th October 2020

UN Rights of a Child

We all have a responsibility to take care of our beautiful planet. If we do our best to recycle, save energy and only use what we need, we will create a cleaner, safer and healthier environment for everyone to live in.

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HEALTH, WATER, FOOD, ENVIRONMENT

Current Affairs

12th-18th October
Is it the responsibility of the young to protect the planet?

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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



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.

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
