

PARK NEWSLETTER



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

20th November 2020

Mrs Ttofalli's Weekly Update

Dear all,

This week has been a very challenging one as we have seen a rise in our school cases. Generally in Newham the cases have been rising and we have seen this upward trend at school level.



Please be advised that we have to treat each positive case as a separate entity. Where entire year groups are closed, I have made that difficult decision based on the fact that more immediate contacts of the positive case have been identified. Where we have closed one class, it is because the contacts of the positive case were viewed to be less widespread.

We are working as hard as we can to minimise contacts and to ensure that where people are in contact they are wearing face coverings and following the 'Hands, Face, Space' rule.

A large part of our risk assessment relates to ensuring that the virus does not come into the building. This is achieved by:

- Insisting that if people have symptoms, they and members of their family isolate and seek a test.
- Sending people home as soon as symptoms are evident.

This job is made more difficult if people do not isolate but it is especially hard because not all cases show symptoms.

We are truly grateful to you for your patience. Thank you for bearing with us. Our main aim, as far as Covid is concerned, has to be to try to limit the spread of the virus and we are doing our best to achieve this aim.

As always, please find this week's [Newham London Update](#) here.

RSHE consultation

Thank you to all of you who have been involved in this week's RSHE consultations; please be advised that if you were not able to attend or if you would like to

raise a question/ make a point, please email us at info@park.newham.sch.uk and our Wellbeing Curriculum Lead Mr Sansom will get back to you. We will also be running one final online zoom consultation meeting with Mrs Sansom for any parents or carers that missed their child's year group meeting. This will be held on Monday 23rd November at 3.45pm. If you would like to attend then please fill out the form below.

[RSHE Consultation meeting - Monday 23rd November at 3.45pm](#)

Staying Mentally Healthy

We strive to be a healthy school, both physically and mentally. Physical education has always had its place in the National Curriculum but we are now increasingly open with discussions about how we might stay mentally well too. We aim for a whole-school approach to the topic of mental health and we see the mental health of our entire community as incredibly important. We understand that the added stress of coronavirus may be causing some anxiety and therefore we would like to signpost you towards the NSPCC for some wellbeing support. It's important that the adults in our community look after themselves; it is really hard to support your children if you are not feeling great yourself. The NSPCC have an online guide for parents to support children as they navigate these times:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/>

They also have a guide for children too:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/childrens-mental-health/depression-anxiety-mental-health/>

Over the course of this term, the children have been undertaking a Recovery Curriculum which focuses on the well-being of the children, staff and community. We are aware that on their return to school, some of

our children will be suffering from loss, trauma, anxiety and grief. Consequently, a fundamental aspect of our curriculum has to be the well-being and secure positive development of our children. We have built in additional time to focus on children's well-being through specific sessions in PSHE, RE and Collective Worship, including time to discuss and reflect, mindfulness sessions and taught coping strategies. We believe that it is important to talk and share and for all to know there is a safe space to discuss how we are feeling. If you have any worries about your child's mental health, please do not hesitate to talk to your child's class teacher.

Please have a safe and restful weekend, Natasha Ttofalli

Wrap Around Care

We are pleased to say that we have managed to set up Scopay booking and payments for Park's Wrap Around Care which includes Breakfast Club and After School Childcare. If you are interested in using our Wrap Around Care then please see the letter below about how to book and pay for this service.



[Wrap Around Care letter](#)

☆☆☆☆ Stars of the Week ☆☆☆☆

Early Years (Little Park & Reception)

Marcel (Mexia Class) for showing persistence when having difficulty with his numbers!

Andei (Tenzing Class) for exploring different types of play and building new friendships within the class.

Manal (Coleman Class) for being a Collaborative Critter, helping her peers with their coats and bags.

Diva (Jemison Class) for concentrating well on the carpet.

Saffron (MacArthur Class) for remembering to use all the sounds that she has learnt and making great progress in her reading.

Mohammed D (Seacole Class) for his positive attitude towards all aspects of his learning. Keep on being a Concentrating Crocodile!

Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)

Anisha (Aldrin Class) for always being a Concentrating Crocodile, and for being a Go for it Gorilla while showing a positive attitude to her learning.

Tahira (Attenborough Class) for trying to understand different people's emotions and learning about her own emotions too.

Shai (Marco Polo Class) for your improved attitude towards your learning.

Radit (Einstein Class) for being a Persevering Parrot with his maths learning and not not giving up.

Gabriels (Marie Curie Class) for always trying his very best with his learning. We are so proud of the progress you are making, Gabriels!

Gabija (Pasteur Class) for being a Collaborative Critter all this week. You have shared your ideas with confidence and worked incredibly with your learning partner. Keep up the good work!

Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)

Reda (Da Vinci Class) for your enthusiasm and participation during our topic learning. Well done!

Benji (Galileo Class) for fully engaging with our online learning during a very, again, strange time for year 3, well done Benji and keep it up!

Aasiya (Edison Class) for being a Concentrating Crocodile all this week. You are always focused and a great role model for your classmates. Keep up the great work!

Saisvan (Berners-Lee Class) for his focus, concentration and enthusiasm in class. Keep up your great learning attitude Saisvan.

Evie (Hawking Class) for showing a caring attitude to all members of the class.

Alima (Brunel Class) for her dedication outside the classroom as well as inside the classroom! You write in your reading record and play TTRockstars every single day, well done for such hard work.

Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6)

Sumaya (Gandhi Class) for really thoughtful partner work, great focus and concentration.

Hannah M (Helen Keller Class) for being kind and supportive towards her peers.

Naomi H (Rosa Parks Class) for her consistently focused, thoughtful and positive approach toward her learning.

Muntaha (Mandela Class) for making great efforts to

concentrate in lessons and improve her learning. **Bogdan** (Malala Class) for the improved care and concentration he's shown during our writing this week.

Sorina (Pankhurst Class) for immersing herself in her maths this week and showing a determination to succeed!

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



Year 4 Netball Tournament



In Year Four, we spent the last half term learning all the rules and skills of Netball, we were really enjoying playing games in our classes, so we decided to turn it up a gear! We had a tournament with the whole of Year Four, the children got to play against other classes and then Mr Samson counted up all the points to find our winner. Brunel was the winning class (by only one point)! Here is a picture of them celebrating with the trophy!

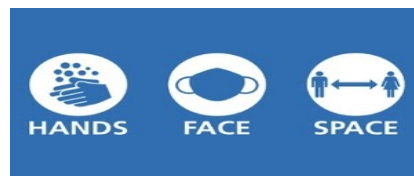
Y5 Shakespeare

This term Year 5 have been working on creating a performance of Romeo and Juliet as part of the Shakespeare for Schools Festival. All classes and their teachers have put in a huge amount of effort in staging the play, making the props and sourcing the costumes ready for its debut screening on Friday 27th November on our Park Home Learning YouTube Channel. They have prepared a wonderful show and cannot wait to share it with the school community. Watch this space!



Face Coverings & Social Distancing

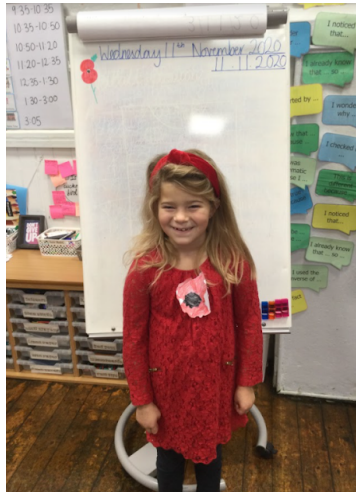
Remember, wash your hands, cover your face when it is right to do so and keep a good distance from others so that the virus does not spread so easily.



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.

Remembrance Day

For Remembrance Day, the children in Year 4 had a special reading lesson where we looked at 'In Flanders Fields' by John McCrae. We also spent the afternoon looking at the history of the poppy and what they represent. After this, we made our own and then put them together so each class has a homemade wreath.







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

Birch 110 	Sycamore 235 
Maple 205 	Oak 225 

Getting to know...

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



Getting to know... Ms Tracey

Where did you grow up?

Ilford

What was your first job?

A nursery nurse

What is the best piece of advice you would give to others?

Never give up even when you're failing. You can achieve anything you want if you try hard enough.

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

Hawaii. I love how it looks and have always wanted to visit.

Tell us something about you that we may not know.

I used to dance with Jessie J and Gemma Eves.

What do you like to do when you are not at Park?

Spend time with my family and friends. Catching up on tv programs, reading and relaxing in the garden.

What's your favourite...

Ice cream? Strawberry

Children's book? The Gruffalo

Sport to play? Netball

Why are you proud to work at Park?

Because everyone treats you like their own family and we all lookout for each other. I love how the children are all so happy and enjoy coming to school and nursery.

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

In next week's newsletter, we will be finding out which member of staff sat in cow dung on a trip to the farm! Who do you think it could be?



This week...

Thanks to get you Thinking!

KS1 Think



Think about this...

Week 4

Can you be both happy and sad?



Sentence starters:

I think...
I believe...
I feel that...
I would rather...

Agree

Build

Challenge



KS2 Think

Think about this...

Week 4

Does anyone ever actually win a fight?



Sentence starters:

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

Agree

Build

Challenge



Thought for the Week



Maths Challenge

Each week Ms Phelan will be setting a maths challenge for KS1 and for KS2. Please post your answers on your GoogleClassroom or email them to info@park.newham.sch.uk with the subject FAO Ms Phelan.

KS1 Challenge

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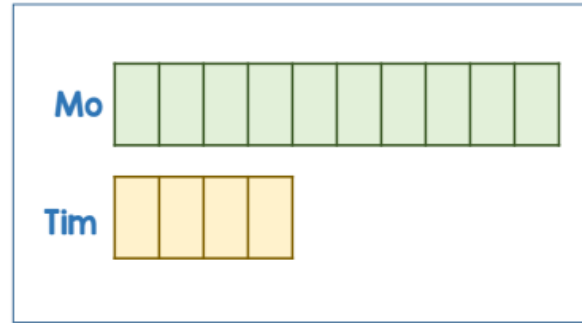
Mo has 10 cards.

Tim has 4 cards.

Mo gives Tim some of his cards.

They now have the same amount of cards.

How many cards did Mo give Tim?



2

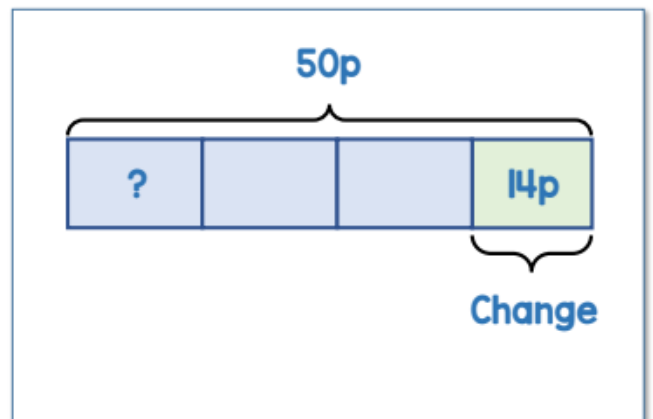
Judd buys 3 chews.



She pays with a 50p coin.

She receives 14p change.

How much does one chew cost?



KS2 Challenge

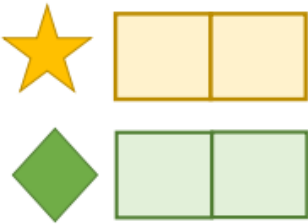
3 Given that

$$\frac{2}{3} \text{ of } \star = \frac{2}{5} \text{ of } \diamond$$

and

$$\diamond - \star = 48$$

Find the value of each symbol.

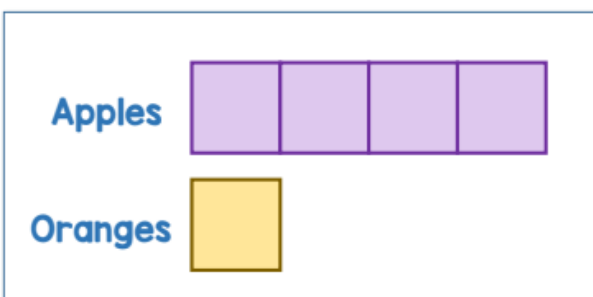


4 The ratio of apples to oranges in a box is 4 : 1

17 apples turn bad and are thrown away.

There are now 37 more apples than oranges in the box?

How many apples were in the box at the start?



Current Affairs



Should we always be treated the same?

Boys' elite football academies for under-16s have been allowed to continue during England's four-week Lockdown but girls' equivalent regional training centres have been stopped. An online petition, started by 9-year-old female footballer Ellie Duffy, asked the Football Association (FA) to allow under 9s to under 16s girls' football academies to continue during Lockdown. Ellie's petition calls for the same opportunities for girls as boys during periods of Lockdown.

Things to talk about at home...

- Why do you think Ellie decided to start the petition?
- Do you think it was fair that boys' elite football was allowed to continue but not the girls'?
- Can you think of any times where things might not have been fair? Did you do anything to
- change it?

British Values Link

British Values
23rd - 29th November
Mutual Respect
There may be times when we don't feel we are being fairly treated or given the same opportunities. In these times, we can use our voices to speak and let others know how we feel.

Picture News

UN Rights of a Child

Education should help children to fully develop their talents and abilities. Children should be encouraged to understand their own rights and differences and speak up if they feel something is unfair.



Dates for the Diary

November

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

Sadly, we have had to postpone Da Vinci's sharing assembly this week. Da Vinci's sharing assembly will now take place after the Christmas Holidays. Thank you for your understanding.

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.

27th Nov	Malala
4th Dec	Little Park
11th Dec	Attenborough
17th Dec	STAR OF THE TERM AWARDS

Annual Data Check

It is a requirement for us to check the information we hold for your child annually. We usually do this at the October Parent/Carer afternoon however we were unable to do that this year given that the meetings were online. We will therefore be asking you to check your child's data in the playground after school over the next few weeks. We would really appreciate you trying to keep to your time slot if possible.

	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri
Week beginning: 23.11.2020				
2:45	Malala	Mandela	Pankhurst	Missed Y6s
3:00	Berners Lee	Brunel		Missed Y4s
3:15	Marie Curie	Einstein	Pasteur	Missed Y2s
Week beginning: 30.12.2020				
2:45	Helen Keller	Rosa Parks	Gandhi	Missed Y5s
3:00	Da Vinci	Edison	Galileo	Hawking
3:15	Marco Polo	Aldrin	Attenborough	