

PARK NEWSLETTER



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

22nd January 2021

Mrs Ttoffali's Weekly Update

Happy Friday to you all and what a beautiful day it is: cold, crisp and sunny a perfect combination!



I have just come into school from my morning gate duty and as people asked me: 'How are you?' I found myself replying 'I am just about holding it together.' For some people the response has then been 'Me too.' As I have reflected on this, I have realised that we simply must accept that this is the best we can hope for. We are all doing our best to keep things together and our best is, and always will be, good enough. The things that we cannot control are beyond our limits and therefore we need to be responsible for the things which are within our control and manage in the best way we know how.

Doing our best is all we can do and we should continue to be proud of ourselves for doing exactly that.

This week has brought its challenges (which I will not share here) but its positives too. We have seen the implementation of Newham's Safer Streets scheme around our school's boundary (please read the letter sent out earlier this week [Healthy School Streets Jan 21](#)) and therefore a reduction in congestion and pollution will soon be obvious. We also saw the decision made by Newham to continue with its free school lunches for all primary children (hooray). You can read about this and more in this week's [Newham London Update](#).

Whilst most of you are doing a great job in accessing the online learning and engaging with it, it does not work for some and we are conscious of the gaps that may be widening as a result of some children's time away from the classroom. As educators we obviously believe that children should be connected, in the

classroom and learning knowledge and skills so for now we are doing all we can to keep the learning alive whilst we are so far apart. Please be mindful of the need to maintain your child's ongoing routine and education at this time. We have no idea how long we may be in this situation and therefore we have to make the best of every opportunity even if it challenges us.

I will finish this week with a reminder relating to our Parent/ Carer Consultation day which will take place on Thursday 11th February. There will be no live sessions on that day as staff will be in consultation across the day but learning for the morning will, of course, still be available. We will share more information with you very soon along with details of how to book your slot(s).

Wishing you all a safe and relaxing weekend. Take good care, Natasha Ttoffali

Wrap Around Care

We are pleased to say that our wrap around care will continue for key worker families throughout the lockdown period. If you would like to book a place for your child then please do so via Scopay.



☆☆☆☆ Stars of the Week ☆☆☆☆

Early Years (Little Park & Reception)

Marcel (Mexia Class) for showing great enthusiasm and engagement in his home learning.

Khalil (Tenzing Class) for showing excitement and enthusiasm with his home learning.

Felix (Coleman Class) for engaging well in the in-school provision alongside his new reception friends.

Kacper (Jemison Class) for always being engaged with his learning, and being more confident in the classroom.

Maya (MacArthur Class) for being a supportive friend and helping new children settle down.

Dylan (Seacole Class) for being a Concentrating Crocodile and showing a huge improvement with his letter formation.

Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)

Umayr (Aldrin Class) we are so proud of all the work that you are doing at home. It is great to see you embracing the online lessons and being present for the learning.

Amelia (Attenborough Class) for being a Persevering Parrot during her maths learning. She didn't give up and felt really happy about her effort.

Naeem (Marco Polo Class) for your super maths showing answers in full with drawings.

Sofia (Einstein Class) for her dedication to her online learning and self motivation and enthusiasm to complete her independent work

Aaisha (Marie Curie Class) for being so organised with her online learning and being supportive to her friends.

Tarhan (Pasteur Class) for showing care and dedication towards his online learning through active participation in our live lessons and completing the independent lessons to a high standard.

Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)

Alamia (Da Vinci Class) for showing great determination focus during her online learning-Well done!

Ravneet (Galileo Class) for showing huge levels of maturity during our google meets and being a fantastic role model for the whole of Year 3! Keep it up Ravneet.

Arjan (Edison Class) for his engagement online and his positive attitude to learning.

Anmol (Berners-Lee Class) for showing engagement with her online learning and taking pride in her learning.

Hanzalah (Hawking Class) for showing a real determination to succeed: asking for help at the right time; never giving up on all the challenges and doing it with brilliant enthusiasm.

Mariana (Brunel Class) for showing such confidence when joining the Google Meet sessions, and really trying hard to engage with the learning. Well done.

Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6)

Krishna (Gandhi Class) for her contributions in breakout rooms during Google Meet sessions. Krishna is always keen to participate in conversation which enables her to make progress in her learning. Well Done!

Sandeep (Helen Keller Class) for his consistent enthusiasm and engagement with his online learning.

Kulraj (Rosa Parks Class) for his great organisational skills, supporting his younger sister to join her live teaching sessions and supporting her with online learning.

Anwasha (Mandela Class) for her organisational skills - ensuring she is online every day and attempting all of her home learning tasks.

Adelina (Malala Class) for her concentration and focus during our live lessons, and her determination to complete all of our home-learning activities.

Sorina (Pankhurst Class) for the dedication she has shown in our live sessions, and completing every task with enthusiasm.

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



Statutory Testing Cancellation

As you may have heard, the government has cancelled statutory testing for primary schools for the academic year 2020-21. This means that the Year 1 phonics test, the Year 4 Multiplication Check Test and the KS1 and KS2 SATS will not take place this academic year.

Teacher assessments will be used in place of these tests so it is important that your children are engaging with their learning both in-school and online.

Blended Learning

These photos are a snapshot of the incredible things that have been achieved this week.



Learning at Park is so 'delicious' that you should not be resisting it; please ensure your child is part of the action! If you are having problems in accessing, connecting etc then please let us know on:

blended.learning@park.newham.sch.uk

Please note the new email to contact for queries relating to this.

Year Six Poetry

As part of CAT day the children at Park read and perform a range of poems. This term Year 6 are looking at the Song of the Witches from Macbeth by William Shakespeare. This week they were tasked with creating their own versions of the poem. Here are some of their creations!

Hiss, squelch and roar,
Chuck in Cerberus's paw,
Sprinkle in the hearts of a worm,
Watch the cauldron scream and squirm,
Take a baby's innocent eyes,
And throw it in with a tongue black with lies,
Boil the sword that killed a million people,
And add the ashes of a church's steeple,
Now take a child's nightmare,
And the skull of a victim of a wicked dare,
Stir them into the now cauldron weeping in pain,
Along with some dust of a moon that will never wane,
Tear up the fur of a pure white dog,
Don't forget a tube of toxic, purple fog,
Dip in a flower that has never seen sun,
And sift in a toenail of a creature that detests fun,
Take a wasp and scorpions sting,
And a diamond engagement ring,
When the potion begins to bubble,
It is ready to stir up trouble!

Mary

In the cauldron goes the mushroom,
zoom, zoom ,boom.
Sprinkle of scales and pinch of dust,
and then a potion's crust.
Breath of dragon,
and a witches wagon.
Howl of wolf, toe of frog,
foot of bat and drool of dog.
Now here comes the enchantments boom,
and right here the spell will bloom.

Oscar

The 3 Sisters

On a dark night before death,
The witches come to get their revenge on the only Macbeth,
You will see a black cat and light up the candle,
You will see a light that no one can handle;
You will and people will cry,
While they are getting ready to say goodbye...

Poem Made By Esther in Mandela Class.

Tripple, Triple trinket of dribble,
Soil from a worm that goes wiggle wiggle,
Tail of Lizard and blade of scissor,
Rein of horse and code of morse,
Triple, Triple trinket of dribble,
Soil of worm that goes wiggle wiggle,
Chaos of Hell and socks that smell,
Snake's skin and old man's bin.

Yusuf from Pankhurst

Newham Family Support Workshops

A message from Newham Family Support.

Dear Newham Parents, Carers and Young People,
Need some support for yourself or your family during lockdown? Not sure where to start? Join us for our weekly workshops taking place every **Thursday, 4pm-5pm** on **Zoom** and we will inform you of the support that is available to you in Newham.

We want to make sure that every family in Newham knows about the amazing support on offer, especially during this difficult time. This includes support for wellbeing and mental health, finances, housing, befriending and much more. Click the link below to join our workshop!

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Workshops

Supporting parents during the Coronavirus pandemic	Thursday 28 th January 2021, 4-5pm
Supporting teenagers during the Coronavirus pandemic	Thursday 4 th February 2021, 4-5pm

Supporting children during the Coronavirus pandemic	Thursday 11 th February 2021, 4-5pm
Taking care of yourself during the Coronavirus pandemic	Thursday 18 th February 2021, 4-5pm

Virtual Sharing Assemblies

We'd like to say a huge thank you to our Year 1 in-school bubble children for showing us four great ways to make ourselves feel happy!



And another massive thank you to our Year 4 in-school bubble for their beautiful singing!



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](#).

Free access to reading books

Children in England will be able to access books online free during school closures via a virtual library. Internet classroom Oak National Academy created the library after schools moved to remote learning for the majority of pupils until February half-term. Formed with The National Literacy Trust, the library will provide a book a week from its author of the week.

The first book to feature will be Dame Jacqueline Wilson's *The Story Of Tracy Beaker*, and will be available to access free for a week from 17 January. Dame Jacqueline said with schools closed, the free online library is needed more than ever, adding: "I think it's vitally important that every child should have an opportunity to access books."

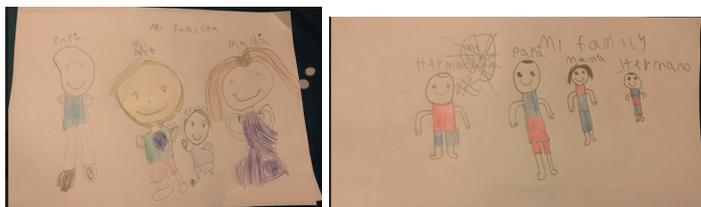
You can access the book and future books by clicking on the link below:

<https://library.thenational.academy/>

Spectacular Spanish

Ms Rios has been so impressed with all of the amazing Spanish learning that has been taking place this week.

In Year Two, the children are starting to learn how to say and write the names of their family members in Spanish.



And in Year Six, the children are able use this learning to write whole sentences about their families.

1. Mi papa tiene treinta y dos años
 2. Mi mama tiene treinta y tres años
 3. Mi hermano pequeño tiene uno años
 4. Yo tengo cinco años
1. Mi abuelo tiene sesenta y cuatro años
 2. Mi abuela tiene sesenta y tres años
 3. Mi papa tiene treinta y nueve años
 4. Mi mamá tiene cuarenta años
 5. Mi hermana pequeña tiene cinco años
 6. Yo tengo seis años
1. Mi papa tiene cuarenta años
 2. Mi mama treinta y nueve años
 3. Mi hermana pequeña tiene siete años
 4. Mi hermano pequeño tiene cuatro años
 5. Mi hermana pequeña tiene dos años

Parent Support Hub

Sphere Support CIC is launching a brand new project to help families in difficult situations and in need of a little bit of support. Their aim is to help those who did not qualify for school lunch vouchers, yet experience financial worries and parents/carers who struggle to provide healthy, nutritious meals for their children.

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 170		Sycamore 210	
Maple 165		Oak 175	

This week...

Thanks to get you Thinking!



KS1 Think

Think about this...

Week 3

Would you rather be the size of an ant for a week or the size of the Hulk?

Agree Build Challenge

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

KS2 Think

Think about this...

Week 3

Would you rather constantly have to sneeze but it never comes out or have hiccups that last for four hours per day?

Agree Build Challenge

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

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.

Ms Phelan would like to send a huge shout out to Daksh in Hawking class for sending in his answers every week! Well done Daksh!

Last week's answers:

KS1

- 22 apples
- yellow is 4cm longer

KS2

- £20.40
- 1/16

KS1 Challenge

1 Order the four numbers.

Start with the smallest number.

2 tens

30 ones

7 ones

1 hundred

2 What is the sum of these two numbers?

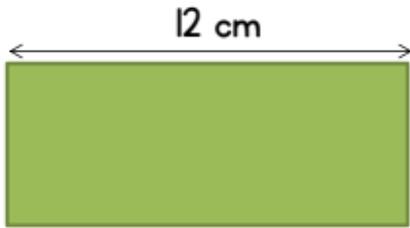
22 ones

and

1 ten and 5 ones

KS2 Challenge

- 1 The perimeter of the rectangle is 36 cm.



What is the area of the rectangle?

- 2 There are 80 red and blue counters in total.

There are 12 more red counters than blue ones.

How many red counters are there?

Current Affairs



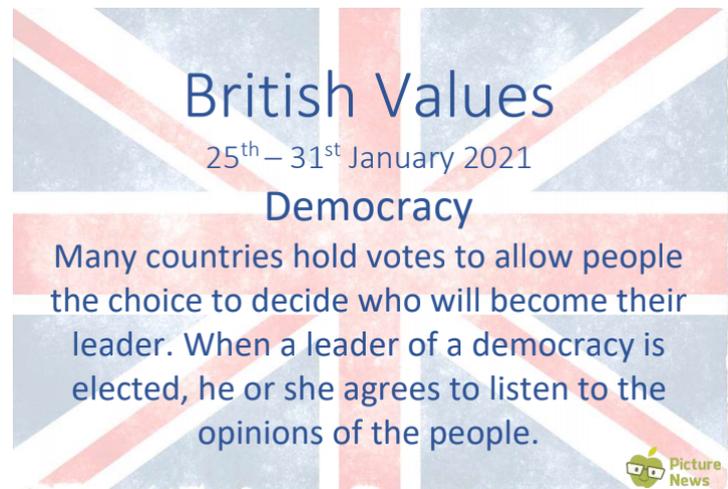
What makes a good leader?

On 20th January, Joe Biden became the 46th President of the United States, taking over from his predecessor, Donald Trump. The inauguration ceremony took place last week, marking the start of the new president's time in charge. Usually, the outgoing president attends to welcome in the next president, but this year Mr Trump did not attend the event. In the oath taken at the ceremony, Joe Biden promised to the American people to do his best to protect the country and do a good job of being their leader.

Things to talk about at home...

- Talk about different types of leaders, e.g. at school, at after school clubs, of our country.
- Can you think of any traits that these people have in common?
- Do you think anyone could be a good leader? Why?
- Do you think you would like to be a leader? What do you think would be the benefits and what might you find difficult about leading others?

British Values Link



Picture News

25th January 2021

UN Rights of a Child

When leaders make decisions, they should think about how their decisions affect children. Governments and leaders should make sure that children are protected and looked after properly.



Dates for the Diary

February

Thursday 11th - Parent/Carer Consultation Day

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

