

PARK NEWSLETTER



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

5th March 2021

Need to Know

Mrs Ttofalli's Weekly Update

Hi,
We hope you are all well and preparing yourself for the week ahead: routine, structure and everyone back at school; 'thank goodness', I hear you cry! For most of you, you probably do feel this way and this is certainly how it is for most of us in school today however, please may I ask for your understanding that this may not be the case for everyone; more than ever now we need to show compassion and understanding for individual differences.



In addition to understanding that we are not all in the same place in terms of our anxiety, we also need to appreciate that the risk has not gone away and we therefore need to continue to act in a covid safe manner to decrease the risk to ourselves and others. It is with this in mind that I am stating:

- 1) Please stick to your child's drop off time. Please do not arrive early as this causes congestion and causes the children to mix where they should not be mixing.
- 2) Unless you are medically exempt, it is now compulsory at Park for all adults to wear a face covering on site. If you arrive at school and you have forgotten your mask we will provide a disposable one but please try to bring your own.
- 3) Please avoid discussions with staff/ parents where possible. Please drop your children to the line and leave as soon as it is possible to do so. We understand that this is hard, and we would love to talk in person, but this is not the safest way. Please be reminded that staff are contactable via the email address:
info@park.newham.sch.uk FAOIf you would rather speak than write, please call the

school office and the teacher will return your call as soon as possible.

We understand that these measures create distance where, more than ever before, people need contact but please appreciate that we are doing this in the interests of everyone's safety. The safer we act, the less likely it will be that bubbles will burst and hopefully future lockdown will be avoided.

We look forward to seeing you all on Monday at the times we were using in the Autumn Term. Have a lovely relaxing weekend, Natasha Ttofalli

Change to the newsletter layout

In the recent parent/carer view feedback it was raised that the newsletter can be difficult to read as it contains a lot of information. We have therefore decided to split the newsletter into three sections: Need to Know, Curriculum Area and Additional Information. This should make the newsletter easier for families to navigate and find the relevant information that you want.

Wrap Around Care

We are pleased to say that our wrap around care is open to all families. If you would like to book a place for your child then please do so via Scopay. Please remember to book your child's place 24 hours in advance so that we are able to staff the childcare appropriately.



☆☆☆☆ Stars of the Week ☆☆☆☆

Early Years (Little Park & Reception)

Hamza (Mexia Class) for his consistent concentration during home learning! You are always engaged and eager to learn!

Aryan (Tenzing Class) for becoming an active participant in online learning. You are increasingly engaged in the sessions and willing to have a go!

Sara (Coleman Class) for becoming increasingly confident during the live lessons!

Ahnaf (Jemison Class) for using his loud clear voice in an online call with Ms Rice and Ms Dove, it was wonderful to hear Ahnaf listen and respond to us and show us some of his favourite toys. You showed us great confidence.

Naiara (MacArthur Class) for becoming increasingly confident in sharing her ideas on zoom. You speak loud and clearly and it is brilliant to see you trying to use new words to help you explain your ideas. Keep it up.

Mohammad Jolly (Seacole Class) for your growing confidence in all aspects of your learning. Your teachers are very proud of you. Keep it up!

Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)

Ziqra (Aldrin Class) for becoming an active participant in online learning! You have worked really hard on this over the last few weeks. Well done!

Aanya (Attenborough Class) for continuing to engage with online learning. She enjoys answering questions on the live sessions and isn't scared to challenge someone. We look forward to seeing this continue back in school next week.

Paula (Marco Polo Class) for her ongoing enthusiasm for learning. You have worked so hard during this period and I have seen you flourish.

Liberty (Einstein Class) for her determination with learning and showing resilience to overcome any challenges.

Umar (Marie Curie Class) for the care that he puts into his learning. Umar, thank you for always striving to do your best!

Maryam (Pasteur Class) for your increased confidence in contributing to our online lessons and for your well considered answers in maths. We hope you are as proud of yourself as we are of you.

Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)

Zaynab (Da Vinci Class) for her continuous contribution and great work ethic during online lessons.

Mihran (Galileo Class) for his effort and progress in his reading interventions, well done for working so hard Mihran, keep it up!

Joseph (Edison Class) for his maturity and sensitivity. He is making so many sensible choices and beginning to lead by example.

Omar (Berners-Lee Class) for always trying his hardest with his online learning. I love the effort that you put in and your willingness to participate with our online meets.

Solomon (Hawking Class) for showing brilliant determination with his online learning, especially writing instructions for a magic trick! Keep up the hard work!

Omar A (Brunel Class) for settling into a new environment really well and coming out of his shell. Keep up the hard work.

Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6)

Asma (Gandhi Class) for always being willing to contribute positively to discussions on google meets. Well done!

Hasan (Helen Keller Class) for always being caring and supportive towards his peers.

Nandini (Rosa Parks Class) for transitioning brilliantly from learning at home to being in school. It has been great to see how flexible and focused you have been with your learning.

Tanim (Mandela Class) for showing a growing determination to take on challenges and persevering when things get tricky.

Hassan (Malala Class) for his determination to finish online learning on a high, getting all his assignments submitted this week. Well done Hassan, you have shown excellent perseverance.

Mishal (Pankhurst Class) for persevering through the challenges in her online learning, her drive and determination to succeed has resulted in her making great progress.

And last but not least...we would like to award Star of the Week to all of the parents/carers and family members that worked so brilliantly to support your

children with their online learning. We thank you and appreciate all that you have done for your children.

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



Dates for the Diary

[2020-2021 School Calendar](#)

March

Monday 8th - all children to return to school



April

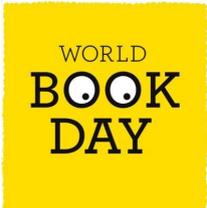
Thursday 1st - last day of the spring term

Friday 2nd - Friday 16th - Easter holidays

Monday 19th - First day back at school for the summer term

Curriculum Area

World Book Day

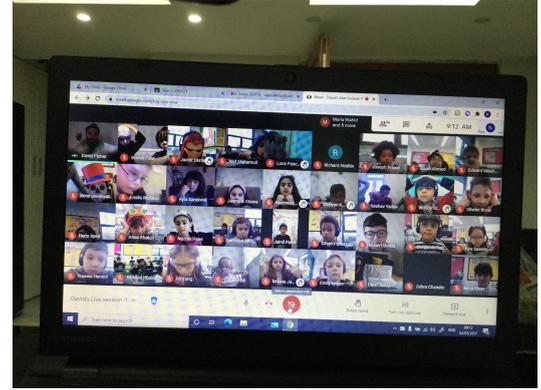


There were lots of exciting events happening at school and at home during World Book Day and we wanted to let you know about them. World book day proved to be a great success yet again despite how

different it looked!

World Book Day Costumes

Children were able to bring to life the characters that they have been reading about. It was exciting to see all the amazing costumes and how creative the children and the adults had been.



The winners of the competitions:

Creative costume competition

Reception - Gabrielle

Year 1 - Anisha

Year 2 - Barney

Year 3 - Euphemia

Year 4 - Kelly

Year 5 - Naomi

Year 6 - Anastasija

Teacher - Mrs Rios

Parent Winner - Ms Tracy Zanelli

Bookmark Competition



Reception - Gulled
 Naeem - Year 1
 Alexandros - Year 2
 Zaynab - Year 3
 Raidah - Year 4
 Naomi - Year 5
 Sofia - Year 6

Toilet Roll Book Character Competition

Reception - Jessica
 Year 1 - Zaynab
 Year 2 - Nathan
 Year 3 - Adam
 Year 4 - Unaysah
 Year 5 - Dewan
 Year 6 - Oscar

Virtual Sharing Assemblies

We'd like to say a huge thank you to our Reception in-school bubble for sharing with us their fantastic art skills.



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](#).

Challenge Yourself

Each week in the newsletter you will be challenged to find out some interesting facts to continue your journey of self learning.

Last week's answers:

- 1) Japan is the country most prone to earthquakes.
- 2) Dominica and Nicaragua are the only two countries that have the colour purple in their national flag.
- 3) The lion is the big cat with the loudest roar.

Your challenge this week is to find out:

- 1) How many eyes does a caterpillar have?
- 2) How many muscles do you use when taking just one step?
- 3) Where is the one place in the World where you wouldn't find any bees?

The answers will all be in next week's newsletter.

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 145		Sycamore 90	
Maple 105		Oak 75	

This week...

Thanks to get you Thinking!



KS1 Think

Week 2

Think about this...

Would you rather visit the moon once OR live in your favourite place forever?

Agree



Build



Challenge





Sentence starters:

I think...

I believe...

I feel that...

I would rather...

KS2 Think

Think about this...

Which is heavier
– lies or
promises?

Week 2

Agree Build Challenge

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

Thought for the Week

Three things in human
life are important:
the first is to be kind;
the second is to be
kind; and the third
is to be kind.

—Henry James

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.

Last week's answers:

KS1

1 - 18 sweets in two jars

2 - 27

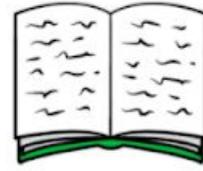
KS2

1 - 2 | 656 ml (or 2,656 ml or 2.656l)

2 - each piece is 12cm long

KS1 Challenge

1 Lee reads a book.

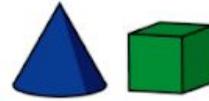


The book has 60 pages.

- On Monday, Lee reads 10 pages
- On Tuesday, he reads 5 more pages than he did on Monday
- On Wednesday, he finishes the book

How many pages does he read on Wednesday?

2 The mass of these shapes is 56 g.



The mass of these shapes is 72 g



What is the mass of each shape?

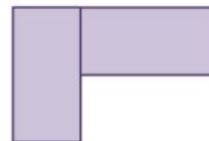
KS2 Challenge

1 A square has a perimeter of 48 cm.



The square is cut in half.

The two halves are put together to make this shape.



What is the perimeter of the new shape?

2 What number is halfway between -2 and 8?



Current Affairs



Could you imagine living on another planet?

Last month, Nasa's £1.9 billion rover mission successfully landed on Mars after its seven-month, 290-million-mile journey from Earth. The rover, named Perseverance is packed with ground-breaking technology. The mission marks an ambitious first step in the effort to collect samples from Mars and return them to Earth. It is thought that life forms from Earth could temporarily survive a Mars-like atmosphere.

Things to talk about at home...

- Do you think it is important that we learn about other planets? What kind of things do you think we might learn from them?
- The Perseverance rover has 23 cameras, do you think it needs that amount? What do you think they are for?

British Values Link

British Values
8th - 14th March 2021
Democracy
If the rover Perseverance discovers that life existed on Mars long ago and that living on other planets may be possible, we can talk about whether we think this would be a good thing to do in the distant future.

Children have the right to research what life would be like on Mars from the Internet, the media, books and other sources. This research should be available for children to read in their own languages.



Additional Information

Going Back to School Workshop



GOING BACK TO SCHOOL

A workshop for Newham parents and carers

Thursday, 4 March 2021
6-7pm

- How change affects us
- How to address the feelings around children going back to school
- Acknowledge the experience of home schooling
- Learn about techniques to engage with change.



To book:
www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/going-back-to-school-workshop-with-parent-tickets-143077808577



#ThoughtfulThursday



People at the Heart of Everything We Do

Newham are running a 'Going back to school workshop covering:

- how change affect us
- addressing the feelings around children going back to school
- acknowledge the experience of homeschooling
- learn about techniques to engage with change

If you would like to attend the Eventbrite link to register is:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/going-back-to-school-workshop-with-parent-tickets-143077808577>