

PARK NEWSLETTER



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

1st October 2021

Need to Know

Mrs Ttofalli's Weekly Update

Dear all,

It's a miserable morning here this morning and the umbrellas were everywhere as you navigated the gates.

Thank you to those of you who are adhering to our one way system; it really makes a difference to the atmosphere and calmness in the morning and afternoon.



Today sees the start of Black History Month. At Park, again, we will be undertaking Black 'Her'story Month to celebrate the lives of female black pioneers in their field. I learnt this week of Betty Campbell, the first black female head teacher in Wales. Betty had been told in school that she would/ could never be a teacher and yet she achieved great things. It is stories like these which will drive our curriculum of the future, not just this month but every month forever more. We will work to ensure that all of our children can identify with the lives of people that our curriculum depicts and are able to see themselves as potentially living great lives. This starts of course with the language of aspiration and the role models that we choose to study. As an example, if we only ever look at female nurses, how will our young men of the future ever aspire to be thus?

Covid - thank you for following our procedure if your child presents with symptoms. We are very grateful for your patience and understanding. As stated, if your child is unwell, please seek a PCR test for them and let us know the result. Please find linked, the [We Are Newham Update](#).

Finally, from me today, I just wanted to let you know of our intentions for our Parent/ Carer Consultation Event on Thursday 21/10/21. We will soon send out our booking information. On 21/10/21, your children

will need to be collected at 1:00 and taken home (there will be work available within the Google Classroom for them). **This term we will continue to have consultations online** with a view to returning to face to face in the Spring Term. This is in the interests of everyone's health (in particular, the school staff); at the end of term when everyone is tired and run down and the weather is changing, it does not feel right to have so many people indoors together. Thank you for your understanding relating to this.

I wish you all a very happy and safe weekend doing some of the things that bring you joy.
Warmest regards, Natasha Ttofalli

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.



Toys in School

We have spoken to the children in assemblies today about bringing toys into school. Although we do allow toys to be brought into school, we discourage children from bringing in any toys that they care about deeply as there is always a chance that they may get broken or lost and this can be upsetting. Furthermore, if a toy is perceived as dangerous and may cause harm to others then it will be taken from the child and kept by the teacher until hometime when it will be returned to the child's parent or carer. We appreciate your support in this matter.

Dates for the Diary

[2021-2022 Term dates](#)

Wednesday 6th October - Y3 and 4 parent/carer workshop at 9.05am

Friday 8th October - Y5 parent/carer workshop at 9.05am

Friday 15th October - Year 6 Educational Visit to the Museum of Docklands



Sharing Assemblies

Please see the dates and classes for Sharing assemblies this half term. If you can make it, please do join us (KS1, you will need to drop off your child and then enter through the main office so we have a record of who is coming in.).

Date	KS1 - 9.05am	KS2 - 2.20pm
Friday 8th October		Brunel
Friday 15th October	Marie Curie	Da Vinci
Friday 22nd October	Marco Polo	Malala

Park's Food Bank

We are delighted to inform you that we have now established a food bank for our families at Park. It has been a challenging year for many.

If you would like to access our food bank, please come to the school entrance on a Friday between 1.45 to 2.45pm. Please bring your own bag.

Wellie Request

A message from Mr Fisher:

Hi everyone,
As many of you are probably already aware, Forest School and outdoor learning opportunities are becoming a regular feature of our timetable here at Park. These sessions are beneficial in so many ways such as; learning new skills, problem solving, building resilience and appreciating the environment. As the winter months start to



approach, it is really important that children are wearing the correct clothing for the sessions. The simple rule is: the more layers they wear, the warmer they will be. We are putting a shout out to the community, to ask if your child has any wellies that no longer fit them. If so instead of throwing these in the bin please could you donate them to Park. There will be a bag/box on the front gate for the next two weeks (Tuesday 21st Sept - Tuesday 5th October). We would like all sizes from Nursery through to Year 6. This will allow those who do not have the correct footwear to attend the sessions, when it is very wet or muddy.

Summary:

Please donate any wellies that you have grown out of. Hand them into the box/bag at the front gate at home time each day.

Curriculum Area

Miss Laine's Cooking/Food Exploring Club



This week in Miss Laine's Cooking/Food Exploring Club the children made some scrumptious looking butterfly cakes.

Gracie's Forest Adventure

One of our Year 1 children's Grandma has very kindly gifted us a storybook that they have written called 'Gracie's Forest Adventure'. Thank you so much for sharing this lovely book with us!

In this story their ginger cat, Purrfect, has died. Gracie and her friends are upset. Gracie pulls on her magic hat and the children escape into an imaginary world, entering a forest where they embark on an adventure. ... When the sun starts to set, the children return to reality.



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 **Maple!** You have the highest totals this week!

Birch 430 	Sycamore 365 
Maple 470 	Oak 525 

This week...

Thanks to get you Thinking!



KS1 Think

Think about this...

Would you rather be able to slide down rainbows or jump on clouds?



Week 5



Sentence starters:

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

Agree

Build

Challenge

KS2 Think

Think about this...

Could you have a sport where everyone was on the same side?



Week 4

Sentence starters:

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

Agree

Build

Challenge

Thought for the Week

"I am not afraid of storms, for I am learning how to sail my ship."

LOUISA MAY ALCOTT
Little Women

Current Affairs



What would encourage you to use public transport?

Encouraging people to use buses more often is to be a central part of the Government's plan to reach net zero by 2050. Bus stops will be heated and have changing rooms and Wi-Fi in a bid to create eco-friendly park and rides for cyclists. They will also act as a focal point for cyclists, electric car drivers and rail commuters to switch easily between different modes of transport, with bosses calling the new stops mobility hubs.

Things to talk about at home...

- Where is the nearest bus stop or train station to where you live? What is it like? Do you use it?
- What is public transport like in your local area? What is your preferred type of transport?
- Do you think mobility hubs will make more people use public transport? What would you like to see in them? E.g., shops, services, facilities etc.

British Values Link



Picture News
4th October 2021

UN Rights of a Child

When adults make decisions, they should think about how they will affect us and make sure they do their best for us. Our adults often decide how we travel to school.



Discover Children's Story Centre



Mondays are for stories

What is it?

Discover is running an offer for local school children to come for FREE with their families on Monday afternoons.

Who is it for?

Anyone that attends a Newham School (and their families).

When can we come for free?

From 20 September to 20 December 2021, you can visit 3-5pm on Mondays during term time. (This excludes 25 October, during half term.)

How to take part

From 10am each Friday, the online promotion code **Stories21** will become active to use for bookings for the 3-5pm session the following Monday. You can then [book here](#), entering the code when prompted to discount your tickets.