

# PARK NEWSLETTER



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

8th October 2021

## Need to Know

### Mrs Ttoffali's Weekly Update

Dear all,

May I start with a huge thank you to four of our House Captains, Nora, Tianna, Ismail and Grace who supported me this morning as I toured prospective parents who are considering Park as a choice for their child for September 2022. They were absolute advocates for our school and represented us and themselves perfectly. Thank you. Guys. I am a little concerned though as, now they have listened to my 'talk' and answered questions as we toured, I feel like I could soon be out of a job!



I have also had some lovely Wellbeing Walks with the children this week. It is so joyous to simply run and 'be' in the Park with the children and Filos and it is especially super when children move from an initial position of fear to genuinely enjoying the time and saying things like 'I have had such fun.' 'This has been great.' as well as watching them being so kind and encouraging towards each other when we are racing or throwing the ball. We began the Wellbeing Walks as we wanted to ensure that the children could find some joy in the nature around them. If we are well emotionally and we maintain a general state of contentment, we are much less likely to suffer from episodes of poor mental health. It is World Mental Health Day this Sunday so it may be worth a conversation with the children about some of the things that they are really grateful for. The more we are able to recognise all the amazing things around us, for which we can be grateful, the less likely we are to feel unhappy about things or at least the gratitude will help to keep those periods of unhappiness in perspective. If you will allow me, I will start it off, 'I am grateful to be the Head Teacher of the most amazing place of learning which has an outstanding community and is filled with hundreds of incredible people.'

As stated last week, it is Parent/ Carer Consultation afternoon on 21/10/21 please make sure you book your slot when you receive the details.

It was National Poetry Day this week so here's some homework from me: please do a little research into children's poetry and find a poem that you can enjoy together. If you find one, why not see if you can learn it together and recite it. I'd love to see your videos or maybe send your children in to recite it to me. It really would brighten my day.

It's Star of the Week lunch on Monday; if your child has been their class's Star in the last two weeks, I look forward to dining with them on Monday. Have a great weekend and happy poetry seeking!

Warm regards,  
Natasha Ttoffali

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### 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.



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### Inappropriate Viewing

We have had to speak to a few children this week about the appropriateness of the things that they are watching online. Please check in with your children when they are watching videos or streaming services online about what they are watching. These services all use parental controls so we would advise that all families check their parental controls to ensure that their children are not able to access anything that is not age appropriate.

Please refer to the links below for further support around supporting your child to be safe online. If you have any concerns or queries then please speak to a member of school staff and we will be happy to help you.

[Parents' Guide to Technology | Safer Internet Centre](#)  
[Online Safety for Children - Tips & Guides](#)

## Dates for the Diary

[2021-2022 Term dates](#)

**Wednesday 13th October** - Marco Polo visit to the Discover Centre

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

**Monday 18th October** - Individual pupil photos

**Tuesday 19th October** - Aldrin and Attenborough visit to the Discover Centre

**Thursday 21st October** - Parent/Carer consultation meetings. Children to be collected at 1pm



## 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
<b>Friday 15th October</b>	Marie Curie	Da Vinci
<b>Friday 22nd October</b>	Marco Polo	Malala
<b>Half Term</b>		
<b>Friday 5th November</b>	Einstein	
<b>Friday 12th November</b>	Aldrin	Gandhi
<b>Friday 3rd December</b>		Hawking

## 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.

## Curriculum Area

### Miss Laine's Cooking/Food Exploration Club

This week the children made cookie dough and every child tasted every ingredient! Miss Laine was so proud of them. They worked together in small groups. Some took theirs home and some ate it straight away! They all had an amazing time!



## 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 totals this week!

<b>Birch</b> 260		<b>Sycamore</b> 95	
<b>Maple</b> 230		<b>Oak</b> 220	

## This week...

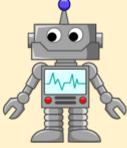
Thanks to get you Thinking!



### KS1 Think

Think about this... Week 6

If a robot gives you a drink, should you say thank you?



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

Agree      Build      Challenge



### KS2 Think

Think about this... Week 5

What would life be like for someone who was afraid of nothing?

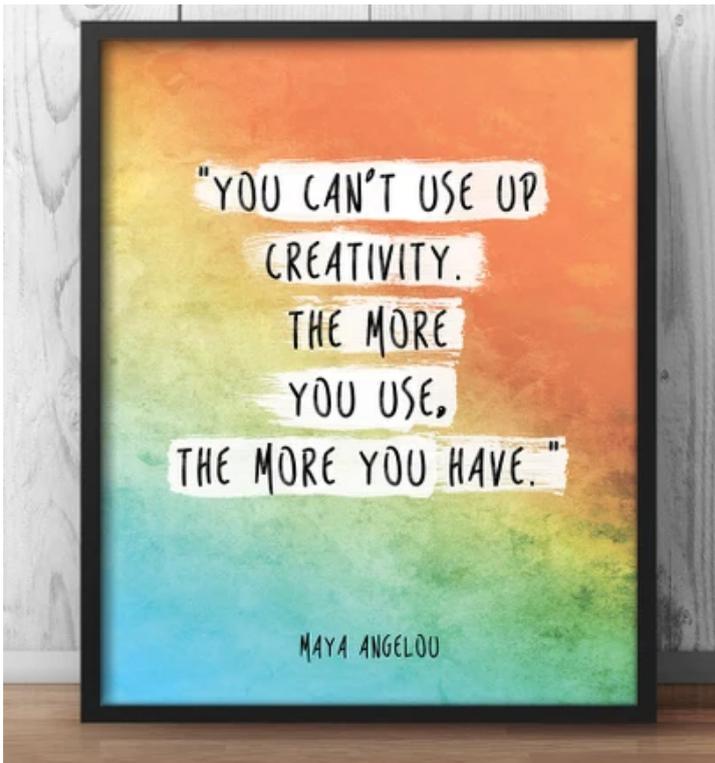


**Sentence starters:**  
In my opinion...because  
I believe that...because  
On the other hand...  
However...

Agree      Build      Challenge



### Thought for the Week



## Music of the Week

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

# MUSIC THEME OF THE WEEK:

This week in celebration of Black History Month, we have been listening to black female artists. These have ranged from soulful tunes by Aretha Franklin to RnB classics by Alicia Keys.



## Current Affairs



*What does a good role model look like?*

Children's TV channel CBeebies has hired George Webster as its first ever presenter with Down's syndrome. The 20-year-old, from Leeds, is an actor, dancer and ambassador for the disability charity, Mencap. In a video posted on social media, he said, "I feel so proud and I'm feeling so excited to start", adding that he was looking forward to cooking and dancing in his new role.

### Things to talk about at home...

- Who are your role models?
- What qualities do you think make a good role model?
- Can you ask someone else who their role models are, are they the same as yours?
- Do you think you can be too old to have a role model?

**British Values Link**



**British Values**  
11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> October 2021

**Tolerance**

We all have different opinions, beliefs and values so our role models will be different too. Being tolerant of our differences means people feel accepted and free to be who they want to be.



11<sup>th</sup> October 2021

**UN Rights of a Child**

We are all different, but governments must make sure that we can all equally enjoy our rights.

