

PARK NEWSLETTER



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

8th November 2021

Need to Know

Mrs Ttoffali's Weekly Update

Dear all,

I hope you are all well and had a great half term, whether you were working or not. This week has been enriched with culture: given that Diwali fell on Thursday and it was Guy Fawkes on Friday. Happy Diwali to those who celebrate; I trust the times together were good ones. I hope that anyone that attended any bonfire celebrations had a lovely time and that they were careful along the way.



This week has been against the backdrop of COP26 and I would like to ask that we all just reflect on our own impact upon the environment. Future sustainability has to be our aim: consider plastic use, perhaps buy secondhand and always reuse and recycle where possible.

Thank you to those of you who have responded to our Parent View; we love the praise (of course) but, more importantly, we like to hear about what we could still do better. Please complete the [PV](#) by next Friday if you have anything to say: whether that be positive or negative. Always remember, feedback is important; we will only ever use the feedback to make things better for the community that we serve.

Please read this week's [Newham London Update](#).

Safeguarding 1: We are genuinely concerned about the number of children who appear to be engaging with Squid Games which is on Netflix. In its truest sense it is like the old game 'What's the Time Mr Wolf' so where is the problem in that? Well there is a huge problem when anyone who moves is killed. Young children at primary school should not be exposed to 'survival of the fittest' in its most raw sense and we implore you to support us. Your children should not be

watching content which says: 'if you are not good enough, you are nothing.'

Safeguarding 2:

As the mornings and evenings are darker and the days shorter, it is easy to feel the doldrums setting in. If you have concerns about your child's mood and wellbeing, **please do let us know**. If they were not well physically, you'd tell us. If you are concerned about them emotionally, let us know, we will do our very best to help.

Have a lovely weekend everyone. Take care, Natasha Ttoffali

☆☆☆☆ **Stars of the Week** ☆☆☆☆

Key Stage 1

Jessica, Audrey and Ryan in Year 1.

Abeeha, Zakariya and Ashia in Year 2.

Lower Key Stage 2

Sarbani, Aleena and Adomas in Year 3.

Amarjeet, Mizan and Amaan in Year 4.

Upper Key Stage 2

Zainab, Safiya and Leila in Year 5.

Tayyibah, Ameelah and Ayub in Year 6.

Attendance Stars

Jemison Class in Reception and Key Stage 1 with 100%

Edison Class in Lower Key Stage 2 with 99%.

Rosa Parks Class in Upper Key Stage 2 with 95%.

Parent/Carer View

Many of you will be aware that we usually ask you to complete our ParentView survey during Parent/Carer Consultation Day. The feedback we receive from this is really useful to know what is going well and also to identify areas that we can develop further.

If you could take 5 minutes to complete the survey, we'd really appreciate it.

If you have already completed the survey then you do not need to complete it again.

<https://forms.gle/6D7zk2NaDo6NKcQS8>

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.



Dates for the Diary

[2021-2022 Term dates](#)

Monday 8th November to Friday 12th

Nov - Year 5 Bikeability Training

Monday 15th November - EYFS parent/carer workshop on Early Literacy and communication and language at 10.30-11.30am at Little Park



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.).

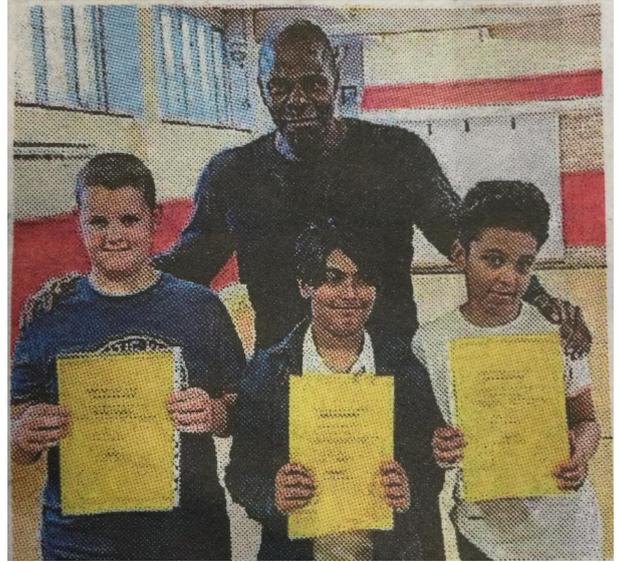
Date	KS1 - 9.05am	KS2 - 2.20pm
Friday 12th November	Aldrin	Gandhi
Friday 3rd December		Hawking

Park's Food Bank

We are delighted to inform you that we have 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

Sports Star



We are very proud of Zaarib in Rosa Parks class who recently received his certificate for his understanding of the fundamentals of boxing. Zaarib explained that his weekly training includes:

- Running laps
- Repeated sets of skipping
- Pad work
- 3 sets of 15 pushups and 15 squatets
- Pad work
- Boxing against opponents

This sounds like a wonderful way of staying healthy and learning new skills and we are extremely proud of the effort he is making.

Miss Laine's Cooking/Food Exploration Club



This week at Miss Laine's Cooking/ Food Exploration Club the children were all Exploring Elephants and

tried raw vegetables in four different dips. They had peppers, mangetout, cucumber, green beans and broccoli. As a special treat, the last dip they tried was chocolate which they loved!

Play Leaders



Before the half term holidays, Ms Ami conducted interviews to recruit our new Play Leaders for this academic year. It was an extremely tough process with lots of fantastic candidates so everyone that took part should be incredibly proud of themselves.

Our new Play Leaders are:

Year 3

- Scarlett and Liberty from Edison
- Amelia and Marwan from Da Vinci
- Ruhma, Basem and Mason from Galileo

Year 4

- Nancy, Oliwier, Jaabir and Alice from Berners Lee
- Amiyaah, Elisia, Ted and Ethan from Brunel
- Ihsan, Ravneet, Effie and Mariam from Hawking

Year 5

- Amelia, Summiyah, Zainab and Maryam from Gandhi
- Unaysah, Raiyaan and Rezwan from Helen Keller
- Taraneh, Ingel, Aisha and Zaarib from Rosa Parks

Year 6

- Prodige, Julie, Advik and Denislav from Malala
- Achilleas, Adam and Hasan from Mandela
- Amelia, Faviha and Naomi from Pankhurst

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 and Oak!** You have the highest totals this week!

Birch 125		Sycamore 65	
Maple 95		Oak 125	

This week...

Thanks to get you Thinking!



KS1 and KS2 Think

Think about this... Week 1

Would you rather have one eye in the middle of your face or two noses?

Agree



Build



Challenge



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

Music of the Week

MUSIC THEME OF THE WEEK: MOVIES

This week around the school we have been listening to music from the movies. We've journeyed from the Titanic theme song to Disney's Moana.

Thought for the Week



Current Affairs



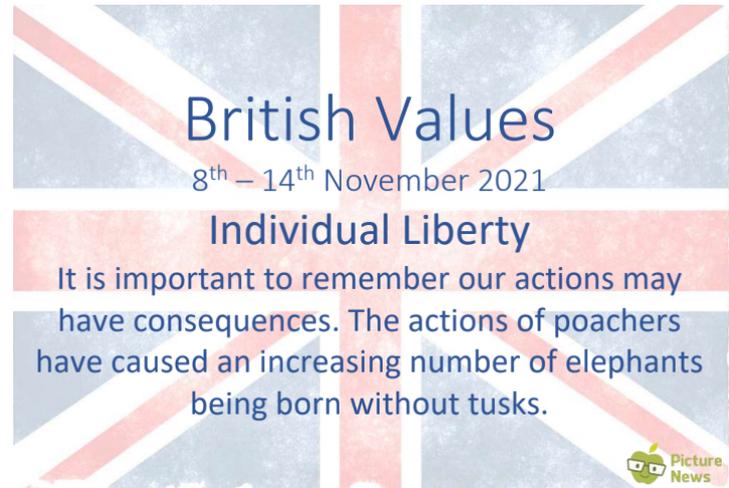
Should we do more to protect elephants?

A new study published in Science magazine found that in Gorongosa National Park, Mozambique, a rare genetic condition, that causes tuskless elephants, has become more common. Ivory poaching has pushed the species to the brink of extinction but the few tuskless elephants left could now increase in numbers. In 1969, Gorongosa National Park was home to over 2200 elephants, but now there are just over 700 in the Park.

Things to talk about at home...

- Share what you already know about elephants.
- What is your favourite animal? Elephants are a favourite for many people, why do you think they are so popular?
- Do you think it is the responsibility of people to protect elephants? Do you think enough is being done?

British Values Link



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UN Rights of a Child

I can set up or join groups, such as the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) or Youth 4 African Wildlife (Y4AW) as long as it doesn't harm others.



Additional Information

Newham City Farm Christmas Card Competition

All children attending Newham schools are invited to

design a Christmas card for the Save Newham City Farm Campaign Team

Your Card should contain the following:

1. A Christmas design with a farm theme
2. A Christmas greeting - Happy Christmas / Merry Christmas from the campaign team which may also include a message about why it is important to save Newham City Farm

Deadline for submission to your school:
Monday 15th November 2021

Winners to be announced by the Campaign Team via their website and to schools
Wednesday 24th November

The two winning entrants can be proud that:

Their designs will go out by email as an environmentally friendly Christmas greeting and promote the Save Newham City Farm campaign to all our important contacts promoting the great value of having a community farm in Newham.

They will each receive a prize: Michael Morpurgo / similar animal-themed books and a gift voucher to the value of £10.

We are very excited to receive your entries. Thank you for taking part.
The Save Newham City Farm Campaign Team

If you are interested in finding out more about the campaign and ways to support or get involved, please visit www.savenewhamcityfarm.com



Friends of
West Ham Park



**PROTECT
WEST HAM PARK**

**SAVE THE DATE
TUESDAY 9TH
NOVEMBER
7.30PM**

- West Ham Park, at 77 acres, is the largest park in Newham
- It is owned and operated by the **CITY OF LONDON CORPORATION** ("CoL") rather than Newham Council
- Within the park is a large plant **NURSERY SITE**, which used to supply bedding plants for public occasions, including state banquets. In 2016 the CoL deemed it no longer financially viable and shut it down.
- CoL now wants to develop this area of parkland with **BLOCKS OF FLATS**
- Friends of West Ham Park will be holding an **ONLINE PUBLIC CONSULTATION** on **TUESDAY 9th NOVEMBER 2021 AT 7.30pm** with the aim of providing more details on the plans as well as listening to the local community for their views on the CoL development and whether alternatives, including returning the area to open parkland, should be considered
- To join the online meeting please email **PROTECTWESTHAMPARK@BTINTERNET.COM** and you will be sent a link