

PARK NEWSLETTER



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

19th November 2021

Need to Know

Mrs Ttoffali's Weekly Update

Dear all,

Charity Begins at Home

May I start this week please with a huge great big 'thank you' to Morrisons at Stratford for their incredible generosity.

Morrissions donated very generously to our Food Bank and provided us with so many provisions, we were quite literally left stunned. 'Thank you Morrisons, our Park community greatly value your gifts to us!'. On the subject of charities, we were blessed with many children dressing up to mark the occasion of Children in Need today. If you have given money, we will be adding your donations to our Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH) fund which we will be collecting officially for next month. We have chosen to direct our collection to GOSH because they are supporting local children and it is a charity close to Park's heart.

The Child's Voice

Tomorrow is World Children's Day so I am taking the opportunity to celebrate children's voices. At Park we aim to empower every child through inner confidence. Children need to be confident so that they understand that they have a voice (we do not believe that children should be seen and not heard). In both assemblies today, I have spoken to the children about the word 'consent' and today it has been in relation to playing safe. We discussed the idea that we all need to play nicely and that we must be empowered to say 'no' or 'no thank you' if the play does not feel right. We have also talked about the fact that children should seek the consent of another if they are trying to pull them somewhere/ pick them up etc. Children have been reminded that nobody should be making them do what they are uncomfortable doing. Please support us to reiterate the message of feeling empowered to say no if they want to say no.



A little help please

As we are learning 'to be' again, a few issues are arising which seem to be as a result of us having to be reminded of things:

1. No jewellery is allowed in school other than stud earrings.
2. Please ensure your children have an appropriate PE kit; clothing which allows free movement (shorts/ tracksuit bottoms/ leggings and a T shirt would be ideal).
3. Toys can be brought in to play with in the playground but please do not allow your child to bring anything of any value and please do not allow them to bring in things which involve trading as these cause arguments.
4. Please do not allow your child to bring money which is not being given into school.
5. Please only send your child with healthy snacks. We are a nut free school (so no nuts please); we request that the children avoid sweets and crisps as they are very low in nutritional value. Foods which are slow release forms of energy are of much greater value to your child's dental health, physical health and sustained capacity to concentrate.

As always we thank you for your ongoing support; if you wish to speak to me about anything which is on your mind, please email, I'd love to hear from you: info@park.newham.sch.uk FAO Mrs Ttoffali. Have a super weekend.

☆☆☆☆ Stars of the Week ☆☆☆☆

Key Stage 1

Gretta, Daniel and Mehreen in Year 1.
Muhammad, Ram and Eric in Year 2.

Lower Key Stage 2

Zakariah, Chennai and Ayan in Year 3.
James, Joseph and Aasiya in Year 4.

Upper Key Stage 2

Sadaqat and Reem and in Year 5.

Tianna, Grace and Hasan in Year 6.

Attendance Stars

Attenborough Class in Reception and Key Stage 1 with 96%

Galileo Class in Lower Key Stage 2 with 100%.

Rosa Parks Class in Upper Key Stage 2 with 98%.

Whole School Attendance is 94.5%

Cold Weather

As it gets colder outside, please make sure you send your child to school appropriately dressed for the weather. Warm clothes and a waterproof coat are necessary for this time of year. It is important that the children get fresh air and spend time outdoors. We do not allow children to stay indoors when it is cold. If the cold virus is around, we will pick it up regardless of the weather!



Wrap Around Care

Last week at Wrap Around Care, the children were enjoying their new book corner (hand-built by Ms Jacqui!) and took the opportunity to share stories with each other.



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.

A notice from the PTA

Who are we and what do we do?

The Park Primary Parents Teachers Association (PTA) is made up of parents, carers and teachers of children attending Park Primary School who come together to support the children and the school.

The PTA raises money for equipment such as books for book corners, balls and skipping ropes for the playground and games and toys for wet playtimes in the classroom.

Parents/Carers/Teachers we need your help!

We are organising a winter raffle and we need prizes! If you can donate an unused gift, tickets to something or a voucher please let us know at

tracyzanelli@gmail.com

Sorry, no used toys for this (but if you do have any they can go to www.thetoyproject.co.uk)

Dates for your diary

Friday 10th December - Cake sale in the MUGA

Dates for the Diary

[2021-2022 Term dates](#)

Friday 3rd December - Park in the Dark
Thursday 9th and Friday 10th

December - Y1 and Y2 Christmas Journey at Highway Church

Tuesday 14th December - Einstein and Marie Curie at Kenneth Moore Theatre to watch Cinderella

Wednesday 15th December - Pasteur at Kenneth Moore Theatre to watch Cinderella

Friday 17th December - Last Day of the Autumn Term

Wednesday 5th January - Children return to school for the Spring Term



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.).

Please note that Hawking's sharing assembly has been moved from Friday 3rd December to Friday 10th December. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Date	KS1 - 9.05am	KS2 - 2.20pm
Friday 10th 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

Year 3 Pre-History Workshops



Year 3 had the opportunity to immerse themselves in the life of a Stone Age person through a hands-on Prehistory workshop. This workshop gave children the chance to understand life from the Palaeolithic through to the Iron Age. These are the activities they did:

- used stone tools. Using a stone drill, children attempted to drill a hole through a wooden shape in the way people did in prehistory.

- Grind the grain for bread, to gain an understanding of the task of providing a household with enough bread for the day.
- Spinning, during the Neolithic sheep were brought into Britain from Europe and spinning emerged. Children used a spindle to create woollen thread, a skill that remained through to the medieval period.
- They Looked at replica clothing from prehistory and compared it to modern clothing.
- Understand how life was like during the Mesolithic period. Children Explored a Mesolithic structure based on findings at Howick and Killerby Quarry and investigated the objects and a range of foods from the Mesolithic period.

They were also given three types of poo (coprolites) and identification sheets to work out what is inside them. The class then had a discussion about the diet of people in prehistory including missing items that we take for granted today.

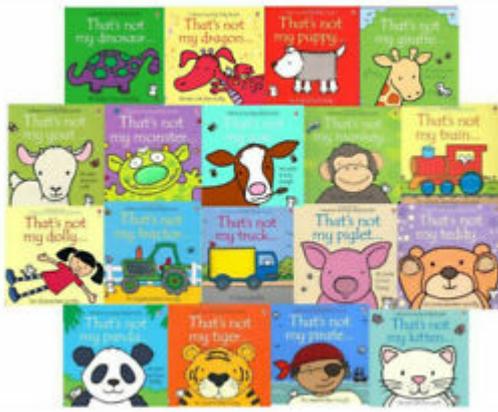
Messages from Ms Hunt (SENDCO)

Donation of Toys

Some of our pupils with special educational needs in school are learning about turn taking, paying attention and cause and effect using toys. They can also help with their emotional regulation. If you have some toys in good condition you could donate please leave them in the box in the office.



We also would benefit from some board books particularly those with different textures like those in the 'That's not my....' series.



Sensory Circuit

You may have noticed there are activities set up everyday in the MUGA that some of our children with special educational needs access. This is a sensory circuit and its aim is to support individuals to improve their levels of attention and focus and to help children to be more emotionally regulated before coming into school and starting their day.

Miss Laine's Cooking/Food Exploration Club

This week the children made cottage cheese and fruit wraps, and loved and ate every mouthful! Miss Laine also treated them to some physalis to taste.



Remembrance Day

Last Thursday, our House Captains represented Park at a Remembrance Day service at Central Park in East Ham.



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 **Oak!** You have the highest total this week!

Birch 170		Sycamore 120	
Maple 175		Oak 260	

This week...

Thanks to get you Thinking!



KS1 Think

Think about this... Week 3

Would you rather have 5 *good* friends or 1 *best* friend?



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

Agree **Build** **Challenge**



KS2 Think

Think about this... Week 3

Would you rather never eat your favourite food again or eat it every day for the rest of your life?

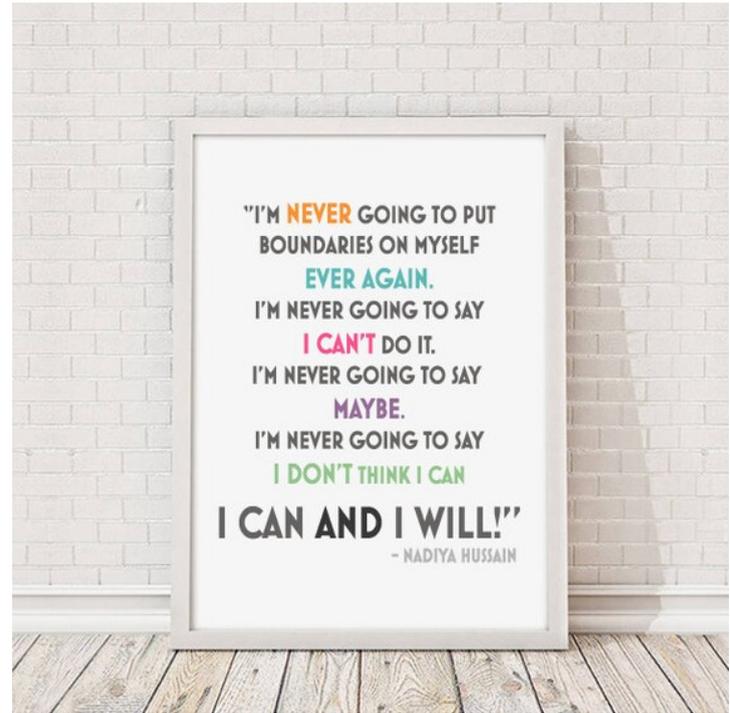


Sentence starters:
In my opinion...because
I believe that...because
On the other hand...
However...

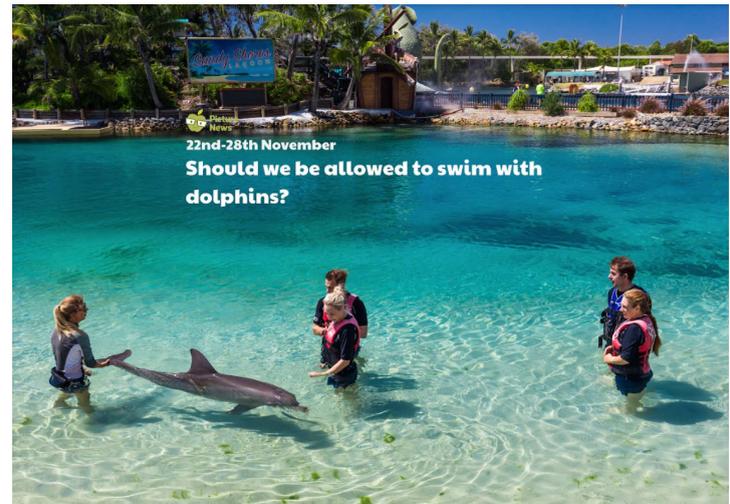
Agree **Build** **Challenge**



Thought for the Week



Current Affairs



Should we be allowed to swim with dolphins?

Travel company Expedia, has banned the sale of holidays involving dolphins and whales. The decision follows calls led by public figures such as Joanna Lumley and the Prime Minister's wife, Carrie Johnson, for an end to holidaymakers swimming with captive creatures or watching them perform tricks.

Things to talk about at home...

- Share what you know about dolphins. Have you ever seen a dolphin? This could be either on television or in real life.

- Talk about the recent decision to ban holidays where dolphins and whales are involved in shows or for holiday makers to swim with. Why do you think they made this decision?

British Values Link



British Values
22nd – 28th November 2021

Democracy

Travel company, Expedia, has banned the sale of holidays involving dolphins or whales. Some people may agree with this; others may not. We all have a voice, we can share our opinions and we can listen to the opinion of others.



 22nd November 2021

UN Rights of a Child

We can share with others what we learn, think or feel about Expedia banning the sale of holidays involving dolphins and whales. We can do this by talking, writing, drawing or any other way, unless it harms other people.



Additional information



Friends of West Ham Park



Park in the Dark

Join Stratford's ORIGINAL torch parade
FREE glow sticks
Refreshments on the bandstand
Festive entertainment from Park Primary School Choir

Friday 3 December
5-6.15pm
Meet **South Gate** on Portway

Exit out of South Gate **ONLY** from 6.15pm

Please bring a **torch** to make into your lantern* – or check out the website and bring it ready made! Children **must** be accompanied by an adult

PLEASE NOTE that the Park closes at 4.30pm so entry is through South Gate only, and there will not be an opportunity to exit the Park until after 6.00pm. The exit will be onto the Portway only. Owing to the nature of this event and light levels in the Park, it is essential that parents or guardians are fully responsible for any children accompanying them.

* please don't bring any glass jars as you won't be able to bring them on the walk



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And now on Instagram! — www.instagram.com/twhp_e9
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Festive Food Bank

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 **Friends of West Ham Park**

Sunday
5th December
1pm to 3pm



Take part in our **Festive Food Bank!** We are collecting non-perishable food for Newham Food Banks. Come and enjoy a walk in West Ham Park and drop off supplies that will go to local Food Banks to help feed the hungry and needy this Winter. Take part in our **Cracker Trail** too! We'll be on the Bandstand from 1pm!

Support Newham Food Banks this Christmas!

Demand for Food Banks has increased immensely during the last 20 months.

Social distancing rules still apply and the wearing of face masks appreciated



Keep up to date with our activities — friendsofwesthampark.co.uk
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