

PARK NEWSLETTER



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

26th November 2021

Need to Know

Mrs Ttoffali's Weekly Update

Dear all,

I was reminded yesterday, by virtue of being given a beautiful gift of thanks, that it was indeed **Thanksgiving Day**. It reminded me to say a thank you to the community of Park. As you will all know, times are challenging and it is a struggle some days to 'keep on keeping on' (simply ensuring that there are teachers in front of classes some days is tough) however the fact is this: every day I come to work and I am surrounded by the most amazing children, staff and families and I could not be more grateful for that. I never take for granted the respect that is in the air at Park and the relationships which are held. So, with yesterday as Thanksgiving Day, 'Thank you for being part of Park's jigsaw; we are all so unique and yet we come together as a great community; I am a very proud Head Teacher.'



This week, the House Captains at Park have launched **Park's Got Talent 2021**. Next week all children will be offered the chance to show off their talents to the class. The class will choose their representative and then the following week the three acts in each year group will compete to see who represents their year group. Then, in the final week of term, The House Captains will host the final and we will choose our winner. I know some of you may not appreciate the concept of competition as the disappointment as a child can seem too much to bear. The fact is though, sometimes in life you win and sometimes you lose and we all need to have opportunities where we do not succeed in order to build our resilience. If your child has a talent, whether as an individual or in a group, and they would like to 'show off' next week, please talk to them about it this weekend and encourage them to put themselves forward.

Next week (**3/12/21**) we are hosting another **Reception 2022 Open Morning**. If you: have a child due to start Reception in 2022; would like to hear about our school; would like a tour, please do book on. Additionally, if you have friends with children coming up to school age, please ask them to get in touch.

Having looked at the results of October's Parent View with the Governing Board on Wednesday night, the question was raised about the responses to homework. Homework always splits opinion. You either do not want your child to have homework or you want them to receive more. We work hard at Park to try to set homework which allows the children to consolidate and practise the learning they have been undertaking in class that week. We also expect daily reading. We do not punish when children do not submit their homework because we are trying to create the context where the child wants to do their homework as they know it will help them. Creating the right approach to homework early on, will allow children to develop, over time, a self-disciplined approach. This will help as they mature and the expectation upon the use of their time for homework increases substantially. As always, please contact me if you wish to discuss this or any other matter info@park.newham.sch.uk FAO Mrs Ttoffali. In the meantime, thank you for your ongoing support in what we are trying to achieve.

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

As we approach the time of year where sickness absence is generally a challenge, please may I ask that you consider a return to face coverings. Also, please, if you would rather your child wear one, encourage them to do so. I remember how difficult things were in the run up to the Christmas break last year and I think we should all just try to stay well. Thank you.

Please stay warm this weekend and ensure your children are well wrapped up next week. It's going to feel significantly colder apparently.

Take care, Natasha Ttoffali

☆☆☆☆ Stars of the Week ☆☆☆☆

Key Stage 1

Josh and Laila in Year 1.

Tazeem, Abdul Aziz and David in Year 2.

Lower Key Stage 2

Jeremiah, Anna and Aisha in Year 3.

Aaryan, Zahra and Aysha in Year 4.

Upper Key Stage 2

Freddie, Abdullah and Tabasom in Year 5.

Jaswinder, Sarah and Nevaeha in Year 6.

Attendance Stars

Einstein Class in Reception and Key Stage 1 with 97%

Da Vinci Class in Lower Key Stage 2 with 96%.

Malala Class in Upper Key Stage 2 with 98%.

Whole School Attendance is 92%

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](#)

Wednesday 1st December - Year 5 and Year 6 at Sarah Bonnel for Matilda

Friday 3rd December - Park in the Dark

Thursday 9th and Friday 10th December - Y1 and Y2 Christmas Journey at Highway Church

Friday 10th December - Year 2 Ralph the Reindeer Production at 9am

Friday 10th December - PTA Cake sale in the MUGA

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 - Festive Friday! 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

Ralph the Reindeer



Year 2 parents and carers are invited to watch the Year 2 Production of Ralph the Reindeer on Friday 10th December at 9am.

Winter Showcase

You are invited to attend our Winter Performances. In order to stay as covid safe as possible, we have decided to run the Winter Showcase as staggered performances outside in the playground.

Parents and carers are to enter the playground at 3pm in order to see their child's year group performance.

Date	Year Group
Tuesday 7th December	Year 3
Wednesday 8th December	Year 4
Thursday 9th December	Year 5
Friday 10th December	Year 2 production (Ralph the Reindeer at 9am)
	Year 6
Monday 13th December	Reception

Tuesday 14th December	Year 1
Wednesday 15th December	Year 2
Thursday 16th December	Year 6 guitar ensemble
Friday 17th December	Staff singing in the playground

Festive Friday!



Please join us in celebrating **FESTIVE FRIDAY** on **Friday 17th December 2021**.

We are asking everyone to wear their fancy Christmas dress or Christmas jumper and bring £1 in to donate to the Great Ormond Street Hospital Charity. GOSH is Park's chosen charity as they have been supporting some of our pupils in the last few years so we would like to do whatever we can to help raise money for this wonderful cause.

We will be raising money to help fund the vital resources Great Ormond Street Hospital needs to provide world-class care to seriously ill children.

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

Pasteur's Special Visitor!



This week Pasteur Class had a very special surprise visit from Miss Allinson all the way from Dubai! Miss Allinson set up a zoom meeting to talk to the children all about life in Dubai and to check in with life at Park. The children absolutely loved seeing her and we hope that we get to see her again soon!

House Points

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Below is the total of the House Points collected this week.

Well done to **Oak and Birch!** You have the highest totals this week!

Birch 190		Sycamore 150	
Maple 160		Oak 190	

Miss Laine's Cooking/Food Exploration Club

This week the children were making 'gooey chocolate fudge cake' using the microwave. The children absolutely loved making chocolate cake and talked about the importance of a healthy balanced diet and having a little treat.



Park Podcast



The children at Park (with a bit of help from Mr Lindsay) have set up our very own Park podcast with interviews and discussions about what's going on at Park and the wider world.

[If you would like to take a listen then please click here.](#)

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This week...

Thanks to get you Thinking!



KS1 Think

Think about this... Week 4

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

Agree



Build



Challenge



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

KS2 Think

Think about this... Week 4

Can anything be true and false at the same time?

Agree



Build



Challenge



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

Music Theme of the Week



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This week in around the school we have listened to Bollywood and Bhangra hits.

Thought for the Week



Current Affairs



Is the world a better place when we live a more natural life?

Brazil's indigenous people came together at COP26 earlier this month to share their message, that the world needs their expertise in protecting the Amazon rainforest. They have said they face increasing threats from loggers and miners. Their way of life is being threatened and huge areas of forest are being destroyed. It's thought that indigenous leaders in Latin America and the Caribbean protect around an eighth of all the carbon stored by tropical rainforests across the world.

Things to talk about at home...

- How can the land indigenous groups live on be protected? Whose job do you think it is?
- What types of things do you think help make a 'natural life'? Do you think it's important for us to try to make our lives as natural as we can?

British Values Link



29th November 2021

UN Rights of a Child

All children have the right to use their own language, culture and religion, even if it is not shared by most people in the country where they live.



Additional information



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