

PARK NEWSLETTER



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

3rd December 2021

Need to Know

Mrs Ttoffali's Weekly Update

Dear all,

It's December 3rd so I am beginning this week's Newsletter with something for you to open as if it were an advent calendar. I am reminded, at this time of our supportive community, as we 'keep on keeping on', responding to the challenges, regardless of how difficult things become. Please click this link and remind yourselves of the fact that no matter what, we'll be there for you!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vsrh6_zsGNM

I had the most amazing morning this morning as I showed prospective parents around our lovely school. I am always proud but, this morning, I was fully reminded of that pride. Your children were prime examples of confidence and care as they engaged with their learning, played and moved through the school. At Park we are only ever as good as the sum of all our parts; thank goodness all of our 'parts' are unique, special and truly amazing.

Covid update - we are keeping abreast of national guidance as it comes in; as things stand, we will be inviting parents/ carers of children in Y2 to watch the Y2 performance and we will still be inviting parents to the Star of the Term assembly. This is subject to change but, as I write, in order to attend we will ask that you undertake a lateral flow test on the morning of the production and wear a face covering when on site. This is in everyone's interests and is a respectful request. I desperately want you to be able to share in your child's joy but at the same time we must adhere to Government guidance. Still on the issue of covid, we do have a few cases in school both amongst adults and children. Please rest assured that we are tracking our cases and will inform you if there are any cases which seem to be linked (indicating any pattern).



Please be advised there have been a few cases in Y5 (across Y5 not localised to one class) if you have a child in Y5 please be extra vigilant to any symptoms and perhaps consider regular LFTs for the next week. Please find linked a letter from the Director of Education, Inclusion and Achievement Newham and the Director of Public Health Newham: [Letter](#)

Term Time Leave: Please be honest with us if you are intending to take your children out of school before the Christmas Holiday. We understand families' desires to see loved ones abroad; even though you know it will be unauthorised, please complete the [request form](#). Please do not take your child out of school early (or arrive back late) without letting us know. At Park, we take our responsibility for safeguarding your children very seriously. If we know where your children are it helps us immensely as it means we will not be calling you to ask why they are not in school and, when we cannot get in touch with you, it saves a lot of worry and anxiety. Please respect this request. At 5:00pm today Park in the Dark takes place at West Ham Park, please pop along if you are able; you can listen to our children and staff sing as well as take the opportunity to socialise outside. If I do not see you there, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and safe weekend.

As always, you know where I am
info@park.newham.sch.uk FYI Mrs Ttoffali

☆☆☆☆ Stars of the Week ☆☆☆☆

Key Stage 1

Kaitlyn, Ranveer and Daniella in Year 1.
Karam, Zaynab and Amelia in Year 2.

Lower Key Stage 2

Amelie, Prince and Nathan in Year 3.
Mariam, Tihan and Elisia in Year 4.

Upper Key Stage 2

Zainab, Declan and Aisha in Year 5.

Angel, Sanika and Bianca in Year 6.

Attendance Stars

Marco Polo Class in Reception and Key Stage 1 with 95%

Edison Class in Lower Key Stage 2 with 97%.

Pankhurst Class in Upper Key Stage 2 with 100%.

Whole School Attendance is 93%

Data Check

Every year we need to carry out a 'data check' to ensure that we have the most up to date information on our school system. We need to ensure that we have the correct contact details, including names of contacts, their telephone numbers and email addresses. We also need to ensure that we have the correct address for every child and their family.

Could you please take the time to fill in [this form](#) giving us all the information required so that we can cross-reference it with what is currently on our system.

Please fill in one form for all of your children who attend Park. Please DO NOT fill in separate forms.

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](#)

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.

PTA Winter Raffle

Park's PTA
Christmas Raffle

Please support the school's raffle which is been organised by the PTA. The PTA is a volunteer parent group and all funds raised are used for extra activities or resources for the children in the school

Prizes include:

- Family Swim Session at the London Aquatic Centre
- 4 x PT sessions with CrossFit Dawn's Arend
- Hamper Sets
- Various Toys – Lego Sets, Books, Puzzles and Teddies
- Plus more

Tickets - £2 for a strip (please try to bring the correct change).

Tickets will be on sale during December at home time and at the cake sale on 10th December 2021.

The draw will take place week commencing 13th December and winners will be announced thereafter.

Curriculum Area

Year 4 Roman Visit



Last week, Year 4 went to the Roman Amphitheatre at Guildhall, walked the remains of a Roman wall and then visited the Roman Gallery at the Museum of London.

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 total this week!

Birch 120 	Sycamore 115 
Maple 90 	Oak 95 

Miss Laine's Cooking/Food Exploration Club



This week the children made 'breakfast' using fruit, oats, honey and natural yoghurt. What a delicious start (or end) to the day!

This week...

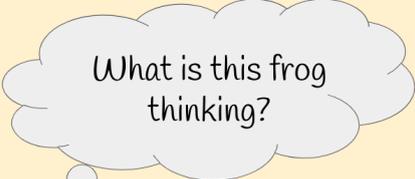
Thanks to get you Thinking!



KS1 Think

Week 5

Think about this...



What is this frog thinking?



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

Agree



Build



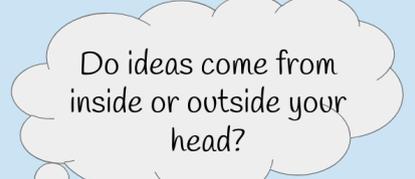
Challenge



KS2 Think

Week 5

Think about this...



Do ideas come from inside or outside your head?



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

Agree



Build



Challenge

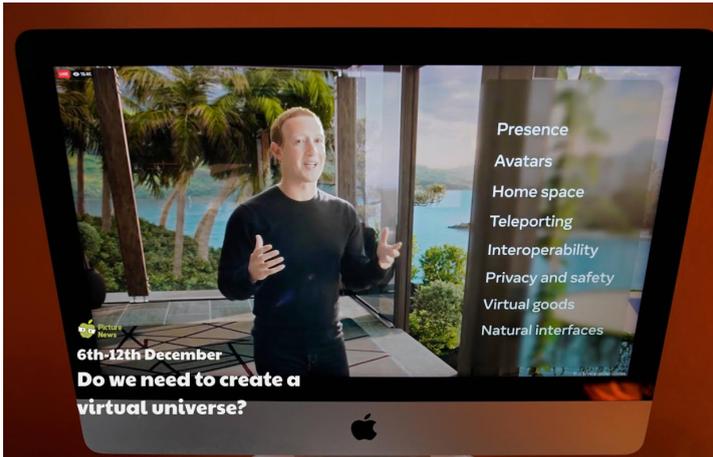


Thought for the Week

Give me a firm
 place to stand,
 and I will move
 the earth.

—Archimedes

Current Affairs



Do we need to create a virtual world?

Facebook founder, Mark Zuckerberg has announced Meta, a new company brand for Facebook apps and technologies. Meta recently declared that they're changing direction from developing social media platforms to building what they're calling the next version of the internet. They've described the metaverse as a way of using the internet through virtual reality (VR). Instead of being on a computer, the concept means the user would use a VR headset to access websites and interact with others.

Things to talk about at home...

- Have you ever used a virtual reality (VR) headset? How do you think using a VR headset may change how we experience computer games and forums?
- In the future, do you think you would like to have a virtual life?
- What do you think are the benefits and drawbacks of having a metaverse?

British Values Link



Picture News
6th December 2021

UN Rights of a Child

We can stay in contact with family members that we do not live with using a variety of ways such as writing letters, emailing, video calling. In the future, we might be able to use virtual reality to connect too!



Additional information

[Stratford Christmas What's on Guide \(click for link\)](#)

