

PARK NEWSLETTER



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

13th December 2021

Need to Know

Mrs Ttoffali's Weekly Update

Dear all,

Firstly may I start with a huge thank you to The Friends of West Ham Park for their organisation of last Friday's Park in the Dark. The event was a tremendous success and really well organised. A huge amount of willingness and effort has to be put into any such event and we, at Park, are truly grateful for the opportunity to bring our community together after school (in the dark) in such a fabulous setting. Thank you.



Well done to Year 2 today for putting in a super performance of 'Ralph the Reindeer'. We were so grateful to have the opportunity for the children to 'show off' their excellence. Parents/ carers, you must be so proud, your children are an absolute credit to you. What is particularly impressive is that, over the last 18 months, there have not been many opportunities to perform to an audience, so for Y2 to come out today with such confidence and talent is truly noteworthy. Well done to all involved.

Covid Update: on Friday we closed our Reception classes because all Reception staff needed to take a PCR test (due to us having 2 staff cases in YR) and we simply did not have enough staff to keep Reception open. We updated all Reception families on Sunday (when all the PCR results were in) to inform them that Reception is back open from today. We apologise for the inconvenience: we are desperately trying to do the right thing in challenging circumstances. Please be assured that we are following all guidelines. We are limiting our own contact as adults and we are reverting to assemblies in classrooms. Having said that, we will still be inviting all parents whose children are awarded Star of the Term this term into school. The format of the assembly will be different (the rest

of the children will not be present) but we believe that the children need to be acknowledged for their great efforts this term so we will go ahead with it in a creative fashion. As cases rise, we will continue to monitor and seek advice where necessary: we will keep you informed at all times.

Please see the [Newham Covid Update](#)

This week is our last week, therefore: there are no after school clubs (other than wraparound care); on Wednesday it is Christmas Dinner Day; on the 17th it is Festive Friday (we will be collecting money for Great Ormond Street Hospital).

As tiredness and stress begins to set in for us all, please speak to your children about continuing to be kind. Kindness is harder work when we are ready for a break but it is possible. A little bit of kindness goes a long way. Three children in Year 5 brought me the game that they had made on their DT Day on Thursday. When asked why they were giving it to me, they said 'Because we made it with love and we think you are the best.' What a kind thing to do and to say and I will truly live off those words over the weekend. Wishing you all a safe and happy weekend, Natasha Ttoffali

☆☆☆☆ Stars of the Week ☆☆☆☆

Key Stage 1

Ava, Angelina and Rudy in Year 1.

Hudayfah, Ava-Rose and Damiona in Year 2.

Lower Key Stage 2

Emilis, Uzair and Marla in Year 3.

Zehra and Mihran in Year 4.

Upper Key Stage 2

Amelia, Ismail Alom and Ronnie in Year 5.

Milena, Anika and Rabia in Year 6.

Attendance Stars

Einstein Class in Reception and Key Stage 1 with 98%

Berners Lee Class in Lower Key Stage 2 with 96%.

Malala Class in Upper Key Stage 2 with 100%.

Whole School Attendance is 93%

PTA Cake Sale

We would like to say a HUGE thank you to our PTA for organising the spectacular cake sale on Friday afternoon. The cake sale raised an amazing £230! The raffle sales so far have raised £156 but if anyone would still like to purchase tickets then just let a member of the PTA know as they will be pulling the lucky winners later this week. Thank you all for your generosity.

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](#)

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



Thursday 16th December - Pankhurst and Mandela additional swimming session

Friday 17th December - Malala additional swimming session

Friday 17th December - Festive Friday! Last Day of the Autumn Term

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

Tuesday 11th January - Year 6 parents meeting about SATS, residential and preparing for Year 7

Sharing Assemblies

Please see the dates and classes for Sharing assemblies for next 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 14th January	Seacole	Edison
Friday 21st January	Attenborough	Mandela
Friday 28th January	Jemison	Helen Keller
Friday 4th February		Berners Lee
Friday 11th February	MacArthur	Galileo

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
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

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.

Festive Friday!

Friday 17th December 2021



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.

Head Lice

Head lice is a topic that regularly crops up in schools. It is important to remember that head lice is a problem for the whole community and not just schools. It is also important to bear in mind that head lice do not cause serious health problems.

The best way of controlling them is by early detection. To do this, families need to be checking their hair on a regular basis, preferably each week.

- Detect using a plastic fine tooth lice detection comb. Hair can be dry or damp but damp hair helps prevent the lice arching off with static. For very thick hair, the use of conditioner may help. Hold the comb at a 45° angle and comb small sections of hair at a time. It takes 10-15 minutes per head to check effectively.
- Only treat members of the family on which a living louse has been found.
- For treatment advice see your community pharmacist, GP, Practice Nurse, Health Visitor or School Nurse.
- Treat twice with a 7 day gap between treatments and using the same lotion- this should kill any lice that have hatched since the first treatment before they are mature enough to lay more eggs (nits).
- Detection combing should be done between the 2 treatments and at 3-4 day intervals after treatment is complete for 2 weeks. If a living louse is found following the second treatment, consult one of the professionals listed above.

Whilst professionals (education and health) provide advice and support they cannot enforce treatment. Detection and treatment is a parental responsibility.

Hopefully this information will help you. For further information, a fact sheet is available from the school office. If you need further advice on this or any other health topic please contact our school nurse, Irene Robertson, via the school office.

Curriculum Area

Jemison at Forest School



On Thursday Jemison Group 1 Forest school children had the opportunity to help out the head gardener, Pete, at West Ham Park.

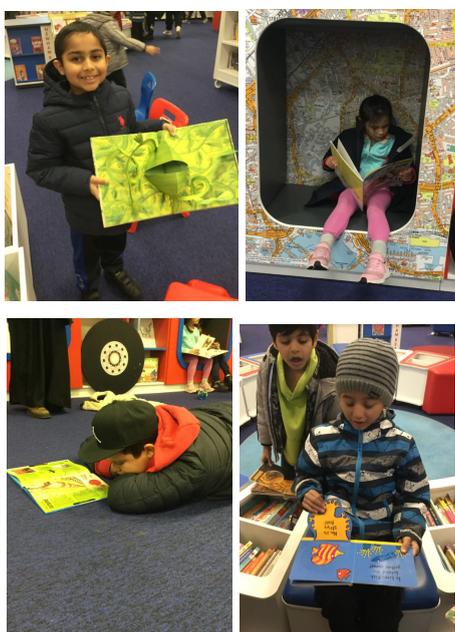
Mrs Nott led the children all the way across the park to the beautiful Ornamental Gardens where they met with Pete. They planted red tulips and yellow daffodil bulbs that will flower in the springtime.

On the way back to school, they stopped to climb some trees and discovered lots of pine cones.

They loved working with West Ham Park and were proud to improve our community for everyone.

Art Group Library Visit

This week Ms Rocio's art group went to the library to explore picture books and pop-up books. Next term, the children will be creating picture books and pop-up books based on their own writing.



Brunel at the Royal Albert Hall

On Tuesday, the final Year 4 class visited the Royal Albert Hall. They made sweet music digitally, used instruments, learnt about percentages, decimals, fractions and probability and even got to see the Royal Box. It was fantastic!



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 210		Sycamore 130	
Maple 145		Oak 160	

Miss Laine's Cooking/Food Exploration Club



The children picked their favourite recipe from the past few weeks to make for their last day. The winner was of course cookie dough. The children have been incredible Go for it Gorillas and Exploring Elephants and have tried absolutely everything that Miss Laine has asked them to. They should be very proud!

This week...

Thanks to get you Thinking!

KS1 Think



Think about this...

Week 6

Would you rather have spaghetti or candyfloss for hair?



Sentence starters:

I think...
I believe...
I feel that...
I would rather...

Agree

Build

Challenge



KS2 Think

Think about this...

Week 6

Would you rather eat a dead spider or a live worm?



Sentence starters:

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

Agree

Build

Challenge



Thought for the Week



Current Affairs



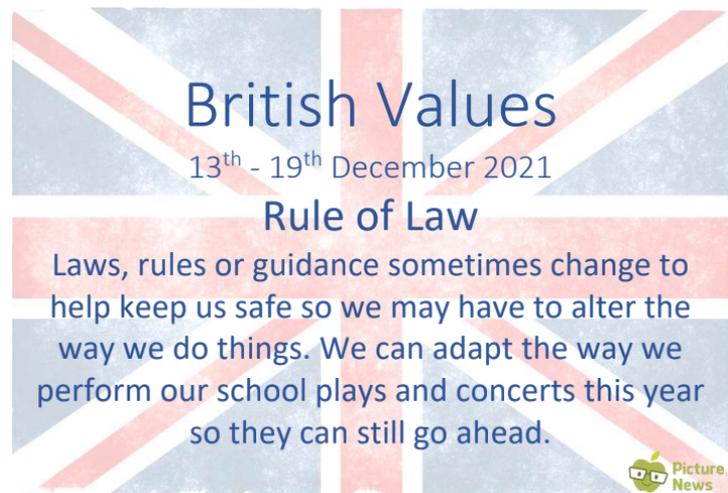
Who are school performances for?

School nativity plays and musical concerts have taken place in various formats this year, with some schools hosting events entirely online, others taking a hybrid approach and some even opting for performances outdoors. Health minister, Edward Argar, has said festive plays in school are “important to young people who’ve had a rough time” during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Things to talk about at home...

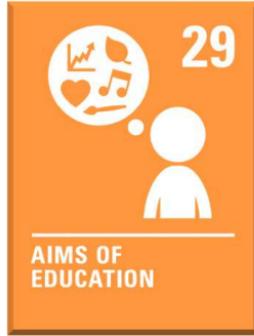
- Did you take part in a school play or concert this year? Was it online or in person? If you have experiences of both, which do you prefer?
- Do you enjoy performing in front of others in general?
- Do the adults you live with enjoy watching you perform?

British Values Link



UN Rights of a Child

In school, we can develop our personality, talents and abilities. Having opportunities to take part in school plays and concerts can help us to do this.



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

