

# PARK NEWSLETTER



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

10th January 2022

## Need to Know

### Mrs Ttoffali's Weekly Update

Dear all,

Welcome back to 2022 and here's hoping it will prove to be one to remember for all the right reasons. I hope you all had an enjoyable family break and were able to spend time with family and friends in a way that was not possible at the same time the year before.



The children were incredible last week and have immersed themselves readily in their learning. One thing we have found though is that they seem tired. Please may I request that, now we are back at school, you resume your bedtime routines to ensure that the children have an appropriate amount of sleep and that you limit their screen time. Please try to avoid them looking at the screen after 8:00pm as this is really not good for their physical or mental health.

### Covid update

It has been great to see your faces and it has been super to see the children returning happily to their learning. You may have noticed though that there are many children missing. Covid (as well as all of the other ailments at this time of year) is still very much in the air and so can we please remind you that we would like you to wear a face covering on the school site and if possible when you are in the playground too. We have taken the decision to stop free flow learning in Reception currently until we monitor the cases at the end of January. We have also decided to move the assemblies back to being online. If your child's class is sharing in an assembly in January, you will still be invited in to watch the assembly and share in the experience with your child but we will only be asking the children who are in the same year group into the hall at the same time; this will minimise contacts. All other children will watch the assemblies

live in their classrooms. If you are returning from abroad with your children please do let us know and follow the latest Government advice with regards to testing.

One final thing is to say a huge thank you to our fabulous staff and community who have supported us with our two amazing visits last week. On Thursday, Year 2 went to Redbridge to see the pantomime Cinderella. They had a fabulous time and were fully immersed in the experience (not least because our very own Miss Liz played Cinderella!). As always, the children's behaviour was impeccable and they made us very proud. Also last week, 19 of our Y5/6 children attended a writing residential at Fairplay House. We are reliably informed that they had the time of their lives: we hope they created memories that will stay with them forever. Thank you to everyone involved. Have a lovely and safe weekend everyone. Warm regards as always, Natasha Ttoffali

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### ☆☆☆☆ Stars of the Week ☆☆☆☆

Stars of the Week will recommence on Friday 14th January. We would like to say a huge WELL DONE to all of the children for settling back into school life after the holidays so well. You are all stars!

### Attendance Stars

**Einstein Class** in Reception and Key Stage 1 with 97%  
**Edison Class** in Lower Key Stage 2 with 93%.  
**Malala Class** in Upper Key Stage 2 with 100%.  
**Whole School Attendance is 87%**

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### After School Clubs

Now we have begun the Spring term, we are pleased to offer a new range of after-school clubs for our pupils; the uptake of clubs last term was phenomenal, and we hope they will be just as popular this term. Extra-curricular clubs are a wonderful opportunity for children to develop new skills, relationships and

confidence. The clubs will run for 10 weeks, from Monday January 17th and run until the week beginning March 28th.

We aim to ensure all children who apply get a place in a club, but due to high demand, we ask that you express a first and second choice. We will do our best to allocate your child a place at one of these clubs, but cannot guarantee this. If we are repeating a club this term that we also ran last term due to popular demand, we will give preference to children who have not taken part in that club before.

To choose a club, please complete the Google Form for your child's year group which has been sent out via Class Dojo by Monday 10th September and we will confirm with you later in the week if your child has been allocated a place in a club. If you do not receive a confirmation Class Dojo message from us by the end of Friday January 14th, unfortunately, they have been unsuccessful on this occasion. We will put their name on a waiting list and allocate a place should one become available.

Please do not call or email the office to request a place in a club; if you need help with the Class Dojo app however, please do contact us.

If you require extended day care, this is available via our wrap around care. For more information about this please contact the school office. If your child is already attending wrap around care and is offered an after school club space, the wrap around care team will collect the children from their club.

ONE FORM MUST BE COMPLETED PER CHILD. IF YOU ARE FILLING OUT FORMS FOR SIBLINGS, YOU NEED TO FILL ANOTHER FORM OUT.

Thank you for your cooperation.  
Ms Phelan

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## 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.



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## Dates for the Diary

[2021-2022 Term dates](#)

**Tuesday 11th January** - Year 4 swimming lessons begin

**Tuesday 11th January at 2.30pm** - Year 6 parents meeting about SATS, residential and preparing for Year 7

**Friday 21st January** - Year 2 go on a visit to St Paul's Cathedral

**Monday 24th January at 2.15pm** - Reception Parent Meeting about maths



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## 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.).

For covid safety, we are still inviting families to watch sharing assemblies however the other classes in the key stage will be watching virtually from their classrooms in order to minimise contacts.

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

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## 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.

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## Curriculum Area

### Year 2 Pantomime



This week Year 2 went to the Kenneth Moore Theatre to watch Cinderella. The children had an incredible time and they were lucky enough to meet the star of the show. Does anyone recognise her?

Thank you to all of the staff, parents and carers that supported the children on their visit and allowed them to have this magical experience.

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## 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!

<b>Birch</b> 165 	<b>Sycamore</b> 75 
<b>Maple</b> 140 	<b>Oak</b> 225 

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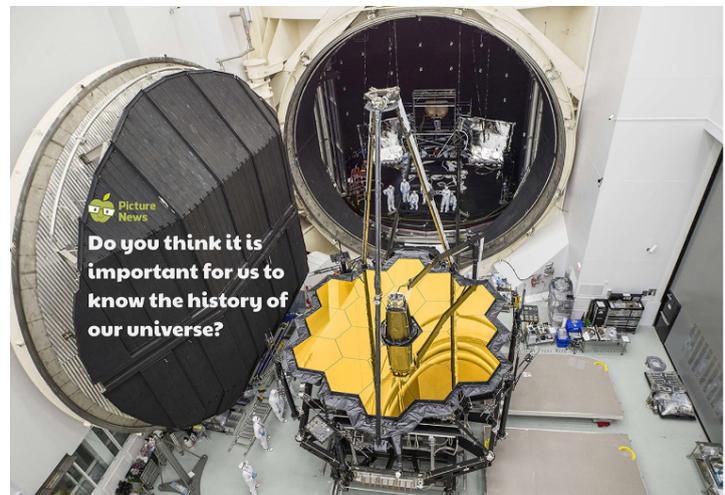
## This week...

Thought for the Week



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## Current Affairs



*Do you think it is important for us to know the history of our universe?*

The \$10bn (£7.45bn) James Webb Space Telescope, thought to be one of the most impressive and ambitious, has been sent into space on top of a huge rocket. On Christmas Day, scientists confirmed that the observatory, which has faced many delays, was operating well following a nerve-wracking lift-off. Described as a time machine by scientists, the telescope will allow astronomers to study the beginning of the universe shortly after the Big Bang, 13.8 billion years ago, and to hunt for signs of life-supporting planets in our own galaxy.

### Things to talk about at home ...

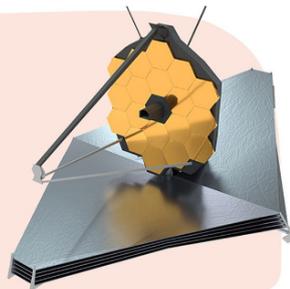
- > Have you ever used a telescope?  
If so, what did you see?
- > Does space and the wider universe interest you?
- > Do you think it's important for us to learn more about our universe?

### British Values Link



### Individual liberty

We all have the right to learn about the universe if we choose to. The James Webb Space Telescope may help us discover more than we ever have before!



### UN Rights of a Child



We all have the right to get information from the Internet, radio, television, newspapers, books and other sources. These can all help us learn more about our universe.



### Additional information

[Children's Centre Activities at Kay Rowe for children under 5](#)