

PARK NEWSLETTER



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

28th January 2022

Need to Know

Mrs Ttoffali's Weekly Update

Dear parents/ carers,

I trust last week was a smooth one for you. As always, it was busy at Park: the highlight of my week was receiving an email on Thursday night from a teacher to tell me about the lovely learning that the children had been doing during the day. We are currently trying really hard to ensure that our children are emotionally literate and by that we mean understanding their own feelings and the feelings of others and this particular session did just that. After a lesson exploring feelings, the children had the opportunity to say something nice about another person and the children in year 1 were able to be mature in their comments about their peers. As people, we often find it hard to say nice things to each other for fear of it seeming strange. I am so glad that some of our youngest children did not seem to struggle with it at all.



Picture News: Every week, we share the Picture News question with you which links to our values and encourages the children to think about the world around them. We will send the power points to you so that you can discuss the issues with your children. This week's question asks 'What events are worth celebrating?' and it requires the children to consider the fact that people celebrate different things and what is important to one person is not necessarily important to others.

Covid and general sickness absence: Please continue to test your children if they have covid symptoms. There seem to be fewer cases this week in our local community but we still have a few members of staff out who have tested positive. Please also ensure that, when your children are absent, that you call to let us know (please leave a message). As there is so much sickness absence at the moment, it is really helpful if

we know in advance rather than having to call you once we have taken the registers: as you can imagine, there are many calls to make at the moment!

Parent/ Carer Consultation: Please may we remind you that it is parent/ carer consultation afternoon on Thursday 10th February. The school will close at 1:00. If you have not signed up yet for your slot, please do so as soon as possible. If you need technical support, you know where we are.

Ofsted: Ofsted is the body to which schools are externally accountable. We are due an inspection any day. When the inspection team comes, they will want to know about the views of parents/ carers regarding what we do here. The questionnaire that Ofsted ask parents to complete is the one we base our twice yearly one on which we ask you to complete at parent/ carer consultation. It would be fabulous if you could take the time to complete the Ofsted one pre their inspection: here's the link: [Ofsted Parent View](#)

Best wishes for a lovely weekend everyone, Mrs Ttoffali

☆☆☆☆ **Stars of the Week** ☆☆☆☆

Key Stage 1

Suraiya, Logan and Reia in Reception

Zayn, Maisha and Joshua in Year 1

Aisha, Adam and Lewis in Year 2

Lower Key Stage 2

Radit, Sachveer, Sami in Year 3

Zehra, Anaya and Tomas in Year 4

Upper Key Stage 2

Jenny, Eliza and Alicia in Year 5

Sumaya, Norah and Aarya in Year 6

Attendance Stars

Jemison Class in Reception and Key Stage 1 with 100%

Da Vinci Class in Lower Key Stage 2 with 97%

Mandela Class in Upper Key Stage 2 with 98%

Whole School Attendance is 92%

Wrap Around Care

Our Wrap Around Care has a new contact email address. If you need to contact us about booking your child into Wrap Around Care or you have any questions about the provision then please send them in to wrap.around@park.newham.sch.uk



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](#)

Monday 7th February - Children's Mental Health Week

Monday 7th February - Year 5 Tate Modern Visit

Thursday 10th February - Parent/Carer Consultations. School closed from 1pm

Friday 11th February - Mandela to Two Temple ceramics workshop

Friday 11th February - Last day of school before the half term holidays

Monday 21st February - Children return to school

Tuesday 1st March to Friday 4th March - Book Fair



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.

Friday 4th February		Berners Lee
Friday 11th February	MacArthur	Galileo
Half Term		
Friday 25th February	Pasteur	Pankhurst
Friday 4th March		Rosa Parks
Friday 11th March	Marie Curie	Brunel
Friday 18th March		Da Vinci
Friday 25th March	Marco Polo	Malala

Park's Food Bank

Thank you to families who have already contributed to our food bank. We would like to request any families who are able to support our foodbank to please leave donations in the box in the front office. Due to storage we can only accept long lasting items such as dry food, tins and pasta. We also accept toiletries and cleaning products.

If you would like to access our food bank, please come to the school entrance on a Friday between 2.30 to 3.30pm. Please bring your own bag.

Welcome to the World!

We welcome to the Park family, Miss Ami's beautiful baby girl Isabella. She was born on the 7th January 2022 weighing 4lb 13oz. We are pleased to say that both mum and baby are doing well. Isabella, we look forward to meeting you soon!



Date	KS1 - 9.05am	KS2 - 2.20pm
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Curriculum Area

Miss Laine's Cooking and Food Exploration Club

This week the children made pitta bread sandwiches. It was tricky to cut the pitta breads open so they decided to just pop the fillings on top to make open sandwiches.



Year 2 at St Paul's Cathedral

Year 2 had a brilliant time at St Paul's Cathedral learning about The Great Fire of London. They even climbed over 500 steps all the way to the top for some spectacular views.



Kilimanjaro

This is a message from one of our inspirational parents who is climbing Mount Kilimanjaro to raise money for charity.

I have been given the fantastic opportunity to climb the challenging Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania from Thursday 27/1/22. As part of a group of 20, we will trek for 6 days.

This is in aid of raising money towards the building of a smart village to provide water for those deprived in one of the poorest destinations in Pakistan.

Since last year I have been training at the gym (all sweat and tears, it has not been easy I tell you) alongside training in the park.

Last year, I also summited Mount Helvellyn in the Lake District and climbed Mount Snowdon twice (the highest mountain in Wales.) One was in the unexpected torrential rain and the other before sunrise, so I trekked through the dark using a head torch. This is all in aid to help me summit the big Kilimanjaro.

Why am I telling you this? I've had a target to reach £5,000, of which I have raised a substantial £3,850. This is all with the support of donations from many generous individuals.

As you can see, I still have a little way to go. If you can, please help by donating towards this worthy cause using the link below.

[Donation Link](#)

Amazing Art

Ingel in Rosa Parks has been practising her art skills at home and has produced these fantastic drawings. We are so proud of you Ingel!



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

Birch 245		Sycamore 175	
Maple 330		Oak 325	

This week...

Thanks to get you Thinking
KS1 Think



Think about this...

Week 5

Can a baby commit a crime?



Agree

Build

Challenge



Sentence starters:

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

KS2 Think

Think about this...

Week 5

If you could take a pill that meant you would never fail, would you?



Agree

Build

Challenge



Sentence starters:

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

Thought for the Week

Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.

—Desmond Tutu



UN Rights of a Child



We can choose our own thoughts, opinions and religion. This may affect what we choose to celebrate. Our choices must not stop others from enjoying their rights.



Current Affairs



Should everyone learn sign language?

Please see the slides below for more information and some points that you could discuss at home.

[Primary Picture News Resource England - 31st January - Royal Pudding](#)

British Values Link



Mutual Respect

There are many different events people choose to celebrate. Some events might celebrate our beliefs, things that are important to us or our achievements. Not everybody celebrates the same things and we respect that.

