

# PARK NEWSLETTER



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

21st March 2022

## Need to Know

### Mrs Ttoffali's Weekly Update

Dear all,

The sun shines on us today and I hope it will for the rest of the week too. Friday was the official date of the festival of [Holi](#) which is the Hindu festival of colours which celebrates the triumph of good over evil as well as, spring, love and new life. [Here's the BBC Bitesize explanation](#). Mr Ttoffali and I were lucky enough to be in India, one year, for this festival and it was a joy to behold. It seems that the sun came out for the celebration too. Happy Holi everyone and here's hoping for colourful bright days ahead.



Thank you kindly for your generosity of spirit as well as your generosity of pocket over the course of this week. Last week, we asked children to wear blue/yellow or white for peace on Wednesday to raise awareness with regards to the current war in Ukraine but also to consider children as victims of war across the world. We are currently in discussion with the local authority in the hope that we can offer a place to refugee children at Park (particularly where they might be hosted by Park families) regardless of whether we are full in that particular year group. This seems a proactive measure that we can take, and should be taking, for refugees, regardless of their home country.

Thank you also for your generosity for Red Nose Day, we sold out of noses and therefore I have no doubt that we have raised lots of money. Well done us! It's really important to be charitable in life and it has been my pleasure to watch some of the children really consider their donations as they contemplate giving their money into 'a bucket'. Well done guys for understanding that sharing is caring and that very often the 'NEEDS' of others should come before our personal 'WANTS'.

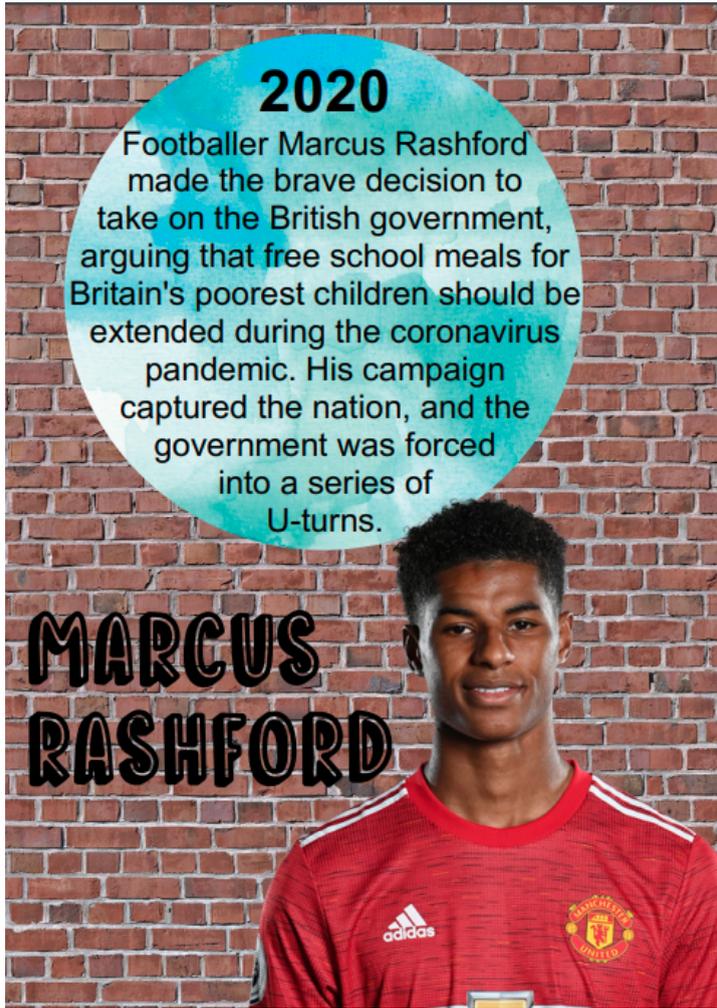
During the Easter Holidays, Park Primary will be hosting a Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) Programme: if your child is eligible for Free School Meals, you will receive this provision for free on production of this [Eligibility Letter](#). Please visit [this page](#) for more details (our one is Stratford and West Ham) Please look out for our letter which will come out on Dojo today. Please note that this HAF will be provided by Omega Sports, Park is responsible for providing the premises only. Please also note that this is completely separate from what will be provided for Y6 for three days of the holiday as this is a Park-led programme staffed by Park teachers.

Thank you to Pasteur and Da Vinci classes who shared their learning with us in assemblies on Friday. We are really proud of the way you have all bounced back into performance mode, especially as there have been many missed opportunities for presenting to an audience over the past couple of years. Well done to you all.

We were supposed to be hosting a casting company here, at Park, today as they are looking for children to appear in a new production. Unfortunately they have had to postpone due to covid. They will now be attending on Wednesday 30th March. If your child is in Y1, Y2, Y5 or Y6 please ensure that you have returned the consent letter or let us know if you do not provide your consent. Thank you.

Unfortunately, I have tested positive for Covid and therefore I will be working from home for the next few days. Take care everyone, that's that for today. Have a peaceful week, Natasha Ttoffali

## Inspirational Figure of the Week



**2020**

Footballer Marcus Rashford made the brave decision to take on the British government, arguing that free school meals for Britain's poorest children should be extended during the coronavirus pandemic. His campaign captured the nation, and the government was forced into a series of U-turns.

**MARCUS RASHFORD**

## ☆☆☆☆ Stars of the Week ☆☆☆☆

### Reception and Key Stage 1

David, Liv and Miyu in Reception

Matilda, Sofia and Obehioye in Year 1

Tawheedur, Eliza and Tienna in Year 2

### Lower Key Stage 2

Scarlett, Akira and Muhammad Yahya in Year 3

Ayra, Deana and Fatema in Year 4

### Upper Key Stage 2

Umair, Shaiyan and Yuki in Year 5

Fariha, Nandini and Ismail in Year 6

### Attendance Stars

**Marco Polo Class** in Reception and Key Stage 1 with 96%

**Galileo Class** in Lower Key Stage 2 with 98%

**Gandhi 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](mailto: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 21st March** - Casting

Workshops in Year 2 and Year 6

**Monday 21st March** - Malala at a nature workshop

**Friday 25th March** - Year 6 at Stratford East to watch Marvin's Binoculars

**Friday 1st April** - Last Day of the Spring Term

**Tuesday 19th April** - Children return to school

**Thursday 28th April** - Year 4 Matilda Production



## 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
<b>Friday 25th March</b>	Marco Polo	Malala
<b>Easter Holidays</b>		
<b>Friday 29th April</b>	Seacole	Gandhi
<b>Friday 20th May</b>	Einstein	Hawking
<b>Friday 27th May</b>	Aldrin	Edison

## 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.

## Curriculum Area

### Year 4 Forest School



On Monday, Year 4 visited the Forest School site with Mr Fisher. They made Viking long ships from logs, oars and sails with paint from natural sources for real authenticity. Here are our best 'Viking Warrior' faces!

## Abstract Art Exhibition

Ms Rocio has been working with a group of children to develop their own art exhibition called AbstRacT Park. All their masterpieces are now exhibited on the office foyer so please go and take a look!



WELCOME TO OUR EXHIBITION!  
THIS TERM WE ARE EXPERIMENTING WITH ABSTRACT TECHNIQUES SUCH AS SPLATTER AND FLUID PAINTING. WE ARE LEARNING ABOUT SOME ABSTRACT ARTISTS LIKE KANDINSKY OR POLLOCK AND HOW THEY CREATED THEIR MASTERPIECES.  
THIS IS US HAVING A GO. PLEASE ENJOY!



## Miss Laine's Cooking and Food Exploration Club

This week the children tried various raw vegetables and different dips. The children were all Exploring Elephants as everyone tried a bit of everything. Miss Laine was really impressed!



## Matilda



## 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 last week!

<p><b>Birch</b></p> <p>320</p> 	<p><b>Sycamore</b></p> <p>185</p> 
<p><b>Maple</b></p> <p>265</p> 	<p><b>Oak</b></p> <p>305</p> 

## This week...

Thanks to get you Thinking  
KS1 Think



Think about this... Week 5

Is a bird singing or talking?



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

Agree



Build



Challenge



## KS2 Think

Think about this... Week 5

Is life an experiment?



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

Agree



Build



Challenge



## Thought for the Week

Don't tell me  
not to fly, I've  
simply got to.

—Bob Merrill and Jule Styne,  
“Don't Rain on My Parade”

## Current Affairs



*Is there still a place for letters in today's world?*  
Please see the slides below for more information and some points that you could discuss at home.  
[Primary Picture News Resource England - 21st March - Letters](#)

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## British Values



### Tolerance

We may not always agree when prices increase and items, such as stamps, cost more. We can share how we feel about it but must tolerate and accept that not everyone feels the same.



### UN Rights of a Child



There are many ways we can stay in contact with family members we do not live with all of the time. We can email, message or even write a letter!

