

PARK NEWSLETTER



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

25th April 2022

Need to Know

Mrs Ttoffali's Weekly Update

Dear all,

I hope you have had a superbly relaxing weekend and that you managed to make the most of yesterday's sunshine. Last week, it was so lovely to see the children returning to school, after what seemed a long and beautiful break. Their joy in seeing each other and the happiness they experience in each other's company is our pleasure to experience. I will always marvel at the way they greet each other and I often think that if we, as adults, could show as much joy when we greet each other we'd never have a bad day!



Holiday Activity and Food Programme - I am proud to report the success of the HAF which was held at Park in the holidays, if your children were part of the fun, I trust they enjoyed it. Certainly those children who have spoken to me about it, seem to have had the time of their lives. We are hoping that the same company will wish to use our premises in the summer-watch this space.

Polling Day - On Thursday 5th May, Park will be used as a Polling Station. In order that we do not have to close the school, the Polling Station will be established (as has previously been the case) in the school's Reception area and will be accessed via the entrance on Eleanor Road. This means that, on that day, **all children will enter school from the Matthews Park Avenue entrance and will exit from the Ham Park Rd Gate.** We will Dojo again nearer the time but this is just a note in case you were wondering what was happening on that day.

Missing Scooter - Please can you take a look to see if you have a scooter that is not yours. More information below but we have a missing scooter and we would very much like to see it returned to its owner.

Welcome - Last week, we received notification of our starters into Reception 2022. We are delighted that there are so many siblings joining us next year as well as so many of our Little Park friends. We are equally delighted to welcome all those who are new to our Park family. We can't wait to get to know you and we know you will be very happy here.

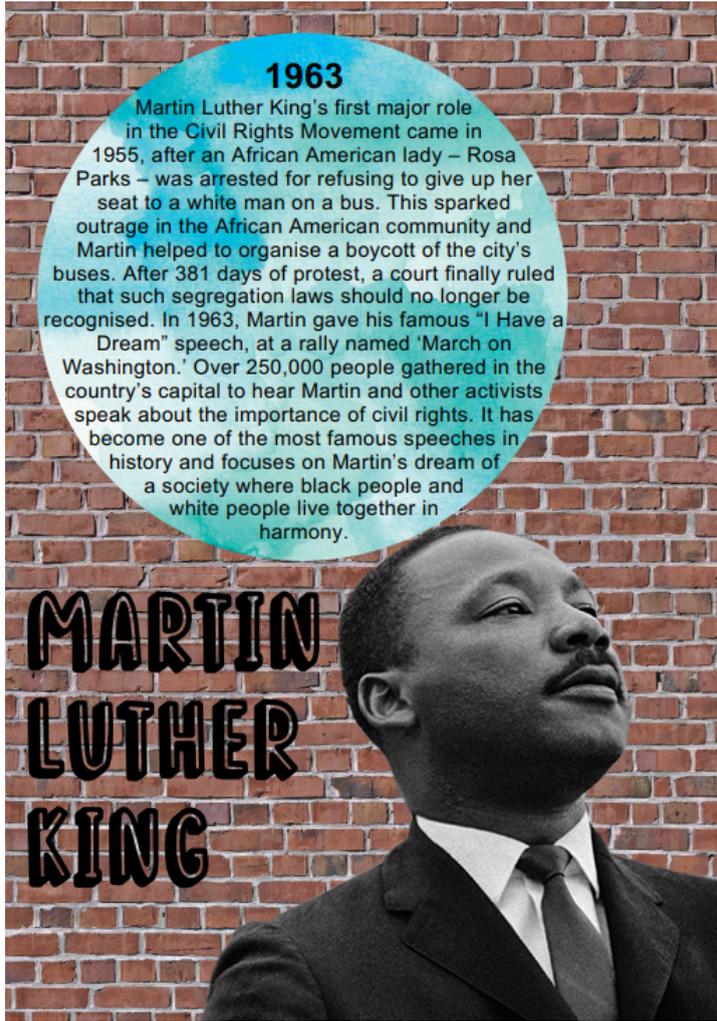
This week - I am very much looking forward to my Stars of the Week Lunch today: it feels like a very long time since I dined with the stars! I am also looking forward to the Wellbeing Walks resuming this week. Playing in the park at lunchtime with your children brings me (and hopefully them, obviously) much joy.

Covid - Just as a reminder, the advice has changed: children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.

Finally a little thought from Dr Seuss for the week. As one of our core values is care, this is hugely pertinent at Park so please keep on caring everyone: caring is part of what makes our school the special place that it is. Have a great week, Natasha Ttoffali



Inspirational Figure of the Week



1963

Martin Luther King's first major role in the Civil Rights Movement came in 1955, after an African American lady – Rosa Parks – was arrested for refusing to give up her seat to a white man on a bus. This sparked outrage in the African American community and Martin helped to organise a boycott of the city's buses. After 381 days of protest, a court finally ruled that such segregation laws should no longer be recognised. In 1963, Martin gave his famous "I Have a Dream" speech, at a rally named 'March on Washington.' Over 250,000 people gathered in the country's capital to hear Martin and other activists speak about the importance of civil rights. It has become one of the most famous speeches in history and focuses on Martin's dream of a society where black people and white people live together in harmony.

**MARTIN
LUTHER
KING**

☆☆☆☆ Stars of the Week ☆☆☆☆

Key Stage 1

Joshua, Ivayla and Stuart in Year 1

Karam, Aryan and Dylan in Year 2

Lower Key Stage 2

Jannatul, Uzair and Levi in Year 3

Denisa, Mahmud and Aryan in Year 4

Upper Key Stage 2

Syed, Tasneema and Safa in Year 5

Mariya, Faviha and Hannah H in Year 6

Attendance Stars

Seacole Class in Reception and Key Stage 1 with 100%

Berners Lee Class in Lower Key Stage 2 with 99%

Gandhi Class in Upper Key Stage 2 with 97%

Whole School Attendance is 93%

Reminder from the Welfare Team

We would just like to remind all parents and carers that any medicines that your child needs to take in school time need to be signed in at the main school office by a member of our welfare team. Please do not send your child into school with medicine in their bag as we may not know that the medicine is there and this could lead to a potentially dangerous situation.

Missing Scooter

Before the Easter holidays, a child's pink Micro scooter went missing from the bike/scooter rack. It has the child's name and the parents telephone number on it. It also has a distinctive pink and silver bell. If your child has a similar scooter, we ask if you could please check that they have not picked up this one by mistake. If anyone sees the missing scooter then please let a member of the office team know. Thank you for your cooperation.



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 25th April - Marco Polo and Attenborough at the Maritime Museum

Thursday 28th April - Year 4 Matilda Production

Thursday 28th April - Year 6 at the Tower of London

Monday 2nd May - Bank Holiday. School Closed.

Monday 9th May - Aldrin at the Maritime Museum

Monday 9th May - Thursday 12th May - KS2 SATS



Thank You!

We would like to say a huge thank you to our PTA and all of the families that donated and brought cakes at the bake sale that took place just before the Easter break. We raised £167 in about 9 minutes! This money has enabled us to purchase costumes for our upcoming Year 4 production of Matilda.

Year 4 Matilda Production



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.

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 29th April	Seacole	Gandhi
Friday 20th May	Einstein	Hawking
Friday 27th May	Aldrin	Edison
May Half Term		
Friday 10th June	Attenborough	Mandela
Friday 17th June		Helen Keller
Friday 1st July	Jemison	Berners Lee
Friday 8th July	MacArthur	Galileo

Curriculum Area

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 last week!

Birch 295 	Sycamore 175 
Maple 235 	Oak 370 

This week...

Thanks to get you Thinking
KS1 Think



Think about this...

Week 2

Which is more important,
being right or being nice?



Sentence starters:

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

Agree

Build

Challenge



KS2 Think

Think about this...

Week 2

Can I be accused of
cheating if I don't know
the rules?



Sentence starters:

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

Agree

Build

Challenge



Thought for the Week

“Despite the forecast,
live like it’s spring.”

– LILLY PULITZER



Current Affairs



Should pets be protected
more than other animals?

Should pets be protected more than other animals?
Please see the slides below for more information and
some points that you could discuss at home.
[Primary Picture News Resource England - 25th April -
Pets in Ukraine](#)

British Values



Democracy

We all have a voice and can use it to make a difference to things we care about. Some charities and volunteers have used their voice to help protect and care for pets escaping conflict in Ukraine.



UN Rights of a Child



Children who move from their home country to another country as refugees should get help and protection. The Vets for Ukrainian Pets scheme gives support to refugees and their pets.



Additional Information

Springtime in West Ham Park



Sunday 1st May 2022

10.30am - 12.30pm

Find us at the RSPB information stall next to the Community Vegetable Garden (near the playground)

Celebrate Dawn Chorus Day in West Ham Park

- Join us for a one hour Guided Walk to learn about the park's wonderful variety of trees. We will also look out for birds - *so bring binoculars if you've got them!*
- Find out about 21 birds you can hear in the Park in Spring and which are the Top Singers, how to identify Birds by their Song, and more!