PARK NEWSLETTER

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

3rd October 2022

Need to Know

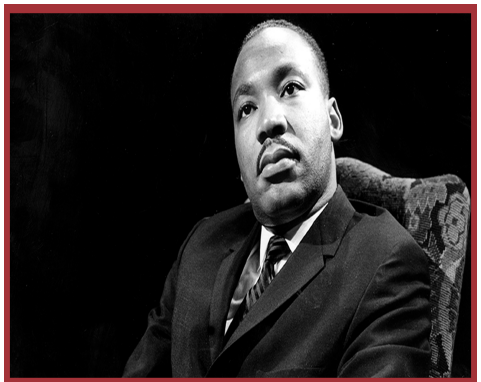
Mrs Ttoffali's Weekly Update

Dear all,

Last week saw the Year 5 classes attend three separate residentials which has allowed them to hone their independence, team-building and resilience dispositions. We are so very proud of the children who attended and so glad that so much fun was shared.

Additionally last week we saw the start of our ten weeks' worth of after school clubs. Please look out for a Dojo which states where there are remaining available club spaces. If you would like your child to attend, please complete the form. Organising so many clubs, and allocating them, is a very big job so may I take the opportunity to say a huge 'thank you' to Ms Phelan and the administrative team: your work is very much appreciated by us all. Please note, after school clubs will run every week now until w.c.5/12. **There will be no after school clubs in w.c. 12/12/22 or 19/12/22. There will also be no after school clubs on Thursday 20th October.**

October (also known as) Black History Month has now begun. At Park we try, all year round, to ensure that our curriculum acknowledges and marks the contributions of Black people to our lives today but we still see that Black History Month has its place. Last year we made October Black 'Her'story Month and this year we are focusing specifically on the contribution that Black scientists have made to today's world. Why not undertake a bit of research at home and come and tell me something that I might not yet know about a Black person's gift to our scientific world and our understanding of it? Please click the link for a resource that can be shared at home which will support conversations with your children about BHM. Martin Luther King had a dream: please talk to your child(ren) about their own dreams for tackling racism. What do they think should/ could happen to ensure equality of opportunity and a generally more tolerant society?



Not only is October BHM, it is also Park's Get Caught Reading Month. 'What on earth is that?' I hear you cry. The challenge is for your child(ren)/ family to get caught reading in the most creative unusual space/ place you can find. All you need to do is capture the moment on camera and send it into the Park email account. You have a whole month to do so, so please get your creative juices flowing and find an unusual place to get caught in the act of reading. Winners will be announced in early November

For the attention of anyone whose child(ren) attends Park's Wraparound Care, 2 things to note:

1. There will be no WAC on Thursday 20th October. The school is closed from 1pm on that day and, due to the fact there will be high numbers of unsupervised adults in the building from 1:30, we cannot offer WAC on that day.
2. If your child attends an after school club and then goes to WAC, please pay only for the hour 4:30-5:30

I hope you enjoyed the London Marathon yesterday, I hope it will spur the children on for their charity run this week. Warm regards, Natasha Ttoffali

☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ Stars of the Week ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

Key Stage 1
Hashim, Thorin and Isa in Year 1
Mehreen, Mohammed D and Audrey in Year 2
Lower Key Stage 2
Isail, Paula and Hussain in Year 3
Franko, Levi and Ruhma in Year 4
Upper Key Stage 2
Bibi and Amaan Year 5
Umar, Teshi, Freddie and Rami in Year 6

Attendance Stars
Einstein Class in Key Stage 1 with 98%
Da Vinci Class in Lower Key Stage 2 with 99%
Rosa Parks Class in Upper Key Stage 2 with 96%
Whole School Attendance is 92%

Medical Update

If your child has sickness or diarrhoea then please inform us and keep them off school for 48 hours from when they last had sickness or diarrhoea. This is advice from Public Health to try and stop the spread of stomach bugs.

Great Ormond Street Hospital Fundraiser

Between October 1st and 9th, the staff and children at Park Primary will be taking part in a fun-run to raise money for Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH). Our pupils will be completing their run in West Ham Park, and a team of staff will be completing either a 5km or 10km walk and run in Victoria Park on October 8th. We are supporting GOSH as they provide vital care for so many children daily, including children in our own Park community. This is our way of saying thank you to them for the invaluable care and support they provide. Please support us, the Park community, in this effort by making a donation if you can using this link to our JustGiving page.
Thank you.

Wrap Around Care

Please see our recent correspondence about Wrap Around Care

Our Wrap Around Care Provision is open to all families.
If you have any questions then please email us at info@park.newham.sch.uk or if you have a message for the Wrap Around Care team directly then please email wrap.around@park.newham.sch.uk

Dates for the Diary

2022-2023 Term Dates

Tuesday 11th October - Reception Language and Communication Workshop for parents/carers at 9am
Thursday 13th October - Year 6 at the Museum of Docklands
Friday 14th October - School Tour and Open Session for prospective September 2023 Reception parents/carers at 9am
Monday 17th October - Individual Pupil School Photos
Tuesday 18th October - Year 3 at the Horniman Museum
Thursday 20th October - Parent/Carer afternoon. School closes at 1pm
Friday 21st October - INSET Day. School closed for children
Monday 24th-Friday 28th October - Half Term Holiday
Monday 31st October - Children return to school
Tuesday 1st November - Year 2 visit to the Gurdwara
Wednesday 2nd November - Reception parent/carer workshop at 9am
Thursday 3rd November - Year 6 WW2 workshop at West Ham Park
Friday 4th November - Year 4 visit to the Museum of London
Friday 4th November - Optional flu vaccinations for Reception-Y6
Tuesday 15th November - Y5 Shakespeare Production at the Broadway Theatre in Barking

Wednesday 16th November - School Tour and Open Session for prospective September 2023 Reception parents/carers at 9am
Monday 21st November - Y4 Roman skeletons workshop
Thursday 24th November - Optional flu vaccinations for Reception-Y6
Monday 5th December - Reception sharing session for parents/carers at 9am
Wednesday 7th December - Y1 and Y2 at the Kenneth Moore Theatre, Ilford for pantomime
Thursday 8th December - Reception sharing session for parents/carers at 9am
Friday 9th December - Reception sharing session for parents/carers at 9am
Wednesday 14th December - Y2 Production
Friday 16th December - Candlelight Concert
Tuesday 20th December - Winter Showcase
Wednesday 21st December - Last day of school for the Autumn term
Thursday 22nd December - Thursday 5th December - Winter Holiday

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 this 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 7th October	Marco Polo	Brunel
Friday 14th October	Marie Curie	Da Vinci
Friday 4th November	Einstein	Malala
Friday 11th November	Aldrin	Rosa Parks
Friday 18th November		Gandhi
Friday 2nd December		Hawking

Curriculum Area

Year 5 Residential

This week each Year 5 class went for a one night residential visit to Thriftwood Campsite and Activity Centre in Brentwood. The children had a fantastic time parting in a number of different and challenging activities like: archery, zipline, wall climbing, pedal karting and cresta run. All children demonstrated a go-for-it attitude and plenty of resilience, perseverance and team-work as they overcame their fears in trying their best to complete the activities and challenges set for them. Most importantly, a fun time was had by all!

Get Caught Reading

We are launching an exciting reading competition! The idea is simple, children need to 'get caught reading' their favourite book in as fun and imaginable a place as possible.

Please take a photo of your child/children 'caught' reading and email the photos to info@park.newham.sch.uk FAO: Ms Cook & Ms Curley. The deadline to enter the competition is Monday 31st October. Photos will go on display and winners will be chosen by the School Council. Winners will be announced in assembly on Friday 4th November and a prize will be given. We will choose a winner from EYFS, KS1, LKS2 and UKS2. We will also choose a staff winner and a parent/carer winner!

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 125	**Sycamore** 140
Maple 190	**Oak** 175

This week…

Thought for the Week

Music Theme of the Week

Current Affairs

Do we achieve more when there is competition?
Please see the slides below for more information and some points that you could discuss at home.
[Primary Picture News Resource England - 3rd October - Competition]

British Values

Additional Information