

PARK NEWSLETTER



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

9th December 2022

Need to Know

Mrs Ttoffali's Weekly Update

Dear all,

I am sure you will have been following the news and will have heard about the cases of Scarlet Fever and Strep A.

Please read the information on the NHS website [that is linked](#) here. In short, in relation to Strep A:

Strep A is a bacteria that can cause infections. The vast, vast majority of these infections are mild and can be treated with antibiotics at home.

- In very rare cases the infections can become serious and may require hospitalisation.*
- The signs of Strep A can include: sore throat, fever, headache.*
- People should call 111 or their GP if they think their child has Strep A – but at the same time the GPs and 111 are really overwhelmed so people should call if they really think it's strep. There are a lot of viruses going round which are not strep A.*

We would like your child to be in school as much as possible as regular attendance is very important.

Having said that, if they are not well, they should be at home in order that they can get better faster.

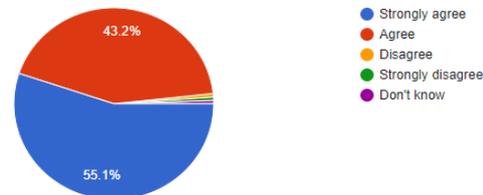
The 'you spoke we listened' section:

At our October Parent/ Carer Event, we offered the opportunity for you to provide some feedback in order that we might continue to improve.



My child feels safe at this school.

176 responses



Thankfully the overwhelming majority of you responded to this question, that your child feels safe at Park.

Please, please know that, if your child ever indicates that they do not feel safe, (or that the actions of others are making them feel unsafe) we are here to listen and to act. Your children's safety is fundamental to us. If they do not feel safe, they will not be able to learn well. We need to know about things in order that, when there is an issue, we can make things better.

'The Silly Season' - as we fondly approach the 'season to be jolly', just a few reminders about what's happening before the end of term:

- 1) Showcases - please refer to the dates of the various showcases in the dates' section of the Newsletter
- 2) Christmas Jumper Day Friday 16th December
- 3) PSA Cake Bake and Sale Friday 16th December at 3:05
- 4) The PSA Quiz will take place on Monday 19th December at 4:30
- 5) Christmas lunch is on Tuesday 20th December
- 6) Wednesday 21st December - School Finishes at 3:15 for a 2 week break.

Key Stage 1

Clementine, Rajvir, and Chelsea in Year 1
Joshua, Ava and April in Year 2

Lower Key Stage 2

Agota, Amelia and Shai in Year 3
Marla, Saad and Umar in Year 4 (for last week)
Manpreet, Mason and Natasa in Year 4 (for this week)

Upper Key Stage 2

Zehra, Effie and Aneesa in Year 5
Safa, Faatimah and Kelly in Year 6

Attendance Stars

Pasteur Class in Key Stage 1 with 96%
Berners Lee Class in Lower Key Stage 2 with 95%
Helen Keller Class in Upper Key Stage 2 with 96%
Whole School Attendance is 89%

Wrap Around Care

Our Wrap Around Care Provision is open to all families to book via Scopay.

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](#)

Monday 12th December - Y6 Heart Workshop

Wednesday 14th December - Y2 Production (Show 1 at 9:30am, Show 2 at 2pm)- please note the slight change of time for the morning performance

Wednesday 14th December - Engagement Provision Coffee Morning at 9.15

Wednesday 14th December - Berners Lee at the Mithraeum Museum



"What's empathy?" asked Rabbit.
"It's the ability to meet someone - anyone - at a point in their journey, with understanding," said Bear...



"All the while keeping in mind that that we can never really know what it's like to be someone else."

At this time of year, it's even more important that we exercise compassion and kindness. For children, the word kindness is often mistaken for generosity. We are working hard to help them to understand that being kind does not mean giving people 'stuff'. Instead we are trying to encourage them to be generous with their love, support and friendship. We are facing the last eight days of term and everyone is tired and some are overwhelmed with excitement. Please talk to your children about trying really hard, as we approach the Winter Break, to be tolerant and kind. If they can stay calm and practise tolerance for the rest of the term, the last few days will be much smoother for all.

Have a relaxing weekend everyone and please take care.

Kindest regards always,

Natasha Ttofalli

Please find linked [Newham Winter HAF](#) Newham information relating to holiday activity programmes.

[We are Newham Update](#)

Thursday 15th December - Year 3 Reading Parent Workshop at 9am

Thursday 15th December - Y4 and Y1 Winter Showcase at 9.15am

Friday 16th December - Candlelight Concert for Y5 and Y6 guitar and choir

Monday 19th December - Nursery (AM and all day) and Y3 Winter Showcase at 9.15am

Monday 19th December - Nursery (PM and all day) and Y3 Winter Showcase at 2.30pm

Tuesday 20th December - Y6 and Reception Winter Showcase at 9.15am

Wednesday 21st December - Y2 and Y5 Winter Showcase at 9.15am

Wednesday 21st December - Brunel at the Mithraeum Museum

Wednesday 21st December - Last day of school for the Autumn term

Thursday 22nd December - **Wednesday 4th January** - Winter Holiday

Thursday 5th January - Children return to school

Monday 9th January - Reception 2023 'Open Eve' Session (5-6pm)

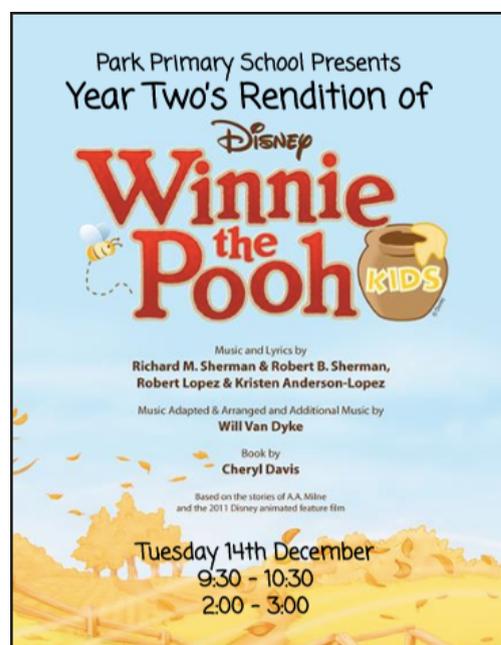
Wednesday 11th January - Year 7 Park Reunion at 3.45pm

Thursday 12th January - Reception Maths Parent Workshop

Monday 16th January - Reception sharing session for parents/carers (9-9:30am)

Thursday 19th January - Reception sharing session for parents/carers (9-9:30am)

Friday 20th January - Reception sharing session for parents/carers (9-9:30am)



Parent and Carer Volunteers

Volunteers Needed!



If you would like to volunteer to be a parent reader in school, we would love to have you.

Skills required:

- A love of reading
- Excellent communication skills
- A willingness to ask questions about children's reading as well as reading habits.

In order to volunteer, we will be asking you to:

- Dedicate at least 3 hours per week
- Take part in an hour-long workshop run by the school on Thursday 12th January 2023
- Complete an enhanced DBS disclosure. (This is free for volunteers.)

In return we offer you:

- A deeper understanding of how the school works
- Training on reading strategies and fostering a love of reading
- A reference if you require one

[Please see the attached letter for more information.](#)



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 - 2.30pm
Friday 13th January	Seacole	Edison
Friday 20th January		Mandela
Friday 27th January	Attenborough	Helen Keller
Friday 3rd February	Jemison	Berners Lee
Friday 10th February	MacArthur	Galileo
Mid-Term Break		

Scarlet Fever and Strep A - Information and Guidance

Please [click this link](#) to access information and guidance on Scarlet Fever and Strep A

Curriculum Area

Hawking Class at the London Mithraeum

Hawking class visited the London Mithraeum on Wednesday. They enjoyed studying the different

Roman artefacts on display, and learning about the Roman god Mithra.



Online Safety



<https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/#h.urzf6ssof8lv>

Apple, Android and Microsoft have tools to help you control what younger children can use and how long for. Click on the link above to learn more about safe settings, controls and monitoring.

House Points

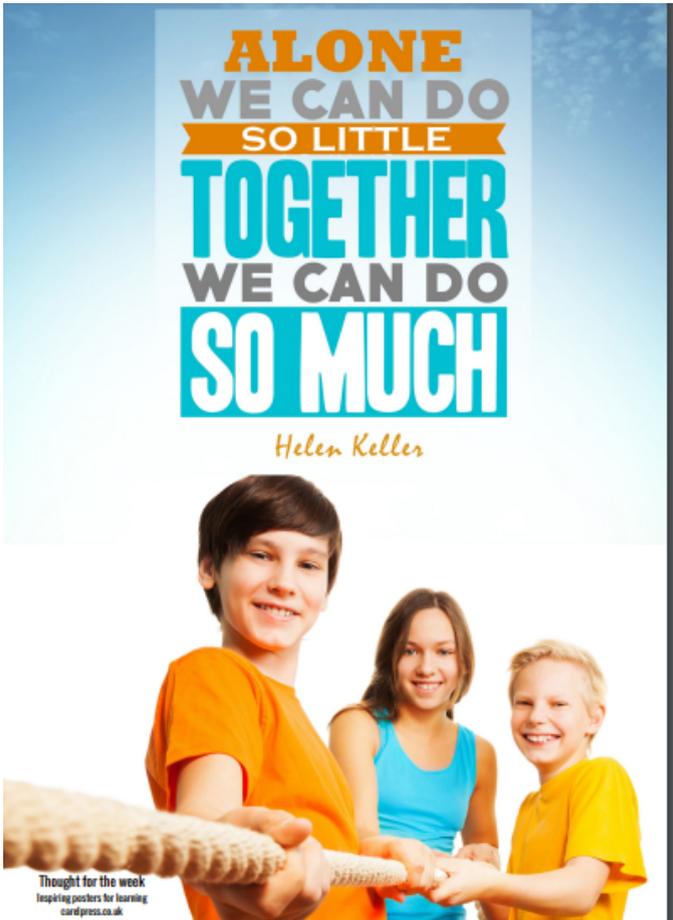
At Park we use a House Points system in which every child belongs to one of the four houses: Birch, Maple, Oak and Sycamore. House Points are awarded for children who demonstrate the school values. 5 HPs are awarded where significant examples of confidence, creativity, care and aspiration are exemplified.

Below is the total of the House Points collected this week. Well done to **Maple**! You have the highest total this week!

Birch 90 	Sycamore 50 
Maple 95 	Oak 70 

This week...

Thought for the Week



Music Theme of the Week



Current Affairs



[Primary Picture News Resource England - 12th December - What would it be like to live on the Moon?](#)

British Values



Mutual Respect and Tolerance

We are all different so our thoughts, feelings and opinions about visiting the Moon will be different too. We can show respect for and understanding of our differences.





UN Rights of a Child

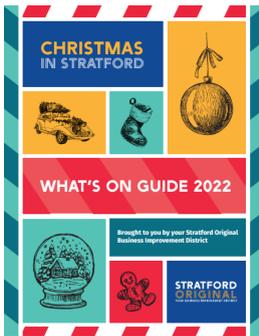


We can choose our own thoughts and opinions about anything, including visiting the Moon, but this should not stop other people from enjoying their rights.



Additional Information

Please see below [Christmas What's On Guide](#) - which highlights all of the magical things families across Newham can get involved in over the festive period.



Omega Sportz Summer Activity Camp



@ Park Primary School
Mathews Park Avenue
E15 4AE

Ages 5-12

All Day 9.00 – 4pm

AM: 9.00 – 13.00

PM: 12.00 – 4.00

Week 1: 22nd Dec & 23rd Dec
Week 2: 29th Dec & 30th Dec

Activities include:

- Ball Sports
- Bouncy Castle
- Team Games
- Dance
- Science Experiments
- Arts & Craft
- Circus Workshops

And sooo MUCH MORE!!!

Free Activities

Free Lunch (Lunch served at 12.00 – 13.00 daily)

**FREE FOR FREE
SCHOOL MEAL
CHILDREN BOOKING
CODE: FSM2022**



Book Here:

Site Phone: 07706255327 (Camp Only)

Head Office: 07444592073

www.omegasportz.com

info@omegasportz.com



Newham - Cost of Living - Free Help



Please click below to access a range of resources provided by Newham:

[Newham Cost of Living Crisis Response](#)

FREE HELP WITH LIVING COSTS



Free help with money

- Our Newham Money: ☎ 020 8430 2041 ✉ ournewhammoney@newham.gov.uk
www.ournewhammoney.co.uk
- Money A+E: money advice & education to people in Newham
www.moneyaande.co.uk ☎ 020 8616 3750
- Community Links: for housing, debt, consumer and employment advice, free legal services from FreeLaw: www.community-links.org ☎ 020 7473 2270
- Bony Downs: Welfare and Welfare Benefit Checks for over 65s ☎ 020 8586 7070



Free help with housing

- If you're having problems with a private landlord or letting agency, contact:
✉ privatehousing@newham.gov.uk ☎ 020 3373 1950
- If you're homeless, you can get support from our Homelessness Prevention service at:
www.newham.gov.uk/housing-homes-homelessness/homelessness-prevention-advice
- If you're threatened with homelessness, contact: ✉ hpa@newham.gov.uk
- Emergency help for families with children: MASH ☎ 020 3373 4600 during office hours (Mon-Thu, 9am-5:35pm or Fri 9am-5pm) ☎ 020 8430 2000 at any other time
- If you're pregnant and need immediate help or you're clinically or physically vulnerable:
✉ AccessToAdultsSocialCareTeam@newham.gov.uk



Free help with food

- Newham Food Alliance ☎ 07790 975 086 ✉ frontdoor@newhamfoodalliance.org
www.newham.gov.uk/newhamfoodalliance



Free help with energy bills

- Our Newham Money: ☎ 020 8430 2041
- East End Citizens Advice: ☎ 020 8525 6379 Tuesdays & Wednesdays 10am-1pm
- Mayor of London Warmer Homes Programme: ☎ 0300 555 0195 ✉ shine@islington.gov.uk



Free help with work

- Our Newham Work: ☎ 020 3373 1101 ✉ ournewhamworkengagementteam@newham.gov.uk
www.ournewhamwork.co.uk
- Employment Rights Hub for free confidential support and advice if someone is having problems at work ☎ 20 3373 6494
- Work Rights Centre for help with employment rights, CV building and benefits
☎ 0300 4000 100 (EN) 07437 110951 ✉ contact@workrightcentre.org



Free help with stress and emotional pressure

- Free and confidential psychological support for adults:
www.newhamtalkingtherapies.nhs.uk ☎ 020 8175 1770
- For children (under 18): Talk to your doctor or the school.
- For school health support ☎ 020 3373 9983
www.newham.gov.uk/schoolhealth
- Mental health crisis line for anyone: ☎ 0800 073 0066 anytime

costoflivingresponse@newham.gov.uk
www.newham.gov.uk/council/cost-living-response

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