

PARK NEWSLETTER



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

3rd February 2023

Need to Know

Mrs Ttofalli's Weekly Update

Dear all,
This week:



Firstly thank you all for your patience and understanding with regards Wednesday's strike action. As stated previously, it was a very difficult decision to close the school to all children but it was a decision that I had to make given the information that I had available to me. We had one class learning online and there was an excellent turnout in that classroom. Well done and thank you. The next proposed date is Thursday 2nd March. As soon as I have any intelligence relating to the school's situation on that day, I will be sure to keep you informed.

Excitingly, five of the six Key Stage 1 classes went into London for a school visit this week. For the Year ones in particular, this was a momentous occasion for them and for you as parents and carers. By all accounts it was a great day (if maybe a little exhausting). Well done to all involved.

Apologies that I have not been very visible this week. I, through no fault of my own, was involved in a serious car accident early in the week and I have therefore not been in school. I will be back as soon as possible. I am fine and there is nothing to worry about; I just need a little time to mend. I will see you all next week.

Next week:

It's a busy week in the run up to the half-term break. Over the course of the week we will be blessed with many trainee teachers who will be working in the classrooms in Year 1 and Year 4. The trainees will be participating in their course's **Creativity Week**. The students will be working with the children to help them find creative ways to make links in their learning.

Due to my absence this week, **Star of the Week Lunch** had to be postponed. This will now take place on Wednesday 8th February. Thank you for your patience guys; I cannot wait to dine with you next week!

Next week is **Children's Mental Health week**. Whilst at Park we believe that our mental health should be a focus all of the time however it still feels right to raise its profile across

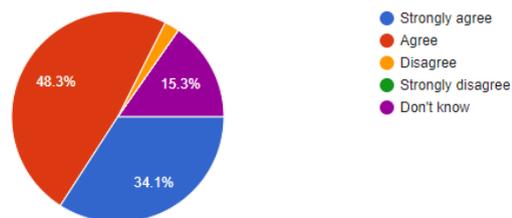
this week in particular. The theme for this year is Let's Connect. It'd be great if you could find some time to talk to your child(ren) this week about all the people with whom they feel connected and talk about the relationships which they are in. It will be good for the children to consider how strong, trusting relationships support us all to stay well mentally.

It is **parent/ carer consultation afternoon on Thursday 9th February**. The school will be closed at 1:00pm and the children need to be collected at this time. We hope you have all been successful in booking your appointments whether they are online or in person. Please speak to the Administrative Team should you be experiencing any difficulties. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in school on Thursday.

School Improvement:

At Park, you will be aware that we regularly seek your views so that we can continually improve the work we do. One of the questions asked at last term's parent/ carer event was:

When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly.
176 responses



2.3% of you disagreed with this statement and I would like you to be assured that, where this disagreement was expressed, we followed up with the individuals concerned. We pride ourselves on our community relationships and we would like to hope that you feel we are open to constructive criticism where it is necessary. At Park, we want your children to be safe, happy and to learn well. If you ever feel that this is not the case for your child, please do not hesitate to talk to us and we will do everything we can to listen and to act on your concerns.

That's it from me this week. I wish you all a bright and restful weekend and I look forward to seeing you next week.

Kindest regards, Natasha Ttofalli

Future events for the diary:

Red Nose Day - we are fundraising. If you feel you can, please donate to [Park's Just Giving Page](#) and **wear red on 17th March**. It's worth clicking the link just to see the amazing picture drawn by Ms Rocio!

☆☆☆☆ **Stars of the Week** ☆☆☆☆

Reception and Key Stage 1

Emirhan, Ayhaan and Tahiyah in Reception
Logan, Aironas and Rafael in Year 1
Sara, Malika and Edith in Year 2

Lower Key Stage 2

Siggi, Mandeep and Naziha in Year 3
Sharim, Ayub and Dylan in Year 4

Upper Key Stage 2

Ihsan, Oliwier and Tazmin in Year 5
Taranom, Jasurbek and Solomon in Year 6

Attendance Stars

Jemison Class in Reception/Key Stage 1 with 95%
Da Vinci Class in Lower Key Stage 2 with 95%
Rosa Parks Class in Upper Key Stage 2 with 96%
Whole School Attendance is 91%

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 6th February - Aldrin at Maritime Museum

Tuesday 7th February - Safer Internet Day

Thursday 9th February - Parent/Carer Consultations

Friday 10th February - Year 3 at St John's Wood Synagogue

Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February - Mid-Term Break

Thursday 23rd February - Year 6 TFL Workshop



Tuesday 28th February - Year 6 at Stratford Circus Theatre

Thursday 2nd March - World Book Day

Thursday 2nd March - Friday 10th March - Book Fair

Wednesday 15th March - Reception and Year 6 Height and Weight Measurements

Thursday 16th March - Reception and Year 6 Height and Weight Measurements

Thursday 16th March - KS1 Parent/Carer Maths Workshop



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 10th February	MacArthur	Pankhurst
Mid-Term Break		

Friday 24th February		Galileo
Friday 3rd March		Rosa Parks
Friday 10th March	Marie Curie	Brunel
Friday 17th March	Pasteur	Da Vinci
Friday 24th March	Marco Polo	Malala

Curriculum Area

Year 2 Visit to 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.



Big Bird Watch

Children from across the school have been participating in the RSPB's Big Garden Bird Watch as part of their homework, during their forest school sessions or as part of their Environmental Education lessons. We have spotted a variety of birds in West Ham Park and recorded our findings to send to the RSPB so they can analyse the data to get a picture of how our native birds are doing. The children demonstrated great teamwork and our bird enthusiasts in Year 5 were thrilled to be able to share their passion for birds with their friends.

It's not too late to participate in the Big Bird Watch (for schools). Check out the RSPB's website for more information.



Parent Volunteers

Last week, an amazing group of parents came in to begin volunteering to support children with their reading. We are incredibly grateful for their support. If you are interested in volunteering at Park, then please complete this [Google Form](#).

Online Safety



On Tuesday 7th February we will be joining schools across the UK to celebrate Internet Safety Day. We would be delighted if you could help us celebrate this day by continuing conversations at home. To help with this, please visit the link below which includes lots of useful information.

[Click this link to view](#)

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 85 	Sycamore 55 
Maple 100 	Oak 60 

This week...

Thought for the Week



Music Theme of the Week



Current Affairs



[Primary Picture News Resource England - 6th February - Sports Play](#)

British Values



Democracy

If we do not agree with something or do not think it is fair, we can use our voices to make changes.
Wales' national men and women's football teams will now receive equal pay.



UN Rights of a Child



All children have rights and should not be treated unfairly for any reason. This includes whether we are a girl or a boy.



Additional Information

FREE HAMPERS

TNYP is happy to announce that we are helping families with food items this upcoming February half term.

MUST:

- Be living in London
- Following us on TNYP social media platform

(If you do not have social media please email why you would like a hamper)

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- Secondary student
- Up to 21 with a disability
- Parent/Career

(to a child under age of 16yrs)

Collection information:

Date: Sunday 12th February 2023
Time: 2pm
Location: East London

(A confirmation email and text will be sent within 48hours of completing the Google doc form which will be in our bio)

info@thenexusyouthproject.org

PARENT MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS

23rd February 5:30-6:30pm via MS Teams

Join us in an online workshop to find out what support is available for new mums and dads, their babies and families.

TO REGISTER TO ATTEND:

- 0208 536 2161
- elft.nttworkshops@nhs.net
- Click the icon to register OR see caption for the registration form

Newham Talking Therapies

To register, complete the [registration form](#) – please select 'Other' and write down the name of the workshop as you see on the poster.

BAKE SALE

Friday 10th February

in the MUGA

If you can kindly supply some bakes to sell please drop them off in the main school office!

Bring a reusable container for your purchases!

Thank you!

A cake or sugary thing is a nice treat occasionally; we should enjoy our sugar sensibly

CASH ONLY!

NEWHAM LIBRARIES HALF-TERM CODING EVENT: MISSION ZERO



**Come to Newham Libraries this half-term to create
a code that may be shown in space**

This February half-term, Newham Libraries is taking part in Mission Zero.

Mission Zero offers young people the chance to have their code run in space! Write a simple program to take a reading from the colour and luminosity sensor on an Astro Pi computer on board the International Space Station, and use it to set the background colour in a personalised image for the astronauts to see as they go about their daily tasks.

Choose one of our sessions to take part in. At each session we'll code and run emulators to submit to the Mission Zero project. Your child's code may run for the astronauts on the International Space Station.

For children aged 8+

Mon 13th Feb	Forest Gate Library Plaistow Library	10.00-11.30am 1.30-3.00pm
Tues 14th Feb	Stratford Library Canning Town Library	11.00-12.30pm 2.30-4.00pm
Thurs 16th Feb	Custom House Library	2.00-3.30pm
Fri 17th Feb	East Ham Library	1.00-3.30pm

TENNIS CAMPS

Camps for children aged 5 - 15 years old
**Get ready for some fun team tennis at your local tennis
venue**

Come and join us for 2 days of high energy with fun tennis games and team challenge activity. It is the perfect opportunity to brush up on your tennis skills over the holidays.

Players get points throughout the day for their team, at the end of each day one team will be crowned the champion. Everyone is a winner there are loads of prizes, stickers, medals and certificates for all

Available for all ages and ability levels - we will provide all the equipment, just bring a drink!

Location:

Stratford Park, West Ham Lane, E15 4PT

Ages: 5 - 15 years
Cost: £17.50 per day



For information & bookings:
nationaltennis.org.uk/camps/newham

Email: hello@nationaltennis.org.uk

TREES NOT TOWERS

**PROTECT
WEST HAM PARK**

**UPDATE
2023**

**THURSDAY 2ND
FEBRUARY
7.30PM**

- West Ham Park, at 77 acres, is the largest park in Newham
- It is owned and operated by the **CITY OF LONDON CORPORATION** ("CoL") rather than Newham Council
- Within the park is a large plant **NURSERY SITE**, which used to supply bedding plants for public occasions, including state banquets. In 2016 the CoL deemed it no longer financially viable and shut it down.
- CoL now wants to develop this area of parkland with **BLOCKS OF FLATS**
- Friends of West Ham Park will be holding an **ONLINE PUBLIC CONSULTATION** on **THURSDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2023 AT 7.30pm** with the aim of providing more details on the plans as well as listening to the local community for their views on the CoL development and whether alternatives, including returning the area to open parkland, should be considered
- To join the online meeting please email PROTECTWESTHAMPARK@BTINTERNET.COM and you will be sent a Zoom link the day before the meeting