

# PARK NEWSLETTER



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

28th April 2023

## Need to Know

### Mrs Ttoffali's Weekly Update



Dear all,  
I trust you have all had a lovely week. Park's been a hive of activity as we hosted Seussical this week and the Year 4s were exceptional in their production of it. Unfortunately, I was not able to get into school to see it but had the privilege of watching the dress rehearsal, virtually, on Monday afternoon. The children's enjoyment was obvious from the very first word to the end. Their confidence was amazing and their consideration and awareness of each other was mature and a pleasure to observe. I know I always say it (sorry) but we work really hard at Park to ensure that every child is provided with their opportunity to shine. This is very challenging in a large school, but the staff manage to carve up roles brilliantly in order that there is greater equality of opportunity. Well done to the amazing Y4 children. Thank you to all involved. We are fully aware of the amount of effort that goes into these productions and that effort is very much appreciated.

#### Thank you:

- to all the parents and carers who attended the performance (s) and to the parents/ carers who attend our Achievement Assemblies (well done team Aldrin- great turn out today). Never underestimate how important it is for the children to see you there- thank you;
- for your patience and understanding in relation to the industrial action. I don't think anybody thought that it would go on for as long as it has and we are genuinely sorry for all the disruption that has been caused.

Apologies from me for my absence this week. I have spent the week in hospital for my first round of chemotherapy. I was not expecting to stay in hospital

but that is how it worked out. I am hoping to see you all next week. As things stand, I feel well and have responded to the treatment relatively well (after a shaky start). I am hoping that over the weekend, I can rest and recuperate. Who knows, I may even get to Norfolk for some sea air!

#### Next week,

1. It's a Bank Holiday on Monday, school will be closed.
2. As you will be aware, there is another NEU teacher strike on Tuesday 2nd May. Arrangements for the day will be as per yesterday: Year 6 children will be in school. School will be closed to all children from Nursery to Y5 inclusive. Once again, thank you for your patience and understanding. Please remember to reach out, should you be in a desperate situation childcare wise.
3. There is a Coronation Cake Sale on Friday 5th May. Please bring any donations for sale to school on Friday (surely you can bake a few bits on Thursday evening-please) and please bring some cash to Friday's pick-up. All money raised is used to support us to pay for the 'extra bits' in school which bring joy and enrichment to our curriculum. Thank you in advance.

Happy 'long' weekend everyone and please remember that there's another long weekend next weekend too, courtesy of The King's Coronation. Take good care,  
Natasha Ttoffali

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## ☆☆☆☆ Stars of the Week ☆☆☆☆

### Reception and Key Stage 1

Perez, Ayan K and Sofia M in Reception  
India and David in Year 1  
Aria, Muhammad J and Obehi in Year 2

### Lower Key Stage 2

Hamza, Usman and Agota in Year 3  
Mahid, Humaira and Liberty in Year 4

### Upper Key Stage 2

Maysa, Mahmud and Joseph in Year 5  
Safwan, Gurwinder and Ibrahim in Year 6

### Attendance Stars

**Pasteur Class** in Key Stage 1 with 88%  
**Hawking Class** in Lower Key Stage 2 with 90%  
**Mandela Class** in Upper Key Stage 2 with 86%  
**Whole School Attendance** is 84%

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:wrap.around@park.newham.sch.uk)



### Message from Ms Isabella

Dear parents and carers,  
This is a polite reminder that in the morning teachers and support staff are not allowed to let your children in the building and take them to breakfast club; a wraparound staff member needs to do so.  
Thank you for your patience.  
Isabella

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## Dates for the Diary

### 2022-2023 Term Dates

**Tuesday 2nd May** - Teachers' Strike Day (only Year 6 classes open)

**Wednesday 3rd May** - Year 4 at Science Museum

**Thursday 4th May** - Reception Parent/ Carer Writing Workshop (9-10am)



**Friday 5th May** - Year 5 Fire Brigade Workshop

**Friday 5th May** - PSA Bake Sale (3-4pm)

**Monday 8th May** - Bank Holiday (school closed)

**Monday 15th May** - Reception: sharing our reading

**Tuesday 16th May** - Year 1 Drama Workshop

**Thursday 18th May** - Reception: sharing our reading

**Friday 19th May** - Reception: sharing our reading

**Wednesday 24th May** - Class Photos (professional photographers in school)

**Friday 26th May** - KS1 Author Event

**Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June** - Half Term Break

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## 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.

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## Sharing Assemblies

Please see the dates and classes for Sharing assemblies for this 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
<b>Friday 12th May</b>	Seacole	Galileo
<b>Friday 19th May</b>	Attenborough	Hawking
<b>Friday 26th May</b>		Edison
<b>Mid-Term Break</b>		
<b>Friday 9th June</b>	Einstein	Mandela
<b>Friday 16th June</b>	MacArthur	Helen Keller
<b>Friday 30th June</b>	Jemison	Berners Lee

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## Welfare Team Updates - Headlice Check

We have had some cases of headlice in school so please check your child's hair and if you find any headlice, please ask for treatment from the pharmacy.

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## Curriculum Area

### Year 4 Performance - Seussical

Year 4 did a fantastic job and we are all very proud of them!

Here is one photo we have been able to get so far. In next week's newsletter we will add a few more of this week's performance.



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## Year 2 Pupils at RE Conference

This week 6 children went to Elmhurst school to join children from other schools in Newham to attend the Infant RE conference. They used Philosophy for children (P4C) to engage with the theme 'Resilience and the Environment'. The pupils thought about issues around diversity and community, discovering more about religions and worldviews through story and interactive learning.



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## Learning About Autism

A small group of our Year 5 and 6 pupils have been learning about autism and what it means to them with our speech and language therapist, Althea. This week they presented what they have been working on to some of their parents.



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## Parent Volunteers

If you are interested in volunteering at Park, then please complete this [Google Form](#).

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## ESOL Classes

We would like to offer ESOL classes for parents/carers at Park, however we have not had enough families interested to start running them. If you would like to attend ESOL classes, please contact the school office.



## Online Safety



We would like to bring your attention to the fact that we are planning on hosting Online Safety Workshops for parents on Monday 12th June.

## 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!

<b>Birch</b> 125	<b>Sycamore</b> 135
<b>Maple</b> 160	<b>Oak</b> 120

## This week...

### Thought for the Week



### Music Theme of the Week



### Current Affairs



[Primary Picture News Resource England - 1st May- Coronation](#)



## Additional Information

### We Are Gold!



### PSA Volunteers Wanted



Calling all parents and carers and staff at Park Primary! The PSA need your help.... We are currently a small group of volunteer parents/ carers and staff from the school who help to organise and run the bake sales and summer/ winter events to raise funds for the school. The money has helped subsidise trips, buy books, support the food bank and many more resources and activities for the children at Park. BUT we now need more help to be able to continue to support the school in the children's experience of primary school life and the opportunities they can have at this amazing school.

If you can offer a bit of time at a bake sale, a contribution of ideas, help in organising larger events, please send your name, contact no to [psa@park.newham.sch.uk](mailto:psa@park.newham.sch.uk). and we will add you to the what's app group where we plan these events in what little time we all have! We can't do this without the Park community support and we will be stronger together!

Oh, and we have a summer fayre to plan for... Please join us!

### PSA Royal Bake Sale

Park Primary and the PSA invite you to...



**ROYAL BAKE SALE**  
in the MUGA

**3pm** **Friday** **5th** **May**

We would love you to donate bakes! They help us raise funds. If you can contribute, please drop them at the school office and put your child's name and class on any containers you want returned.

**CASH ONLY** Bring a reusable container for your purchase

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

### Park Primary School Toddler Play Sessions



#### Toddler and Parent Play Sessions

- Enjoy, learn and play in our indoor and outdoor environments.
- Meet other parents with young children.
- Join in with rhymes and songs.



#### Indoor toddler sessions for 1-3 years

Wednesdays for 15 weeks  
Starting from 26th April  
11:15 - 12:30

#### Outdoor toddler sessions for 2-3 years

Fridays for 15 weeks  
Starting from 28th April  
1:30 - 3:00 (come dressed for the weather)

Please come to the main school gate on Matthews Park Avenue and a member of staff will direct you to the session.

Note: No sessions on the 31st May or 2nd of June due to the half term holiday.

Free Exercise Classes in Local Parks

YOUR FREE PROGRAMME

LOCATION	ACTIVITY	DAY	TIME
Stratford Park E15 4PT <small>(2 FREE sessions per week)</small>	Back to Exercise Bootcamp	Tuesday Saturday	18:30 10:00
Central Park E6 6ET <small>(2 FREE sessions per week)</small>	Back to Exercise Bootcamp	Thursday Sunday	18:30 10:30
Plashet Park E6 1DQ <small>(2 FREE sessions per week)</small>	Our Circuit Boxfit	Monday Wednesday	18:30 10:00
Canning Town Rec E16 3PB <small>(2 FREE sessions per week)</small>	Abs, Bums & Thighs Boxfit	Wednesday Friday	18:30 10:00

All our classes are designed for individuals new or returning to exercise.



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Message from ms Ami

Hello everyone! This is Baby Eli-Reggie. He was born on the 17th of March 2023  
I will see you all soon.  
Ms Ami x



Green Fair

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Sustainable Newham

SAVE THE DATE



Green Fair

01 May, 11:00 – 16:00

Sustainability fair in Forest Gate and Maryland with talks, stalls, activities, food and workshops


Forest Lane Park, 16 Shelduck Cl, London E15

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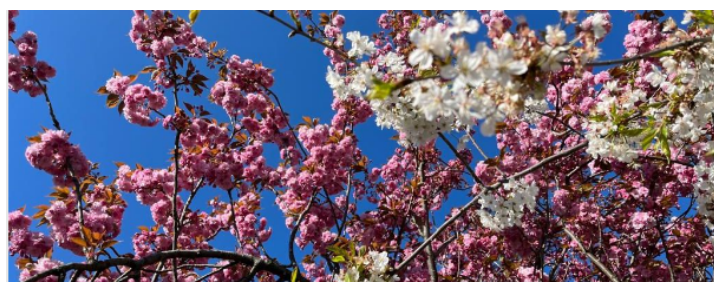
## Newham Coronation Weekend

Please click below to read a letter explaining organisation of events during the Coronation Weekend in May:

### King Charles III's Coronation – Celebrations in the London Borough of Newham

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## Forest School Community Garden - Super Saturday



**Forest Gate COMMUNITY GARDEN**

#### OPENING HOURS

Friday 10 - 5pm

Saturday 10 - 3pm

Sunday 10 - 1pm

[info@fgcommunitygarden.org](mailto:info@fgcommunitygarden.org)

[www.fgcommunitygarden.org](http://www.fgcommunitygarden.org)

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## Bag2School Collection

Collection of any unwanted clothing will be after the Spring Break. Please do not bring your bags in until the day before the collection which is the 11th May 2023 as we do not have enough storage. The collection is on 12th May 2023 at 9:00 am.

Thank you

# Bag2School



[www.bag2school.com](https://www.bag2school.com)

Our next **Bag2School** collection has been arranged for

**12th May 2023**

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## Jack Petchey Award

Hanifah Khales who used to go to Park and is now at Sarah Bonnell is one of the winners of the prestigious Jack Petchey Achievement Award. We would like to congratulate Haneefa and let her know that we are really proud of her.

<https://www.jackpetcheyfoundation.org.uk/opportunities/grant-programmes/achievement-awards/>

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## Auditions to Royal opera House

The Royal Opera House is delighted to invite children aged 7-11 with a passion for the performing arts to audition for our [Youth Opera programmes](#) this July. This programme is completely free for all members and no experience or knowledge of opera is required, just a love of singing and performing and an enthusiasm to explore and create opera with the ROH.

### Who are we looking for?

We invite applications from all enthusiastic young singers and performers aged 7-11. We particularly welcome applications from boys, those who are from a [global majority](#) background and/or those who are disabled, as they are under-represented within our programmes. Applicants should be able to demonstrate:

- a passion for and commitment to singing and good vocal control.
- an interest in drama and performing skills.
- the ability to collaborate well with others and follow directions.

### How to apply?

Before applying, we ask that you watch this [introductory video](#) and then complete our [‘What is Opera’](#) digital workshop.

### Instructions for Parents/Guardians:

**Submitting your application (deadline 12pm Fri 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023):** [Complete this form](#) to express your child's interest in auditioning. The form requires you to submit a short 30 second video of your child singing the 'Happy Birthday' song.

**Round 1 audition (Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> July):** successful applicants will be invited to a one-hour audition workshop at the Royal Opera House.

**Round 2 audition (Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> July):** successful applicants from the round 1 auditions will be invited to attend a call back audition, during which the final selections will be made.

### **What to expect at an in-person audition**

Children invited to attend in-person auditions will join 30 other children for a one-hour workshop. This will be led by two of our ROH artists who will run music and drama-based games and singing activities. We aim for our audition workshops to be fun, friendly, and relaxed, and regardless of the outcome, educational and enjoyable for all.

For more information on the ROH Youth Opera programmes, please email [youthopera@roh.org.uk](mailto:youthopera@roh.org.uk)