

PARK NEWSLETTER



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

12th May 2023

Need to Know

Mrs Ttoffali's Weekly Update



Dear all,
I trust you all had a fabulous long weekend last weekend and that this week has passed uneventfully. At Park, it's been another busy one; thank goodness it's Friday - hooray!

Year 6 - Firstly I would like to say a huge well done to all of our Year 6 children who have been sitting the SATs this week. The children were focused, resilient and really tried their best. The Key Stage 2 tests are now finished. This of course does not mean that the learning stops but at least the tests are not casting a shadow anymore. We had big plans for an afternoon of fun in the park this afternoon but I fear that the weather may have its own plans!

To add to the SATs, we welcomed Ofsted this week. As you will be aware, we have been expecting our Ofsted visit for over a year. For those of you who do not know, Ofsted intermittently monitors a school's effectiveness. Park's last Ofsted was in March 2017 so it was about time somebody came to see how we are getting on! We are not in a position to share their opinions at this point as we need to wait until their report is published but what I can say is this:

- Your children are a credit to you.
- The behaviour and attitudes of the children that were seen by the inspectors were remarkable and they were particularly impressed with the fact that it appears to be very much self-regulated.
- They were very impressed with the way we focus on the whole child and that we are keen to improve children's outcomes beyond test scores; they felt that the children are given many opportunities to develop themselves beyond the academic.

- Your parent/carer view responses were very much appreciated by us as there was overwhelming support for the school.

Now that Ofsted have been and gone, we can get back to the day job which is ensuring that all children are: learning; making progress; keeping safe, happy and are stimulated by our broad and ambitious curriculum which is aimed at developing the whole child.

We were treated to two sharing assemblies from Seacole and Galileo today and the children's presentations were confident and informative. Well done guys, you smashed it!

Well done to all of the Stars of the Week today, I would like to invite all Stars to lunch with me on Monday; I am looking forward to it already!

Have a great weekend everybody: what a pity it's only a two day one!

Warmest regards, Natasha Ttoffali

☆☆☆☆ **Stars of the Week** ☆☆☆☆

Reception and Key Stage 1

Maryam, Christina and Piper in Reception
Aaliyah, Keya and Ibrahim in Year 1
Mahrez, Aria and Adam in Year 2

Lower Key Stage 2

David, Zakariya and Arjun in Year 3
Amiyhaa, Prince and Tahreem in Year 4

Upper Key Stage 2

Issac, Woody and Ishaaq in Year 5
All Year 6 children!

Attendance Stars

Seacole Class in EYFS and Key Stage 1 with 98%
Hawking Class in Lower Key Stage 2 with 97%
Pankhurst Class in Upper Key Stage 2 with 99%
Whole School Attendance is 95%

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



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

Dates for the Diary

[2022-2023 Term Dates](#)

Monday 15th May - Reception: sharing our reading

Monday 15th May - Year 4 into 5 residential meeting at 2:30pm

Tuesday 16th May - Year 1 Drama Workshop

Wednesday 17th May - Year 5 at Science Museum

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

Friday 26th May - Year 3 at Natural History Museum

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

Monday 12th June - Online Safety Workshops for pupils and parents/carers (9am)

Friday 23rd June - Poetry in the Park

Friday 23rd June - PSA Summer Fete

Tuesday 4th July - Year 6 Production (Shrek)



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 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 19th May	Attenborough	Edison
Friday 26th May		Hawking
Mid-Term Break		
Friday 9th June	Einstein	Mandela
Friday 16th June	MacArthur	Helen Keller
Friday 30th June	Jemison	Berners Lee

Curriculum Area

Miss Laine's Cooking/Exploring Club

This week the children made 'fruit and cheese noodles' and they thoroughly enjoyed themselves! They all tasted all the ingredients and followed instructions really well. When it was time to try their creations the silence was deafening; they were so busy eating!



Year 1 and 2 Reading Competition

Please click on the picture below to access information about the Year 1 and 2 Reading Competition.

Year 1 & 2 Reading Competition!



Royal Academy Competition Winners

We would like to congratulate the winners of the Royal Academy of Arts Competition. Two pieces of artwork from pupils at Park have been selected from over 21,000 submissions to participate in the Royal Academy of Arts Young Artists' Summer Show and we couldn't be more proud! Well done to everyone who participated.



Sad Chihuahua

Ava Proctor

Judging status:

**Accepted — online exhibition
and display at the RA**





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 at 9am.

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 this week!

Birch 95 	Sycamore 125 
Maple 145 	Oak 165 

Parent Volunteers

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

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.



Our School

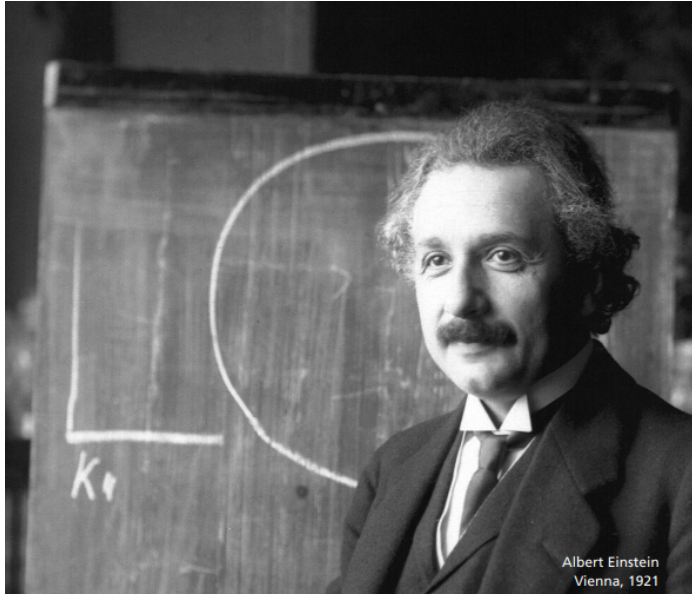
Art Collaboration

Judging status:

Accepted — online exhibition

This week...

Thought for the Week



Don't pursue goals that are easily achieved. Aim for what you can just barely achieve through **your greatest efforts.**

Thought for the week
Inspiring posters for learning
carepress.co.uk

Adapted from Albert Einstein

Music Theme of the Week



Current Affairs



[Primary Picture News Resource England - 15th May- Seagulls](#)

Additional Information

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. 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!

Poetry in the Park



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.

Our Parks



Newham Educational Psychology Service

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Parent Advice Phone-In with an Educational Psychologist (EP)

The EPS Parent Advice sessions are offered to any Newham parent or carer who would like to discuss concerns about their child with an educational psychologist (examples may include: your child's emotional well-being, challenging behaviours, learning progress, your relationship with your child or some of your own worries). The sessions aim to be supportive, confidential, and informal. Each session is 40 minutes.

Please note these are stand-alone, one-off sessions that do not result in follow-up work. They are free sessions and open to all parents and carers of Newham children and young people. There is no criteria or threshold to access these sessions.

Sessions are monthly on:

16 May

13 June

11 July 2023

To book a session between 10 and 12 noon contact

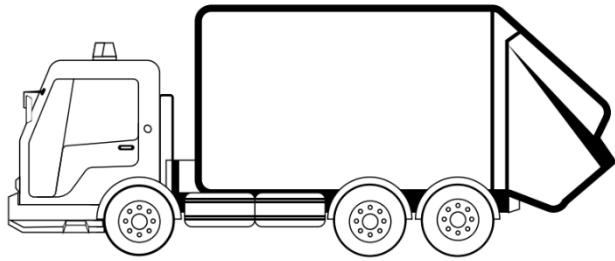
Terrie on: [07855 975308](tel:07855975308) or email: eps@newham.gov.uk

Book early to avoid disappointment

Newham Public Realm Engagement Team Newsletter and Name the Dustcart Competition 2023

[Click here to access the newsletter](#)

Click on the picture to access the template for the 'Name the Dustcart' competition.



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Park Primary School



Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection from your school. All the bags will be weighed and you will be paid for the total weight collected. Remember, the more you collect the greater the benefit to your school.



PLEASE USE YOUR OWN BAGS (THERE IS NO LIMIT).

When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling.

We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:
Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.
(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)

The more we weigh the more we pay!
Extra bags are welcome - there's no limit

Please return your Bag2School on:

Friday 16 June 2023 by 9:00am

 01609 780 222  www.bag2school.com  helpdesk@bag2school.com

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 9th 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 22nd July): successful applicants will be invited to a one-hour audition workshop at the Royal Opera House.

Round 2 audition (Sun 23rd 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