

# PARK NEWSLETTER



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

22nd September 2023

## Need to Know

### Mrs Ttoffali's Weekly Update

To Park Primary's Community



Happy Friday and thank goodness that it is Friday as, this week, it has felt like all seasons in 5 days. The weather has thrown everything at us which has been particularly challenging for all the children who have been out on visits this week. Well done Year 4 for tackling the rain and wind on top of the 'daily swim'; we are sure you will all sleep well this weekend! Sorry too to those of you who were all geared up to go to the Park when it was closed. Hopefully the wind will give us a little break from it for a while.

Well done to the two classes which kicked off our Sharing Assemblies today. Thank you Pasteur and Pankhurst, it's never easy being the first but thank you for sharing your learning and well done.

As I have watched many of you collect your children this week I was reminded of something that I often state at the start of an academic year: rather than asking your child 'How was your day?', you might find that you get a better response if you reframe the question.

Perhaps try:

'What was the best thing about your day today?'

What three things did you spend most of your time doing today?'

'What did you do today that you can be proud of?'

I give these as examples as, for many years, I asked my children 'How was your day?' and the response was invariably 'Alright.', 'Okay' etc and it took me years to appreciate that if I just reworded the question, there was a bigger requirement of a more comprehensive response. I am not trying to tell you how to speak to your children, of course, but I am

saying that the talk may be enriched through a few simple words.

What don't you give it a go?

We are very proud of our school and we were very pleased to welcome [Ofsted](#) in the Summer Term last academic year. We were also very proud to receive [a letter](#) from Vik Verma (The Interim Director of Children and Young People's Services Newham) which speaks of our school as one with a 'huge heart'. I feel very happy for Park to be viewed in this way. Please do read the letter if you get a chance.

Whilst I am talking about our pride, both in ourselves and your children, I would like to flag up the Reception 2024 information sessions that we have coming up over the next few months. Do you have a child due to start in **Reception, September 2024**? If yes, or you know someone who does, please take note of the [flyer](#) linked and book onto one of our information sessions.

Ofsted (May 2023) graded Behaviour and Attitudes at Park as 'outstanding'. Most of the work we do with the children, relating to behaviour and the children's attitudes to their learning, is founded in the relationships which we build. At the root of this work is our [Relationships and Positive Behaviour Policy](#). Please take a look at this when you have a moment so that you are familiar with our processes for establishing and maintaining the very best behaviour and consistent expectations. Thank you in advance.

That's it from me, other than to say that I am off to Norfolk for the weekend for some sea and sand (and maybe even some sunshine- who knows?). I hope that your weekend is restful and joyous.

Kindest regards, Natasha Ttoffali

P.s. Please take a look at the [50 Steps to a Healthier Newham Newsletter](#) which focuses this month on making Newham smoke free.

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## ☆☆☆☆ Stars of the Week ☆☆☆

### EYFS and Key Stage 1

Rudy, Louay and River in Reception  
Chayton, Eldana and Piper in Year 1  
Chelsea, Amelle and Lucien Year 2

### Lower Key Stage 2

Angelina, Israel and Muhammad R in Year 3  
Ram, Elona and Paula in Year 4

### Upper Key Stage 2

Rikalon, Zaid and Liberty in Year 5  
Mina, Lubana and Emily in Year 6

### Attendance Stars

**Einstein Class** in EYFS and Key Stage 1 with 98%  
**Hawking Class** in Lower Key Stage 2 with 99%  
**Malala Class** in Upper Key Stage 2 with 99%  
**Whole School Attendance** is 95.3%

### Is my child too ill for school?



Please click on the NHS logo to access their advice.

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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)



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### Dates for the Diary

#### 2023-2024 Term Dates

**Monday 25th - Thursday 28th**

**September** - Year 5 Thriftwood

Residential visits

**Friday 29th September** - Girls Football Competition



**Tuesday 3rd October** - Engagement Provision

Panathlon Bowling Event

**Tuesday 3rd October** - Flu Immunisations

**Thursday 5th October** - Year 6 Visit to Museum of Docklands

**Tuesday 10th October** - Year 2 Visit to Wanstead Park

**Monday 16th October** - Individual School Photographs (Professional Photographers in school)

**Thursday 19th October** - Parent/Carer Consultations

**Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October** - Half Term

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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
Friday 6th October	Marco Polo	Brunel
Friday 13th October		Da Vinci
Friday 20th October	Marie Curie	Malala
HALF TERM		

## Curriculum Area

### Online Safety







'Top tips' for keeping your children safe online at home; videos and useful links and information to support conversations.

<https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/>

### 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 **Sycamore**! You have the highest total this week!

<b>Birch</b> 130 	<b>Sycamore</b> 150 
<b>Maple</b> 100 	<b>Oak</b> 140 

### Parent Volunteers

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

## This week...

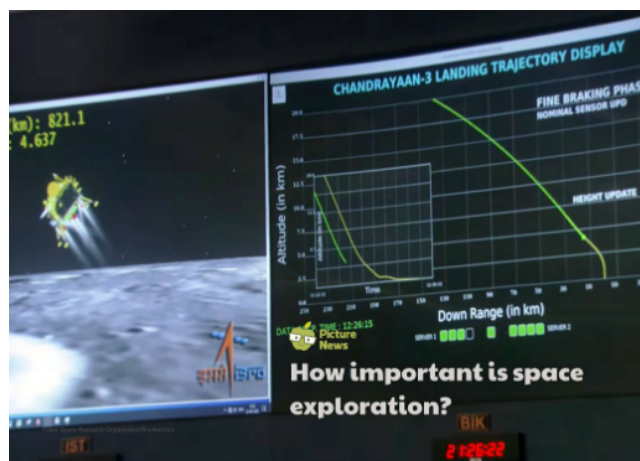
### Thought for the Week



### Music Theme of the Week



### Current Affairs



[Primary Picture News Resource England - 25th September - Race to the Moon](#)





## Individual Liberty

Exploring space can be exciting and helps us to learn more about the universe. We have a responsibility to consider the impact space exploration may have and manage any risks involved.

## Protected Characteristics

People from many different nations have been involved in space exploration. If we have the education, training and skills to explore space then our colour or nationality should never be the reason we cannot.



## Additional Information

### Mother Nature Science - Half Term Club

Please click on the image below to access more information.

## Next Week's Lunch Menu

Please see below choices for school lunches. Please discuss the choices with your child so that it is easier for them to ask for the food they would like each day.

YOUR MENU @ PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL					
Spring - Summer 2023					
WEEK 1	Meal Free Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
First Choice	Sweet Chilli Veggie 'Plantballs' with Rice	Lamb & Lentil Lasagne with Garlic Sauce	Roast Chicken & Stuffing with Roast Potatoes	Pasta Bolognese Bake with Focaccia Slice	Fish in Batter served with Jacket Wedges
Second Choice	Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	Sri Lankan Fish Curry with Basmati Rice	Quorn Soft Shell Taco with Rice	Wholemeal Spinach & Ricotta Pasta Parcels	Cajun Spiced Vegetable Stew with Jacket Wedges
Vegetarian Choice	Vegetable Stir Fry	Veggie Keema with Rice & Naan	Cheese & Onion Tart with Roast Potatoes	The 'Vegan' Burger with Salad & Vegan Mayo	Pizza Slice with Jacket Wedges
Vegetable Selection	Sweetcorn Fresh Broccoli	Green Beans Fresh Carrots	Seasonal Fresh Vegetables	Mixed Vegetables Sweetcorn	Garden Peas Baked Beans
Dessert of the Day	Raspberry Ripple Ice Cream Sponge Roll	Frozen Yoghurt served with Fruit Salad	Apple Crumble with Vanilla Ice Cream	Peach Melba Cake with Custard	Belgian Waffle with Fruit Salad & Ice Cream
Daily Options					
Salad Bar / Freshly Baked Bread / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt					
WEEK 1 17 APR, 8 MAY, 5 JUN, 26 JUN, 17 JUL, 4 SEPT, 25 SEP, 16 OCT					
Meat Served at this School is Halal & non-Halal					
KEY: V - Vegetarian P - Plant Based S - Sugar Smart N - New Dish C - In association with Forest Green Rovers					
DINEin AND DISCOVER					

## 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 scan the code below and join our WhatsApp group. Thank you!



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## Fundraising at Park

### A reminder that we are raising money:

- There is a run for adults on October 14th in Victoria Park.
- There is a run for pupils, the week before, in West Ham Park.

Parents can join pupils for the run in West Ham Park (classes will share their timings closer to the event) or on the adults run.

We are fundraising for [Give a Duck Foundation](#), as chosen by our pupil recently diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Lymphoma.

Here is our JustGiving page, if you would like to support us, or we will be collecting cash in school on Friday, October 13th [Park's JustGiving page](#)

We will share details of how to enter the adult run as soon as we receive the details from the run organisers, for anyone who would like to join the staff.

These are the [slides](#) we shared with all the children at school.