

PARK NEWSLETTER



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

20th October 2023

Need to Know

Mrs Ttoffali's Weekly Update

To Park Primary's Community



We have reached the end of the first half of the Autumn Term and what a half term it's been. Yesterday afternoon's parent/ carer event was a resounding success and it was super to see so many of you here: thank you. Thank you too, to the entire community for the incredible generosity you showed in relation to our collection for the Give a Duck charity. Some staff members ran on Saturday and what a glorious event it was. Thank you all, we have raised an astounding amount of money which, when all is included, will **total around £4,500**. This money will buy many ducks to support children who are going through chemotherapy. Thank you.



Another note of gratitude comes from me personally.



This week I received two beautiful gifts which had been made with care and love. Thank you, I really appreciate the time, effort and care that these have been made with. I write this as some of you have been asking and therefore I think I should provide a general update. I received scan results this week on Tuesday which stated that I have residual cancer. I am now receiving maintenance therapy which aims to hold the cancer at bay. For some people this works but for others it does not. For now, I need to listen to how I feel and hope for the best. If the news, at a later date, is less good then I will deal with it at that time. For now, my motto has to be to take one day at a time. Thank you for your ongoing prayers, love and support.

Wraparound Care

- Please could parents/carers collecting for wraparound, when the front gate is open for other school clubs, wait outside the front gate and call the wraparound care phone for your child to be brought from wraparound to you. For safety's sake, we need to keep the two groups of children separate to avoid confusion.

- Wraparound (WAC) is proving hugely popular and we are now at a point where, on certain days, we are full. With our current staff numbers, we can only host 60 children. Please try to book your children into WAC to avoid disappointment. We cannot guarantee you a place if you fail to book in advance (we do understand that situations arise and we are happy for you to ask last minute, we are just asking for your understanding if there is not a space available).

Wishing you all a peaceful and restful week ahead. If you get a moment, please listen to [Wednesday's Thought for the Day](#) which reminds us that, in such times of protest, grief and tension, it is essential to build good, compassionate societies where we are kind to those nearby and where we are loyal to our neighbours despite any underlying 'differences' that we might have. I, for one, am truly grateful to feel part of the compassionate community that we call Park Primary.

Warmest regards always, Natasha Ttoffali

Please find the [link](#) to the Forest Gate and Maryland Newsletter

☆☆☆☆ Stars of the Week ☆☆☆☆

Reception Key Stage 1

Kamil, Louie and Ehan in Reception
Abdullah, Maryam and Halima in Year 1
Emilia, Adyan and Isaiah in Year 2

Lower Key Stage 2

Gabby, Gretta and Aneesa in Year 3
Aryan, Agota and Sophia in Year 4

Upper Key Stage 2

Saffiya, Reggie and Sofia in Year 5
Samanta, Angie and Raif in Year 6

Attendance Stars

Jemison and Seacole Classes in EYFS and Key Stage 1 with 100%

Berners Lee Class in Lower Key Stage 2 with 99%

Helen Keller Class in Upper Key Stage 2 with 99.7%

Whole School Attendance is 95.6%

Is my child too ill for school?



Please click on the NHS logo to access their advice.

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

[2023-2024 Term Dates](#)

Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October -
Half Term

Tuesday 31st October - Year 3 and 4 Parent/Carer information session 9:00-9:30am

Wednesday 1st November - Year 1 Parent/Carer Workshop at 2:30pm

Thursday 2nd November - Pasteur at the library

Monday 6th November - Juniper Allergens Parent/Carer Workshop (9:15 - 10:15am)

Wednesday 8th November - Year 5 Shakespeare Festival at Barking Theatre

Wednesday 8th November - Einstein at the library

Wednesday 8th November - Year 2 Parent/Carer Readers in school

Wednesday 8th November - Malala WW2 Workshop

Thursday 9th November - Pankhust and Mandela WW2 Workshop

Thursday 9th November - Marie Curie at the library

Friday 10th November - Tag Rugby Festival (Year 5 and Year 6)

Monday 13th November - Galileo Stone Age Workshop

Thursday 16th November - Year 1 Toys Workshop

Thursday 16th November - Edison Stone Age Workshop

Monday 20th November - Reception sharing our learning



Monday 20th November - Reception Parent/Carer Workshop (9:15-10am)

Wednesday 22nd November - Year 2 Parent/Carer Readers in school

Thursday 23rd November - Reception sharing our learning

Friday 24th November - Reception sharing our learning

Monday 27th November - Flu Immunisations in school

Monday 4th December - Year 1 at Highway Church

Tuesday 5th December - Year 1 and Year 2 at Kenneth Moore Theatre

Wednesday 6th December - Year 2 Parent/Carer Readers in school

Friday 8th December - Park in the Dark at West Ham Park (from 5pm)

Thursday 14th December - Year 2 Production

Friday 15th December - Year 3 Visit to Horniman Museum

Tuesday 19th December - Last Day of Term

Wednesday 20th December - Wednesday 3rd January - Winter Break

Thursday 4th January - Back to School/ Start of Spring Term

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 3rd November	Einstein	Rosa Parks
Friday 10th November	Aldrin	
Friday 17th November		
Friday 24th November		Gandhi
Friday 1st December		Hawking
Winter Break		

Getting to know...



Each week we will be finding out about different members of our Park staff in our new *Getting to know...* feature.

Getting to know... Mrs Lennon

What is your role in school?

Year 2 Teacher and E4C Ambassador (Education for change) for equality and inclusion.

What was your first job?

A nursery nurse.

What would your superpower be?

To zap negativity into positivity so people can enjoy their life.

Tell us something about you that we may not know.

I have a lovely dog called Brandy. Look out for us in West Ham Park!

Most embarrassing moment.

When I walked along Roman Road Market and slipped over on a banana skin, just like in a cartoon!

What's your favourite...

Childhood or school memory? When I was in Year 6, on Friday before homework, we would get into two teams and play darts.

Ice-cream flavour? Lemon sorbet.

Quote? You must be the change you wish to see in the world. - Mahatma Gandhi

Why are you proud to work at Park?

Because we are like a family. I get to work with so many fantastic staff members, children and their families.



Curriculum Area

Get Caught Reading Competition

At Park, we are invested in nurturing and fostering your child's love of reading. Encouraging your child to take part is a fun and exciting way to highlight the pleasure of being absorbed in a good book and explore the world through the pages of a book. So go ahead, grab a book, and..... get caught reading!

Children ask an adult to take a photo of themselves being 'caught' reading their favourite book in the most imaginative and unusual place.

An adult at home needs to email the photos to info@park.newham.sch.uk FAO: Ms Osborne

The deadline to enter the competition is November 17th and the winners will be announced in assemblies on Friday 24th November.

There will be a winner picked from EYFS, KS1, LKS2 and LKS1.

We will also be picking a staff winner and a parent/carer winner!

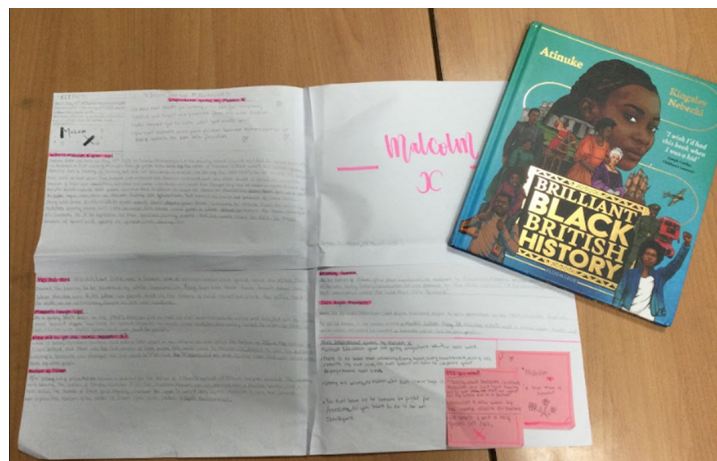
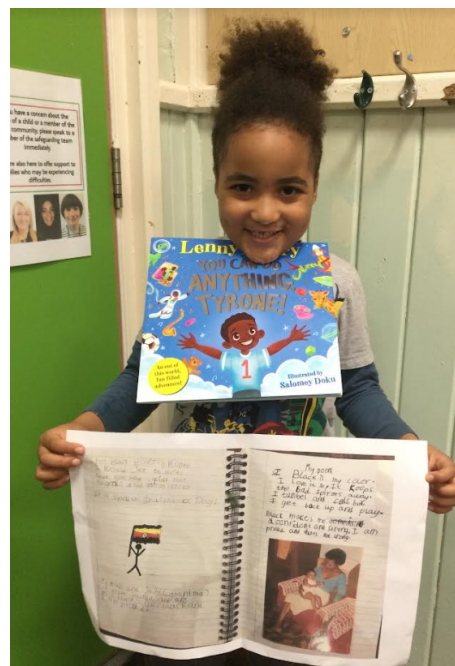
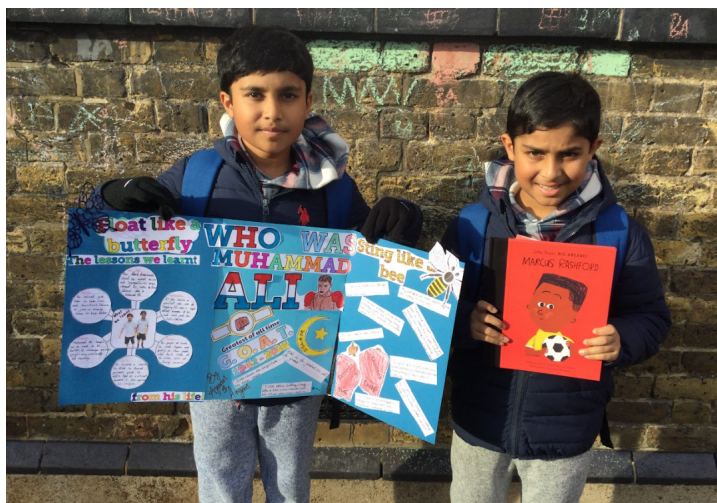
(Please also see [slides](#) posted on all year group's Google Classroom) Thank you!

Black History Month Competition

Well done to the winners of the Black History Month Competition.

The KS1 winner is Ayzéah, the LKS2 winners are Ayaan and Aryan, and the UKS2 winner is Zahra.

Congratulations everyone!



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 **Oak**! You have the highest total this week!

Birch 130	Sycamore 135
Maple 130	Oak 140

Parent Volunteers

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

This week...

Thought for the Week



Additional Information

More Charity Work from Park's Pupils

We would like to say a huge well done and thank you to Safwan and Lubana who raised £300 at Morrisons last weekend for the charity 'Together for Short Lives' which supports children's hospices.

RE - Places of Worship Competition

This competition will be introduced in more detail in classes by their teachers. All entries must be handed in to Ms Miah.



Mother Nature Science - Half Term Club

Please click on the image below to access more information.



Little Tacklers East London Rugby Club

Little Tacklers East London Rugby Club: a recently established Junior Tag Rugby team.

Why not give **RUGBY** a 'try'! If you fancy it, **Little Tacklers East London Rugby Club** may be just for you. The club is '**Touch Rugby**' for years 1 to 6. It's **fun & FREE** to all with a focus on improving mobility, fitness & hand eye coordination.

When: **Every Tuesday & Thursday 6pm - 7pm**

Where: **East London Rugby Club, [71 Holland Road, London E15 3BP](#),**

located in: **Memorial Recreation Ground.**

To find out more: contact Coach Johan on 07412 423344

Head Lice

We have had cases of headlice in school this week so please check your children and follow the advice below. Thank you

Head lice is a topic that regularly crops up in schools. It is important to remember that head lice is a problem for the whole community and not just schools. It is also important to bear in mind that head lice do not cause serious health problems.

The best way of controlling them is by early detection. To do this, families need to be checking their hair on a regular basis, preferably each week.

- Detect using a plastic fine tooth lice detection comb. Hair can be dry or damp but damp hair helps prevent the lice arching off with static. For very thick hair, the use of conditioner may help. Hold the comb at a 45° angle and comb small sections of hair at a time. It takes 10-15 minutes per head to check effectively.
- Only treat members of the family on which a living louse has been found.
- For treatment advice see your community pharmacist, GP, Practice Nurse, Health Visitor or School Nurse.

- Treat twice with a 7 day gap between treatments and using the same lotion- this should kill any lice that have hatched since the first treatment before they are mature enough to lay more eggs (nits).
- Detection combing should be done between the 2 treatments and at 3-4 day intervals after treatment is complete for 2 weeks. If a living louse is found following the second treatment, consult one of the professionals listed above.

Whilst professionals (education and health) provide advice and support they cannot enforce treatment. Detection and treatment is a parental responsibility.

Hopefully this information will help you. For further information, a fact sheet is available from the school office.

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!



Donations Needed

Dear All,

Our KS1 Team would like to ask for some donations for their outdoor area. If you could donate any of the items listed below, please drop them off at the school office:

- big paint rollers or paint brushes
- large nuts and bolts
- wheelbarrows
- shovels
- large garden brooms
- safe large planks of wood
- safe large pieces of piping
- large watering cans

Thank you very much!

PARENT SURVEY 2023 – Please help!

www.newham.gov.uk/childcareparentsurvey2023

Every year the LA conducts a childcare survey to help us find out about childcare needs in the borough so that we can plan services that will work for families. With the Government's upcoming extension to 30 hours and plans to increase wraparound care for school aged pupils, it's more important than ever that we understand families' needs and preferences.

This is a reminder that the survey is currently 'live' at www.newham.gov.uk/childcareparentsurvey2023 and is open until 5pm on **SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER**. It only takes around 10 minutes to complete.

Everyone that completes the online survey will be entered into a free prize draw to be in with a chance of winning £100 of shopping vouchers. A winner will be chosen at random after the closing date.

Please click on the image to see the flyer:

WE ARE CARING.



DO YOU HAVE CHILDREN AGED 0-14 YEARS? HELP US TO HELP YOU!

We want to know about your childcare needs so we can plan services that will work for you and your family. We welcome your views and invite you to please complete a short survey, the details of which will be kept strictly confidential. Everyone that completes the survey will be entered into a free prize draw to be in with a chance of winning £100 of shopping vouchers.

The closing date for entries is 5pm on **3 DECEMBER 2023**. The survey will take about 10 minutes to complete. Share your knowledge. When completing the survey, you can also request information on:

- free 15 hours for two-year olds
- free 30 hours for working parents with three and four-year olds
- the new expansion of the funded early education scheme
- plans to develop wraparound care for primary school children
- help with childcare costs
- childcare providers for children aged 0-14 in your area.

FREE PRIZE DRAW!

WE ARE NEWHAM.

Community News - Halloween Trail

Message from our Park parents and carers:

As a community we regularly organise a Halloween Trail around the outskirts of West Ham Park, so that those that want to take part in Trick or Treating on Tuesday 31st October can do so at households that are willing to have families knock at their door.

**COME AND JOIN US FOR A
FUN AND SPOOKTACULAR**

**HALLOWEEN
TRAIL**

**31st October 2023
5 - 7pm**

To be part of the SoRo Halloween Trail please
email your full address to
SoRo.HalloweenTrail@proton.me
and put a pumpkin outside your house!

You can join others for Trick or Treating at one of our MEETING
POINTS around WEST HAM PARK from 5 - 5.30pm
Margery Gate - Ham Park Road
South Gate - Portway
Main Gate - Upton Lane

SCAN for the Google Maps Halloween Trail