

PARK NEWSLETTER



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

17th November 2023

Need to Know

Mrs Ttoffali's Weekly Update

To Park Primary's Community



I trust the Newsletter today finds you well. The week started for us with a visit from the School Improvement Advisor (SIA). The SIA is deployed by Newham to monitor our work termly. She was very pleased with the way that the Little Park children have settled into their new environment and she remarked on the way the children in the Early Years were so well integrated with each other, learning with and from one another.

I had my own opportunity to marvel at Park's children this week as I enjoyed 'Lunch with the Stars' on Wednesday. The children's manners, as always, were impeccable and it is such a joy to listen to them tell each other how they have earned their star status. I marvel at how well they listen to each other and appreciate each other's merits.



Thank you to all who gave to our collection for Children in Need today, your generosity never ceases to amaze me. We will let you know how

much we raised in next week's edition.

Children in Need is the official charity of the BBC (British Broadcasting Corporation). It raises money for disadvantaged children and young people across the UK. The charity's aim is to improve the lives of thousands of children by ensuring that their childhood

is safe, happy and secure. They want to give every child the chance to reach their full potential in life.

I feel it would be remiss of me, at this time, given your generosity today, to fail to mention the children in the Middle East whose safety, happiness and security is currently so desperately under threat. We are always conscious of asking too much of you in terms of raising money but we will, in the next few weeks, be raising money for Save the Children. Save the Children is currently raising money for the children in Gaza and Israel whose lives have been devastated. It was right for us to collect for Children in Need today, but it is also right that we raise money for the children caught up in conflict, who are innocent in all this trouble; they also need our help. As I consider this, I am reminded of a [Thought for the Day](#) of a couple of weeks ago which spoke of the rights of the child and the need for ongoing hope at this troubled time.

It is International Men's Day on Sunday 19th November, The aim of International Men's Day is to promote positive male role models; not just movie stars and sports men but everyday men who are living decent, honest lives. It is also a chance to celebrate men's positive contributions to society, community, family, marriage, child care, and the environment. So maybe on Sunday, it is a chance to give thanks for the men in our lives, past or present and to be grateful for their contributions to our lives and the lives of others.

It's the weekend and we are heading up to Norfolk for the weekend although I think taking a picture in the sea of me, getting caught reading, (which was my entry last year) may be a step too far! I will opt for a swimming pool swim instead. Have a lovely, relaxing weekend everybody, see you on Monday, Natasha Ttoffali

FYI - [Forest Gate and Maryland Newsletter](#)

☆☆☆☆ Stars of the Week ☆☆☆☆

Reception Key Stage 1

Mira, Aafiyah and Waqiah in Reception
Sophie, Sullivan and Nina in Year 1
Kulsuma, Yusuf and Alice in Year 2

Lower Key Stage 2

Kaitlyn, April and Michael in Year 3
Adam, Ashia and Talha in Year 4

Upper Key Stage 2

Daisy, Joan and Sharim in Year 5
Danielius, Mahmud and Atila 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 99.4%

Gandhi Class in Upper Key Stage 2 with 97.3%

Whole School Attendance is 95.2%

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



Pastoral Team at Park

Did you know we have a pastoral team at Park?

If you would like to contact a member of the team for
some support regarding a difficulty you or your family
are having or just need to have a chat with someone,
email us on 'pastoral@park.newham.sch.uk'.

Emails to this account will be confidential and only
accessed by two members of the team.



Dates for the Diary

2023-2024 Term Dates



Monday 20th November - Reception
sharing our learning

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

Monday 20th November - Mandela Library Visit

Monday 20th November - Da Vinci Stone Age
Workshop

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

Wednesday 22nd November - Hawking Library Visit

Thursday 23rd November - Reception sharing our
learning

Thursday 23rd November - Pankhurst Library Visit

Friday 24th November - Reception sharing our
learning

Friday 24th November - Brunel Library Visit

Monday 27th November - Flu Immunisations in school

Tuesday 28th November - Year 2 Gurdwara Visit

Wednesday 29th November - Year 4 at Unicorn
Theatre

Wednesday 29th November - Marco Polo Library Visit

Thursday 30th November - Attenborough Library Visit

Monday 4th December - Year 1 at Highway Church

Monday 4th December - Rosa Parks Library Visit

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

Tuesday 5th December - Year 4 Workshops in school
with Suntrap Centre

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

Wednesday 6th December - Berners Lee Library Visit

Wednesday 6th December - Gandhi Library Visit

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

Monday 11th November - Year 4 at Natural History Museum

Monday 11th November - Helen Keller Library Visit

Thursday 14th December - Year 2 Production

Thursday 14th December - Year 1 Toy Workshop

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



**Friends of
West Ham Park**

**Park
in the Dark**

Join Stratford's ORIGINAL torch parade
FREE glow sticks
Refreshments on the bandstand

Friday 8th December
5-6.15pm
Meet **South Gate** on Portway

Exit out of South Gate ONLY from 6.15pm

Please bring a **torch** to make into your lantern* —
or check out the website and bring it ready made!
Children must be accompanied by an adult

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 24th November		Hawking (new date)
Friday 1st December		Gandhi (new date)
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 Rios Steele

What is your role in school?

Environmental Education Teacher,
KS1 Writing and Oracy Leader

Where did you grow up?

Allegan, Michigan USA

What did you want to be when you were younger?

I wanted to be many things: an actor, a journalist as a war correspondent, a politician and not surprisingly, a teacher!

What was your first job?

When I was 9, I had a paper round. My mom, Jane, had to take me in the car to collect the papers early on a Saturday morning. We would bring the papers home, fold them and put them in a plastic bag to protect the paper from the rain. The bag also had a handle to hang on people's door knobs. Once we were done with the 'stuffing', my mom drove me to the area where my route was and she would drop me off at one end of the street, with my satchel filled with papers and then wait at the other end for me to refill! It



would take about 4 hours! I got paid about \$10 for the whole morning, but in those days, \$40 a month was a lot of money!

What's your favourite...

Food? Mexican and Italian

Children's book? Tikki Tikki Tembo

Park Primary memory?

All the amazing performances! I'm already looking forward to this year's shows!

Quote?

"To be yourself in a world that is constantly trying to make you something else is the greatest accomplishment." - Ralph Waldo Emerson

Why are you proud to work at Park?

I'm proud to work in a school that is embracing the importance of spending time outdoors and learning about the natural world around us.

Curriculum Area

Get Caught Reading Competition

The deadline for the competition was today (Friday 17th November) and we have compiled a presentation with the submissions across the school. Please click on the [slides](#) to view them. The winners will now be announced in assemblies on Friday 1st December.

Year 3 Stone Age Workshop at West Ham Park

Here are some pictures of Galileo Class at a Stone Age workshop in West Ham Park. The children enjoyed transporting themselves to the Paleolithic period where they made shelters and fire to keep themselves warm. The facilitator was very impressed with their knowledge and curiosity as well as their behaviour when they were moving around the park.



Rugby Tournament

Well done to the Park Year 5/6 Rugby Team who took part in a tournament last Friday against other local schools. The children performed excellently and it was commented by all the adults involved how they stood out as a 'rugby team'.

They came third overall and the children were presented with medals for their great efforts and achievement.



Year 6 WW2 Workshop at West Ham Park

Year 6s loved learning about how our local park was used during World War Two. Many thanks to Thatcha and Katie from the Park's education team for leading the workshops.



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

Birch 230 	Sycamore 170 
Maple 145 	Oak 165 

Parent Volunteers

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

This week...

Thought for the Week



Music of the Week



Current Affairs



[Primary Picture News Resource England - 20th November - Warm Space](#)

Additional Information

Festive Food Bank

Donate food items to our Festive Food Bank

SUPPORTED BY Friends of West Ham Park

Saturday 16th December 1pm to 3pm

Take part in our Festive Food Bank! We are collecting non-perishable food for Newham Food Banks. Come and enjoy a walk in West Ham Park and drop off supplies that will go to local Food Banks to help feed the hungry and needy this Winter. We'll be on the Bandstand from 1pm!

Support Newham Food Banks this Christmas!

Demand for Food Banks has increased immensely during the last few years.

Keep up to date with our activities — friendsofwesthampark.co.uk
Follow us on Facebook — facebook.com/FriendsOfWestHamPark
And now on Instagram! — www.instagram.com/whp_e9
Drop us a line — hello@friendsofwesthampark.co.uk

CITY OF LONDON City of London, West Ham Park, Upton Lane, E7 9PU cityoflondon.gov.uk/openspaces

EYFS Parent Workshops at Park

Please click on the image to access information about parent/carers workshops that was recently shared on Tapestry.



The Big Vote for Godwin Junior School



As part of the NNLP (North Newham Learning Partnership), we work closely with a number of other local schools.

Our friends at Godwin Junior School are in the running to win £20,000 of funding for their wellbeing project, 'Godwin Wellbeing for All'. Combining art, poetry and gardening, this project would offer free nature-based workshops and volunteering opportunities for the whole community.

Everyone who lives, works or studies in Forest Gate and Maryland can vote, and only the most popular projects will be funded.

Online voting ends on the **12th November** so please consider backing this project.

Use the link below or scan the QR code at the top of the page.

<https://newhamco-create.co.uk/en/projects/peoplepoweredforestgate>

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!

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Easyfundraising for Park Primary



Thank you to everyone for raising donations for Park Primary School with #easyfundraising! If you haven't signed up yet, it's easy and completely FREE. 8,100 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to do your everyday online shopping - at no extra cost to you! Every donation you raise makes a difference to us so please sign up & share today. You can find our easyfundraising page at

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/park-primary-school-1/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=gs-email1

Thank you very much for your support!