

PARK NEWSLETTER



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

24th November 2023

Need to Know

Mrs Ttoffali's Weekly Update

To Park Primary's Community



It's been a busy week this week which has seen Reception sharing their learning with their parents and carers, a few library visits, Edison's Stone Age Workshop at West Ham Park and today we had the joy of Hawking's sharing assembly, where the children 'Just Can't Wait to be King'.

As you will hopefully know, we pride ourselves at Park on our rich and varied curriculum. A crucial part of our curriculum offer is our [CAT and Dog Day](#) provision. Please find the link to the offer and its rationale. We are compelled to make a change to our [CAT provision in the Spring Term 2024](#). Please read the linked letter and email me on info@park.newham.sch.uk should you have any queries.

A couple of weeks ago now we were visited by a professional photographer whose remit was to take some new photos for the school website. The photos are yet to go live but I include a couple here as there is a plethora of beautiful pictures which capture moments.



Thank you to everyone who donated to Park's collection for **Children in Need** last Friday. A spontaneous 'bucket-shake' and we collected a massive **£429.50** - astonishing. Well done to us and thank you for being incredible!

A request from me to you:

We ask kindly that parents and carers do not email school staff directly to their email accounts. Please make contact via info@park.newham.sch.uk. We have asked staff not to reply to any mails they receive which have not arrived via the info account. The reason for this is to maintain and protect staff wellbeing. We do not want to be in a position where staff are receiving emails at all times of the day (and night). Filtering through the info account means that we can forward the mail during the working day and we can ensure that the email is received by the correct person or their line manager. Please respect this request. Thank you in advance.

All that remains for me to say is 'have a restful and safe weekend' and we'll see you all on Monday.
Kindest regards, Natasha Ttoffali

[50 Steps to a Healthier Newham](#)

☆☆☆☆ Stars of the Week ☆☆☆☆

Reception Key Stage 1

Quinn, Thea and Naill in Reception

Arfiyaz, Margot and Afsa in Year 1

Albert, Odhram and Sasha in Year 2

Lower Key Stage 2

Janil, Ayyub and Indigo in Year 3

Ziyan, Siggie and Tienna in Year 4

Upper Key Stage 2

Chennay, Jannatul and Franko in Year 5

Wilker, Alice and Benji in Year 6

Attendance Stars

Marco Polo Class in EYFS and Key Stage 1 with 98.3%

Da Vinci Class in Lower Key Stage 2 with 96.3%

Helen Keller Class in Upper Key Stage 2 with 97.4%

Whole School Attendance is 94.2%

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 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

Monday 18th December - Winter Showcase Performances:

9:15am - Nursery AM and all day, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2



2:10pm - Nursery PM and all day, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6

Tuesday 19th December - Children's Author Workshop for Year 3

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

FEATURING
Park
Primary
School
Choir

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 1st December		Gandhi
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... Miss Laine

What is your role in school?

Learning Support Assistant

Where did you grow up?

Forest Gate, then Stratford

What did you want to be when you were younger?

I think i wanted to be a vet

What would your superpower be and why?

To be able to make all the sick people well again; it hurts me to see people suffering.

Tell us something about you that we may not know.

I can't skip.

What's your favourite...

Food? Toast and marmite crisps (not together)

Ice-cream? Salted caramel ice cream every time!

Children's book? Little Rabbit Foo Foo

Childhood memory? Spending time as a child with my granddad and our 33 guinea pigs

Park Primary memory?

A child in my reception class drew a picture of me and him and he wrote, 'Miss Laine gives the best hugs'!

Quote?

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

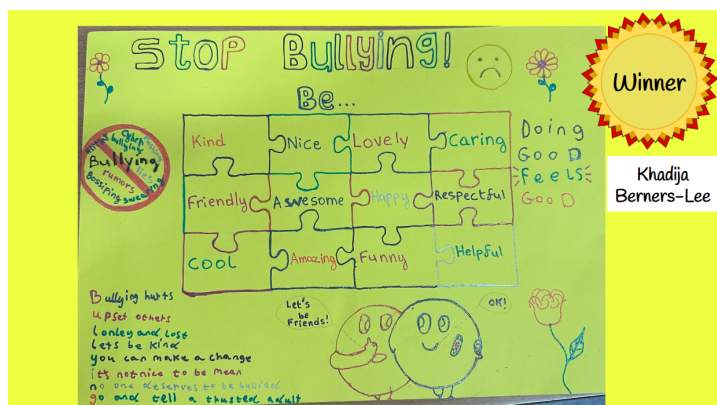
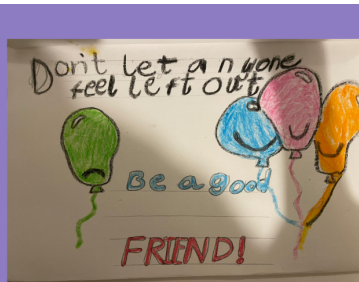
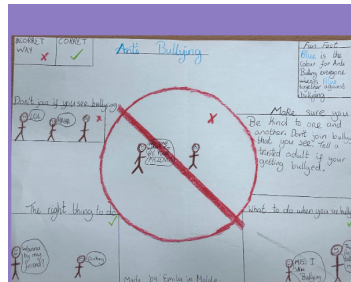
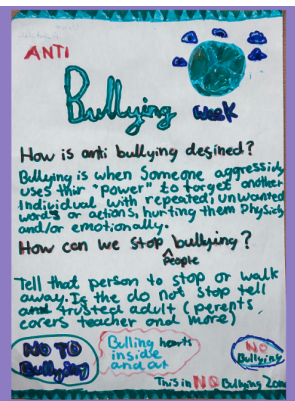
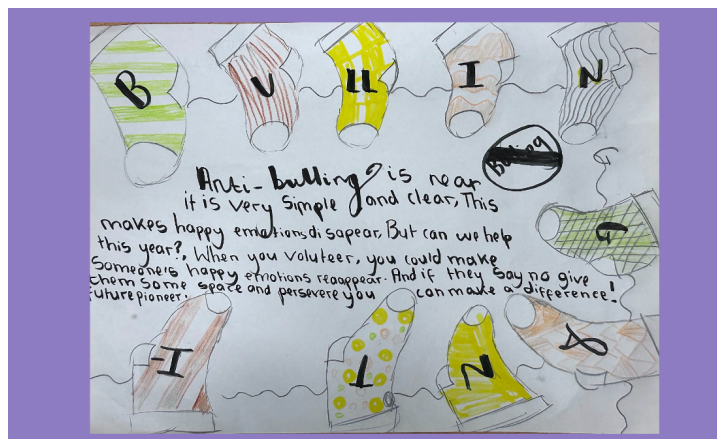
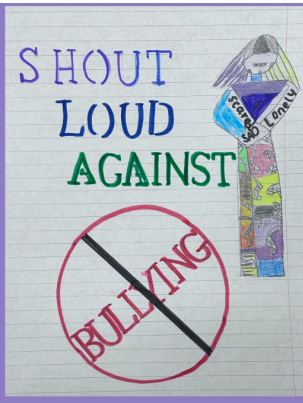
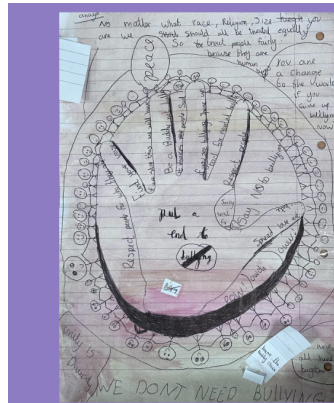
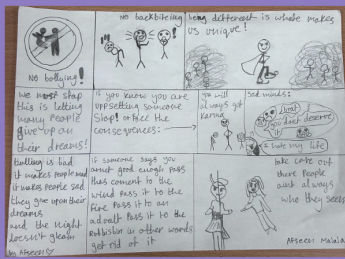
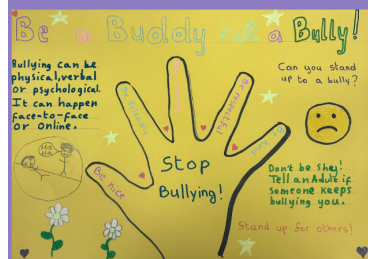
Why are you proud to work at Park?

I'm proud to work at Park because of the wonderful relationships I share and form with the children and their families.

Curriculum Area

Anti-Bullying Week 2023

Here are pictures of work submitted from children for Anti-Bullying Week 2023, and the work of the winner - Khadija in Berners Lee Class. Well done, 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 **Sycamore**! You have the highest total this week!

Birch 100 	Sycamore 115 
Maple 95 	Oak 105 

Parent Volunteers

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

This week...

Thought for the Week

One **child**,
one **teacher**,
one **book**,
one **pen**
can **change**
the **world**.

Malala Yousafzai, 17
Youngest ever winner of the Nobel Peace Prize

In 2012 the Taliban tried to kill her
for speaking out for girls' education.



Thought for the week
Inspiring pictures for learning
can@press.co.uk

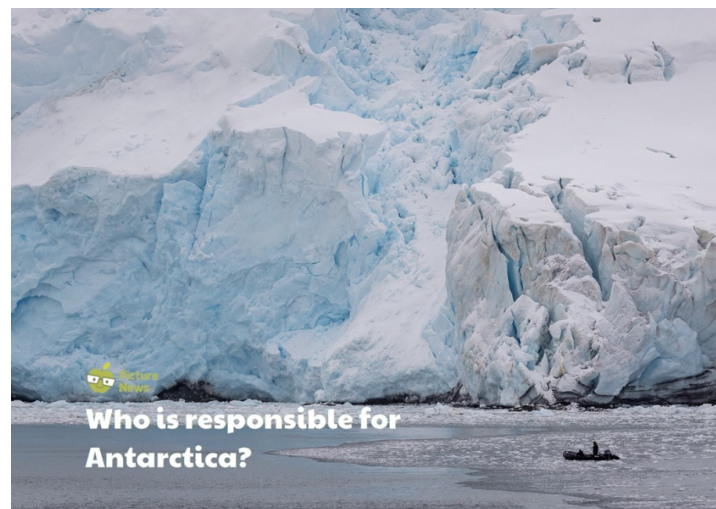
Music of the Week

*Music theme
of the week*

This week around the school we have listened to *Spell Songs*, a folk album inspired by the book *The Lost Words*.

spell songs

Current Affairs



Who is responsible for
Antarctica?

[Primary Picture News Resource England - 27th November - Antarctica](#)

Additional Information

Author Visit

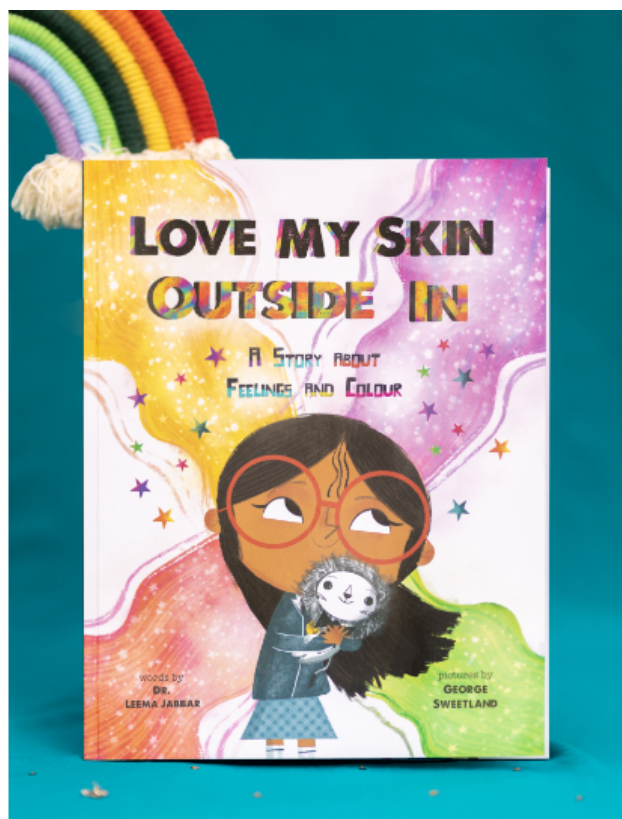
On the last day of term, 19th December, we will have a children's author visit Park to deliver a workshop for the children. Below are some details about the author and the workshop itself.

Dr. Leema Jabbar is a GP and children's book author on a mission to promote diversity and body positivity. Leema's new book 'Love My Skin Outside In' is about a little girl who's bullied because of her skin colour and includes a gorgeous little Lion that changes colour with her emotions. A reading of the book will be followed by a fun interactive session which she hopes will leave the children curious and ready to embrace each other's differences.

Leema will talk about feelings and how sometimes when it's difficult to know what to do with big emotions, colours can be a helpful way to identify and manage them. With the use of fun games and simple experiments, she will show how talking about feelings can make problems so much smaller.

By having open discussions about celebrating individuality and showing kindness, Leema will sensitively tackle the issue of bullying which is unfortunately all too common amongst children today. Colourful visuals from nature will also help showcase different skin colours and just how stunningly beautiful we all are both inside and out.

Leema is offering the book at a reduced price of £6.99 to our pupils. You can preorder your signed copy on her website- leemajabbar.co.uk using the coupon code 'SCHOOL' once you have added it to the cart, and then tick 'free delivery' to local schools. Please record your child's name and school in the order notes before payment. (Please do not use Apple Pay for this as the voucher will not work).



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.

Newham Food Banks currently need:

- Tea bags (40s/80s)
- Coffee (100g) jars
- Tinned fruit – all varieties
- Rice pudding/custard
- Milk (Green & Blue) – 2 pints
- Fruit juice/squash
- Biscuits
- Tinned chopped tomatoes
- Vegetarian soups (NOT meat varieties)
- Soup

Keep up to date with our activities — friendsofwesthampark.co.uk
Follow us on Facebook — facebook.com/FriendsOfWestHamPark
And now on Instagram! — www.instagram.com/fwhp_e9
Drop us a line — hello@friendsofwesthampark.co.uk

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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!

WE ARE NEWHAM.

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!

Library Books Drop-off at Main Office

From next week, there will be a box placed at the entrance of the main school office for those families who find it tricky to get to the Stratford/ Forest Gate libraries to return books. Please just drop the books in the box when your children have finished reading them.

