

# PARK NEWSLETTER



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

1st December 2023

## Need to Know

### Mrs Ttoffali's Weekly Update

To Park Primary's Community



It's the first day of December and it feels like the festive season has come early with much 'busy-ness' this week at Park including:

- Y2 Gurdwara visit
- Y4 Unicorn Theatre visit
- Two library visits,
- Y5 and Y6 Girls' Rugby Tournament
- Y5 and Y6 Girls' sport event aimed at inspiring young women to 'get into' sport.

In addition to lots of 'going out', there's been a lot of excitement for those who have 'stayed in'. It's been Design and Technology week at Park and the children have had the opportunity to engage in the design process and then to make something. For some this has involved cooking, for others they have sewn and some have created structures. Please see below for more detail but please do ask your child to explain to you what they have designed this week and whether the product was what they had intended for it to be when they set out at the planning stage. Being able to evaluate the outcome is all part of the process. Well done to all involved and thank you to Ms Berdaut for expertly organising Park's D.T. Week.

The Winter Showcase will be streamed this year and it will also be recorded. Due to the limited capacity of the hall, we have decided this is the best option: it is just not possible to host a large live audience whilst making ticket allocation fair. Please be advised that this decision has been taken in the interests of everyone's health and safety. Thank you.

**Santa's little helpers:** As you may, or may not, know Santa tends to make a visit to Park to drop off a few gifts as he passes by; please click the link for a [letter of request](#) which asks, if you have the capacity, whether you would consider making a financial donation to help Santa out. Any donations would be very much appreciated.

**A further request from us to you:** It's the season to be jolly but that does not have to mean sweets. Please may I request that you avoid sending your children in with sweets to be shared for the festive period or for their birthdays. Allergies are a genuine concern but equity is a big issue too. We aim to treat all children equally and that includes celebrating their special days in a comparable way. If some children bring things in to share and others do not, that immediately creates a culture of inequity. Please respect this request which is made with the very best intentions.

**Who do I ask for?** I thought I would remind you briefly of the temporary structure which is in place at Park this year so that you know who to contact/ ask for if you have any reason to get in touch. Please feel free to get in touch as you see fit. Email into [info@park.newham.sch.uk](mailto:info@park.newham.sch.uk) FAO ??? depending upon what the query is regarding. Please be advised that our door is always open. Should you have anything that you wish to discuss or concerns you have, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

S E N I O R  L E A D E R S H I P	Executive Head Teacher - <b>Natasha Ttoffali</b>					
	School Business Manager  <b>Clare Batchelor</b>	Head of School - <b>Clare Broadhurst</b>				
		Head of Lower School (Nursery to Year 2)  <b>Imogen Cook</b>		Head of Upper School (Year 3-Year 6)  <b>Ilona Patora</b>		Head of Inclusion (including Engagement Provision)  <b>Victoria Loughran</b>
		Assistant Head of Lower School (EYFS)  <b>Chloe Rice (now on maternity leave)</b>	Assistant Head of Lower School (KS1)  <b>Suhirtha Chandrarajah</b>	Assistant Head of Upper School (Lower KS2)  <b>Richard Hodkin</b>	Assistant Head of Upper School (Upper KS2)  <b>Mags Phelan</b>	

Have a lovely weekend everybody; stay safe, stay warm and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday. Kind regards, Natasha Ttoffali

The [What's Happening in Newham 25/11/23](#) weekly news tends to be circulated on a Saturday which is out of sync with our Newsletter. I will link it up in case you wish to have a browse but please be mindful that by the time you see it on here, it is almost a week old.

### ☆☆☆☆ Stars of the Week ☆☆☆☆

#### Reception Key Stage 1

Dyla, Zoe and Archana in Reception  
Luana, Sabit and Christina in Year 1  
David, Haajrah and Keya in Year 2

#### Lower Key Stage 2

Daniel, Sara and Ava in Year 3  
Aanya, Devon and Hudayfah in Year 4

#### Upper Key Stage 2

Brian, Nathan and Zaid in Year 5  
Mariam, Elisia and Arjan in Year 6

#### Attendance Stars

**Jemison Class** in EYFS and Key Stage 1 with 97.5%  
**Brunel Class** in Lower Key Stage 2 with 97.4%  
**Helen Keller Class** in Upper Key Stage 2 with 98.3%  
**Whole School Attendance** is 94.3%

#### 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](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)



## 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](mailto: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 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

**Tuesday 5th December** - Galileo Library Visit

**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** - Da Vinci Library Visit

**Friday 8th December** - Candlelight Concert at 9:15am  
Parents and carers of Year 5 and Year 6 guitar players and school choir invited



## *Park Primary's Candlelight Concert*

### *Featuring:*

- *Guitar music from Years 5 and 6*
- *Songs from the school's Park in the Dark Choir*

FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER, 9.15AM  
PLEASE ARRIVE AT SCHOOL RECEPTION AT 9.05AM

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



**Friends of  
West Ham Park**

## Park in the Dark

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

FEATURING  
Park  
Primary  
School  
Choir

## 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

**Monday 11th December** - Year 4 at Natural History Museum

**Monday 11th December** - Helen Keller Library Visit

**Tuesday 12th December** - Rosa Park and Gandhi at The British Museum

**Wednesday 13th December** - Helen Keller at the British Museum

**Thursday 14th December** - Year 2 Production

**Thursday 14th December** - Year 1 Toy Workshop

**Friday 15th December** - Year 3 Visit to Horniman Museum

**Friday 15th December** - Christmas Socks/ Jumper Day

**Monday 18th December** - Winter Showcase

## *Park Primary's Winter Showcase*

*Monday 18th December*

*Morning Performances: Nursery AM and All Day, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 (9:15am start)*

*Afternoon Performances: Nursery PM and All Day, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 (2:10pm start)*

These performances will be live streamed and recorded for parents/ carers to watch. Links will be shared with everyone closer to the event.

**Tuesday 19th December** - Children's Author Workshop for Year 3 and Year 4

**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 the next half term. There are no more sharing assemblies 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	EYFS/KS1 - 9.05am	KS2 - 2.30pm
Friday 12th January	Seacole	Mandela
Friday 19th January		Edison
Friday 26th January	Attenborough	Helen Keller
Friday 2nd February	Jemison	Berners Lee
Friday 9th February	MacArthur	Pankhurst
Half Term 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...

**Ms Posselt-Walsh**

**What is your role in school?**

Learning Support Assistant

**Where did you grow up?**

Munich, Germany

**What did you want to be when you were younger?**

Fashion and Textile Designer, living in London and I am doing both.

**What would your superpower be and why?**

The power to "inject" everyone with kindness, empathy, understanding and joy. With a pinch of common sense, this could be a way to less judgement and conflict in societies around the world.

**Tell us something about you that we may not know.**

For a while in my youth I wanted to be a musical actor and I sang in a Gospel Choir as a soloist. I also am a big comedy geek, and British humour is one of the reasons I enjoy living in the UK.



**What's your favourite...**

**Childhood memory?** My teacher Mrs.Schulz. She was with us for three years switching with us from year 1+2 to year 3+4. She also introduced residential at our primary school and was an amazing teacher with pure joy and enthusiasm for her children.

**Park Primary memory?**

I do not have one as a member of staff yet but my daughter's joy in going to school and adoring her teachers kind of counts, I think.

**Quote?**

Can I choose three please: "The head is round so that thinking can change direction", Francis Picabia; "What do you think success is? asked the boy. 'To love', said the mole; "What do you want to be when you grow up?' 'Kind', said the boy - Both from Charlie Mackesy.

**Why are you proud to work at Park?**

Park is the warmest place and truly cares about their children. Our daughter's happiness in year 4 is the living proof of that.

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## Curriculum Area

### Design and Technology Week 2023

This week, the whole school has been exploring DT learning. In EYFS, we have been designing marble runs; in Year One, we have been making pop up toys; in Year Three, we have been working on textiles, and in Year Five, we have been using our knowledge of levers to design games. In Years Two, Four and Six, we have been making healthy savoury and sweet food. It has been an amazing week of collaboration and evaluation - well done to everyone involved!





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## Year 2 Gurdwara Visit

Year 2 had a brilliant time at Leyton Gurdwara this week, where the children were able to learn more about Sikhism and what happens in the Gurdwara. The children were also treated very kindly to some treats by the Gurdwara. Thank you to everyone at the Gurdwara and to the parents who helped; we would not be able to do these visits without you.



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## Parents in to read with Year 2

It has been great having Year 2 parents coming in to read with their children every other Wednesday. The children have loved it and we think the parents have too. Thank you again; your support is so much appreciated.





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## Tag Rugby Tournament

On Thursday, some Year 5 and Year 6 children took part in a tag rugby tournament at East London Rugby Club. Emily, Anaya, Nancy, Zahra, Sarah, Daisy, Alice and Tiana performed heroically in particularly chilly conditions and were very competitive in every game. Well done for a great effort; we are very proud of you all.



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## Save the Children - collection for charity

Over the next 2 weeks, Park Primary will be raising money for a charity called Save the Children.

Save the Children charity works on making sure that children around the world are kept safe, healthy and learning.

They have been working to distribute food parcels, water, hygiene products and recreational products to families in Gaza through local partners.

At school, classes are going to organise sponsored walks in their Christmas Socks/ Jumpers (whatever is easier for families to organise) and then on Friday 15th December we will be collecting money in the playground (shaking buckets). Thank you in advance for giving what you can.



# Save the Children

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## Online Safety







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

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

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## 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!

<b>Birch</b> 215		<b>Sycamore</b> 180	
<b>Maple</b> 210		<b>Oak</b> 165	

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## Parent Volunteers

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

This week...

Thought for the Week

‘Darkness cannot drive out darkness:  
only light can do that.  
Hate cannot drive out hate:  
only love can do that.’  
Martin Luther King Jr.



Music of the Week

Music theme of the week

This week around the school, we have listened to music inspired by the North American festival of Thanksgiving, which took place on Thursday 22nd November.

Current Affairs




[Primary Picture News Resource England - 4th December - Volcano](#)

Additional Information

Next Week’s Lunch Menu

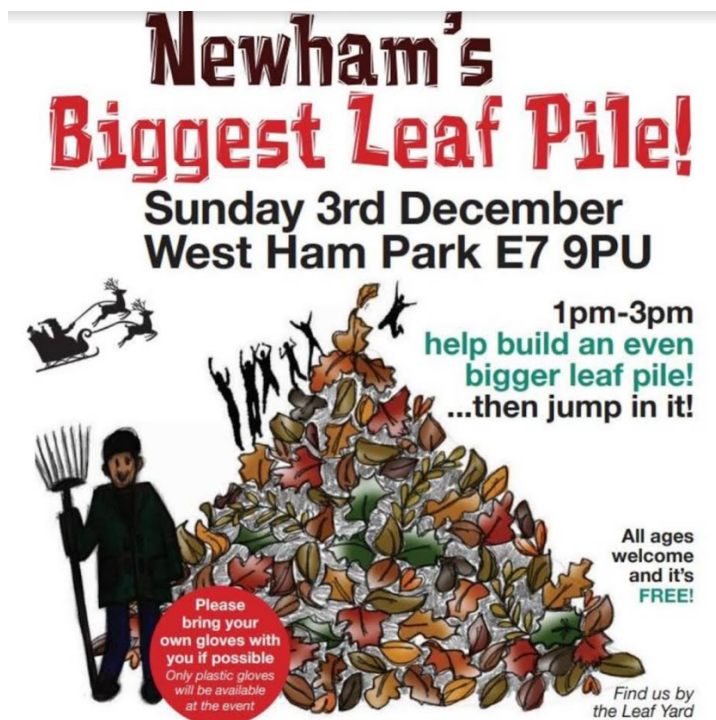
Please see below choices for school lunches. Please discuss the choices with your child so that it is easier for them to ask for the food they would like each day.

YOUR MENU @				PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL	
----- Autumn - Winter 2023/24 -----					
WEEK 3	Meat Free Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
First Choice	Vegetable Samosa served with Rice & Dhal 	Spaghetti Bolognese with Garlic Bread	Roast Chicken served with Yorkshire Pudding & Roast Potatoes	Chicken & Vegetable Pie with Mashed Potatoes	Fish Fingers served with Baked Jacket Wedges
Second Choice	Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans 	Chicken Burger in a Bun with Salad & Jacket Wedges	Veggie & Lentil Pasta Bake 	Lamb Tikka Masala served with Rice	Mexican Veggie Burrito 
Vegetarian Choice	Mixed Bean Quesadilla 	Veggie Keema served with Raita & Naan Bread 	Veggie 'Toad in the Hole' with Roast Potatoes 	Sweet Pepper & Feta Frittata with Mashed Potatoes 	Cheese & Onion Slice 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	Frozen Yoghurt with Fruit	Carrot Cake (egg free) 	Fruit Smoothie 	Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Custard	Strawberry Mousse with Fresh Fruit 
Daily Options					
Salad Bar / Freshly Baked Bread / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt					
WEEK 3 13 NOV 4 DEC 15 JAN 5 FEB 4 MAR 25 MAR					
MEAT SERVED AT THIS SCHOOL IS HALAL & non HALAL					
KEY:  - Vegetarian  - Plant Based  - Sugar Smart  - New Dish  - In association with Forest Green Rovers					
Dine in AND DISCOVER			DINEin AND DISCOVER		



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## Newham's Biggest Leaf Pile



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## Author Visit

On the last day of term, 19th December, we will have a children's author visit Park to deliver a workshop for children in Years 3 and 4. 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.

During the session, 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](http://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).



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## National Tree Week 2023

National Tree Week is the UK's largest annual tree celebration. Each year, the country's conservation sector, volunteer groups and tree-lovers come together to plant thousands of trees to mark the start of the tree planting season.

This year's National Tree Week is extra special as it marks the 50th anniversary of the famous 'Plant a Tree in 73' campaign – from which National Tree Week (and The Tree Council) was born!

**NATIONAL  
TREE WEEK  
2023** 25 November  
- 3 December

## 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](https://www.friendsofwesthampark.co.uk)  
Follow us on Facebook — [facebook.com/FriendsOfWestHamPark](https://facebook.com/FriendsOfWestHamPark)  
And now on Instagram! — [www.instagram.com/fwhp\\_e9](https://www.instagram.com/fwhp_e9)  
Drop us a line — [hello@friendsofwesthampark.co.uk](mailto:hello@friendsofwesthampark.co.uk)

CITY LONDON City of London, West Ham Park, Upton Lane, E7 9PU [cityoflondon.gov.uk/openspaces](https://cityoflondon.gov.uk/openspaces)

## EYFS Parent Workshops at Park

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



## PARENT SURVEY 2023 – Please help!

[www.newham.gov.uk/childcareparentsurvey2023](https://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](https://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.**

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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](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!

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## 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.

