

PARK NEWSLETTER



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

8th December 2023

Need to Know

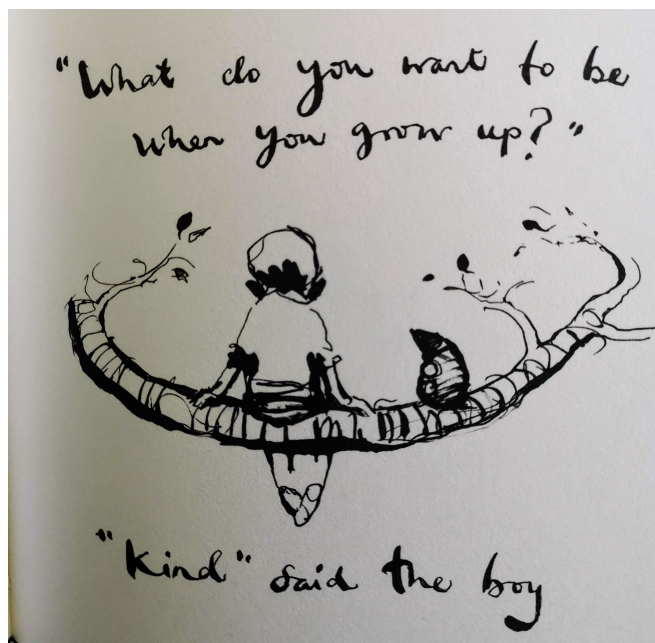
Mrs Ttoffali's Weekly Update

To Park Primary's Community



It seems that the season of festivities is well and truly upon us, the Christmas jumpers are out and there is sparkle in the air. This week, song has filled the corridors as the children (and teachers) frantically tune up their voices for The Winter Showcase. On Tuesday this week, the Year 2 children ventured to Ilford to the pantomime of Peter Pan. They had a fabulous time. This year is truly special as two of our Year 5 children are actually performing in the production.

This morning we were treated to the Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas guitar concert which was truly magical. It was made even more special through the guest appearance of our Park in the Dark choir who made me cry with their beautiful renditions of Feliz Navidad and Electricity. Good luck to all those performing in the park later today. I hope you have lots of fun.



Next week the pace increases as we rev up to the holidays: there is a lot going on. I am mindful that,

amidst it all, it is important to remind ourselves (and the children) to be kind. Please discuss with your children that it's a time for excitement and joy but they should try not to become too excited and overwhelmed because this often leads to upset. Conversations with the children about the need for self-control and an understanding of not taking things too far are happening at school but your support with this would be very much appreciated.

Next week: please click the link for a comprehensive overview of what's going [on for the last 7 Days](#). Hopefully this should answer any questions you may have in relation to where the children will be and when as well, of course, as where you might like to be. We look forward to seeing you at the relevant events, should you be able to attend.

Please may I draw your attention particularly to one thing: next Friday we will be raising money for Save the Children - a charity that works on making sure that children around the world are kept safe, healthy and learning. Children across the whole school have been taking part in 'sponsored walks' in their Christmas Socks and Jumpers and on Friday 15th December we will be shaking buckets in the playground to collect for the charity.

My advice for this weekend is to 'charge the batteries'. We may all need some extra energy to take on the next fortnight with a smile!
Take good care, Natasha Ttoffali.

For more local news don't forget to click: [What's Happening in Newham 2/12/23](#)

☆☆☆☆ Stars of the Week ☆☆☆☆

Reception Key Stage 1

Gunash, Adam and Reggie in Reception

Kyle and Ameera in Year 1

Patrik, Zainab and Zuhair in Year 2

Lower Key Stage 2

Tian, Jhoan and Rudy in Year 3

Mairah, Hussain and Eliza in Year 4

Upper Key Stage 2

Alex, Akira and Kashfi in Year 5

Kevin, Lola and Fatima in Year 6

Attendance Stars

Einstein Class in EYFS and Key Stage 1 with 98.9%

Edison Class in Lower Key Stage 2 with 93.3%

Helen Keller Class in Upper Key Stage 2 with 96.3%

Whole School Attendance is 92.4%

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 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 - Christmas Dinner (lunch at school)

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

Friday 15th December - PSA's Winter Warmer after school in the MUGA

Raffle tickets can be purchased by clicking on the image below and using the 'raffall.com' website.





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

Monday 11th	Y1 & Y3 Parents/carers arrive at 2:45pm at the main office Collect children for home time straight after the performance
Tuesday 12th	Reception Parents/carers to drop children off as normal (8:55-9:10am) and then will be shown up to the hall Nursery AM & all day - parents/carers to drop children off as normal at 8:30am and then will be shown through to the drama studio PM & all day - arrive at 2:55pm at the Early Years entrance <i>(Parents/carers of all day nursery children can choose whether they want to watch the morning or afternoon performance).</i>
Monday 18th	Live streamed (parents/carers to watch online) Winter Showcase (Nursery, Reception, Y1 & Y2 9:15-10:00) Winter Showcase (Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 2:10-3:00)
Tuesday 19th	Y4 & Y5 & Y6 Parents/carers arrive at 2:30pm at the main office Collect children for hometime straight after the performance

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 Murphy



What is your role in school?

Year 3 Teacher

Where would we find you at school?

Da Vinci classroom

Where did you grow up?

In the most wonderful city in the world - Dublin

What was your first job?

Answering the phones in a Chinese take away restaurant.

What did you want to be when you were younger?

I wanted to be a lot of things: a make-up artist, a dancer, a scientist and an engineer.

What would your superpower be and why?

Kindness - no matter how people treat you or how you are feeling you should always be kind. As my mother always says 'It's nice to be important, but it's more important to be nice'

What is the book you read most recently?

Neurotribes - it's about all the amazing people with Autistic Spectrum Disorder that changed the world for the best.

Tell us something about you that we may not know.

I used to work in the music industry before becoming a teacher and worked with a lot of famous U.K rappers!

Your most embarrassing moment:

I was late to see a movie at the cinema. I bought myself the biggest box of popcorn I could and went into the screening. The cinema was full of people and as I walked up to my seat I tripped on a step and fell over; at the same time I hurled my popcorn across the room and covered everyone in it! Ooops.

What's your favourite...

Ice-cream flavour? Honeycomb

Food? Mexican!

Park Primary memory?

My Year 4s' (now in Year 6) performance of Matilda. You all made us so proud.

Why are you proud to work at Park?

It has the most wonderful community feel; I can't seem to stay away! I'm proud to work in such a supportive and caring environment, for both the children and the staff.

Curriculum Area

Year 1 and 2 at Panto

Year 1 and 2 had a fantastic time watching 'Peter Pan' at Kenneth Moore Theatre, made even more magical by the fact that we saw our very own Barney and Jeremiah starring in the show. As always, thank you to all the parents and staff without whom these visits would not be possible. On top of this, a huge thank you to the PSA who raised money and paid for half of the visit.





Sponsored Walk for Save the Children

We have started our sponsored walks for the charity Save the Children. Below are some photos from the walks/ runs that already took place this week. More to come next week!

Please don't forget that we will be shaking buckets in the playground on Friday 15th December.



Candlelight Concert

This morning, Year 5 and 6 children had a chance to showcase their guitar playing skills and the Park in the Dark choir shared one of their songs with parents and carers who were able to join us.

Thank you very much for coming in this morning and giving the children an audience. They really appreciate it!



Save the Children - collection for charity

Next Week, Park Primary will be continuing to raise 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

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

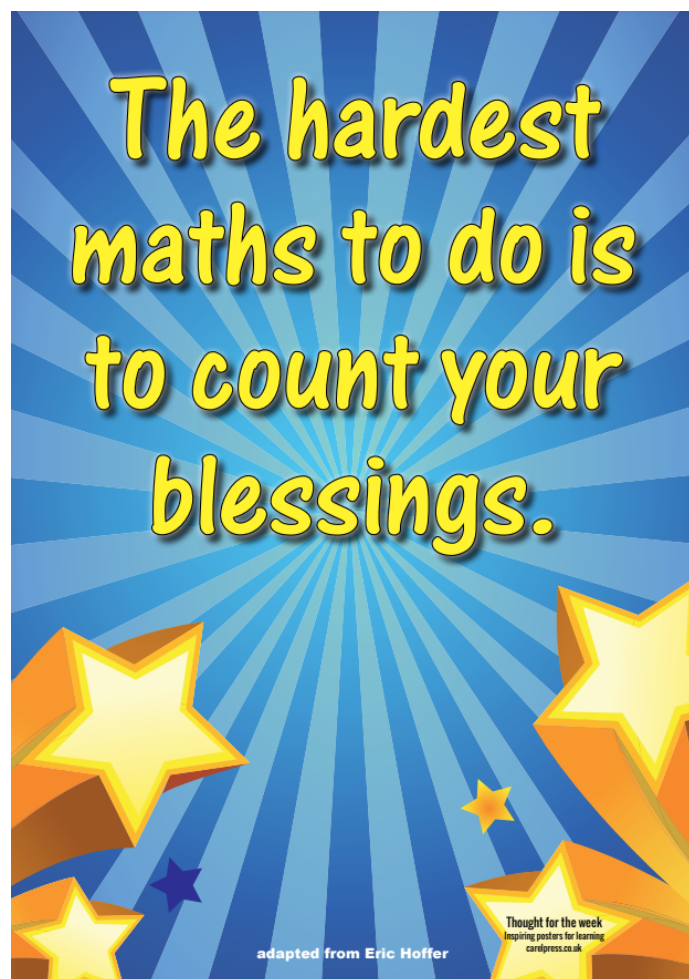
Birch 145		Sycamore 190	
Maple 210		Oak 135	

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

Music theme
of the week

This week around the school, we have listened to music from winners of the television show The X Factor, the finals of which took place in December from 2004 to 2018.



Current Affairs



[Primary Picture News Resource England - 11th December - Litter Picking](#)

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.

<div> YOUR MENU @ </div> <div> PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL </div>					
Autumn - Winter 2023/24					
WEEK 1	Meat Free Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
First Choice	Jacket Potatoes with Various Fillings	Lamb & Lasagne served with Garlic Bread	Roast Chicken & Stuffing served with Roast Potatoes	Shepherd's Pie	Fish Fingers with Chips
Second Choice	Veggie Frankfurter Hot Dog with Jacket Wedges	Lamb Tikka Masala served with Rice	BBQ Chicken in a Tortilla Wrap served with Coleslaw	Fish Pie	Veggie Quesadilla with Chips
Vegetarian Choice	Vegetarian Pasta & Mixed Bean Bake	Veggie Chilli with Rice & Tortilla	Cheese & Leek Pie served with Roast Potatoes	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Veggie Dippers with Chips
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	Banana Slice (egg free)	Cinnamon Rice Pudding	Apple Crumble with Custard	Fruit & Jelly with Ice Cream
Daily Options					
Salad Bar / Freshly Baked Bread / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt					
WEEK 1 30 OCT, 20 NOV, 11 DEC, 1 JAN, 22 JAN, 10 FEB, 11 MAR					
MEAT SERVED AT THIS SCHOOL IS HALAL & non HALAL KEY: (V) - Vegetarian (P) - Plant Based (S) - Sugar Smart (ND) - New Dish (F) - In association with Forest Green Rovers					
DINEin AND DISCOVER					

Omega Sportz Winter Activity Camp at Park Primary School



Omega Sportz
Winter Activity Camp
@ Park Primary School
Mathews Park Avenue
E15 4AE



Arts & Crafts

Winter Fun for Children
Aged 5-12

Hot lunch Included



Animal Workshops

Bouncy Castle

Science Experiments

Dance

Ball Sports

Free half-day spaces

for kids who qualify for Free School

Meals: [Book Here](#)

[Book Here for paid spaces](#)

Team Games

And sooo MUCH MORE!!!



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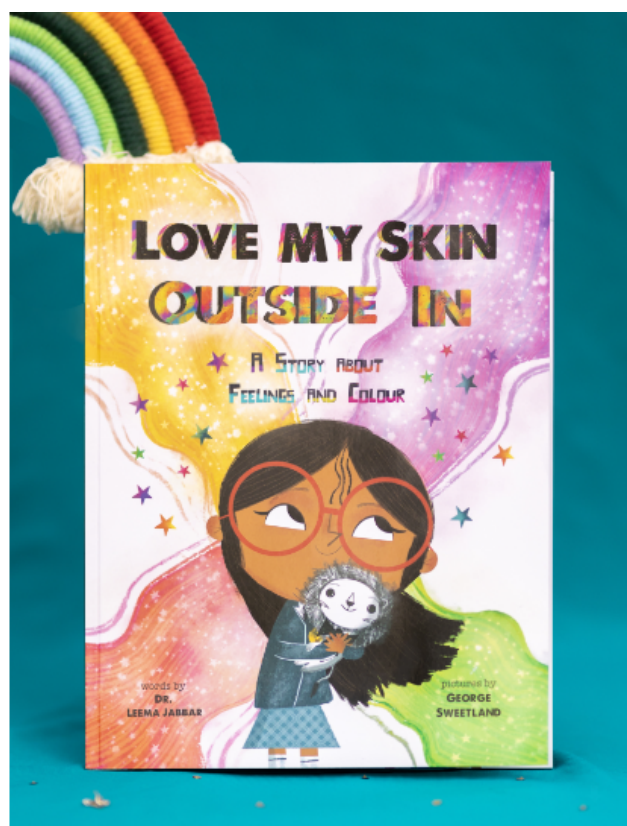
Author Visit

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 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.

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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Christmas at St Matthew's Church



CHRISTMAS

AT CROSSWAY & ST MATTHEW'S



This festive season, join us at Crossway Stratford as we celebrate Christmas together and reflect upon its true meaning...

... there's lots going on for all to enjoy!

Festive refreshments will be served at all meetings.

ST MATTHEW'S
38 Dyson Road, E15 4JX

SCHOOL 21
Pitchford Street, E15 4RZ

Sunday 17th December

10am Morning Carols

With Kids' Christmas Special

5.30pm Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 17th December

10.45am Morning Carols

With Kids' Christmas Special

Saturday 23rd December

4pm Kids' Interactive Nativity
Come along in costume from 3.30pm for Christmas activities!

No more December meetings

The 10.45am meeting at
School 21 is back on
Sunday 7th January

Christmas Eve

10am All Age Carols

Christmas Day

10am All Age Christmas Service



Visit crosswaystratford.org for more info

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.



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!