

PARK NEWSLETTER



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

19th December 2023

Need to Know

Mrs Ttoffali's Weekly Update

To Park Primary's Community



So the last seven days have seen shows and songs and poems galore and we are all just about ready to drop! The children have been incredible as always and I am sure you will join me in my expression of extreme gratitude to all of Park's staff who give over and beyond anything that could be reasonably expected in order to ensure the children are happy, safe and learning every day. It is my absolute pleasure to be part of such a team.

To cap off our last 7 days, we had a surprise visit this morning from the man himself, **Father Christmas**! He was very generous, giving a book to each and every child - thank you Father Christmas and happy reading everyone. Thank you too to Santa's little helper; you were very much appreciated.



Speak to us: I don't want to alter the tone, but please may I make a request? Please, if you are unhappy or unsure about anything that is happening at Park, please avoid unproductive conversations on group chats and please talk to us about it. If we need to explain something to you or action something you are unhappy with, we are in a position to make the change if necessary to do so. Talking amongst yourselves will not action change or remedy the situation, whereas speaking to us, hopefully will.

Staff update: Ms Akhtar, who has been covering art on CAT day for the last few weeks (not the Aldrin Class teacher), will be leaving us and we thank her for her short service. Ms Rawle will be taking up her post as our Art CAT teacher in January. Ms Murphy is returning to Park in the new year to take Da Vinci Class. Please may I take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to both Ms Rawle and Mr Tull who have admirably, kindly and brilliantly been co-teachers for Da Vinci this term. The children have thrived under your care. Thank you for being so flexible and incredible.

As it's the season of goodwill, it's right that today I mention the **incredible generosity** of our Park family over the course of this term. We have been collecting for Save the Children over the last few days but, earlier in the term, we raised an incredible amount of money for The Give a Duck Foundation (a charity nominated by one of our pupils who is currently fighting lymphoma). We ran and we walked and we raised an incredible £4700. On Friday, Sir Stephen Timms MP attended Park to accept a cheque on behalf of the Give a Duck Foundation. Ryan in Y3 single handedly raised £425.00 which is an incredible achievement. Well done Ryan. When this amount is added into our previous total, we achieve over £5000 which is quite phenomenal.



On the note of giving generously please may I flag up again that it is now possible to make financial donations to the school and its food bank via bank transfer. This can be done simply:

Bank Account Name : London Borough of Newham - Park School

Sort Code: 30 00 02

Account number: 01524815

It is also possible to, should you be in a position to, establish a direct debit. *Please, for any donation, cite your intention for the money(eg food bank).*

About me: just a brief update, I have received scan results today and I need to receive another round of intense chemotherapy. My treatment will start on Thursday 21st Dec and will be an 8 week course. I am

hoping that this chemo will not adversely affect me too much and that I will be able to carry on as I have been. Watch this space for my updates and thank you to everyone who has been so kind and caring over the course of this, pretty awful, year. Thank you.



And to finish, apparently Santa's sacks and sleigh can only hold a limited amount of 'stuff'! At some point, even Santa has to stop, rest, re-energise, refuel and refill otherwise he finds that there is no more to give to those who are dependent upon him. How can he fill the stockings of others when his sleigh is empty? Forgive my analogy but this applies to us all. How will you refill your 'sacks and sleigh' over the holiday period? (that is assuming that you all do receive a break of sorts. Whatever and however you do, to the children, staff and community of Park Primary, I wish you all the very best over the winter break. Please make sure you pack the days with 'stuff' that brings you joy! Warmest regards, Natasha Ttofalli x

[Your weekly news, We are Newham](#) 9/12/23

[You weekly news, We are Newham](#) 16/12/23

Don't forget Dr Bike: **Free Dr. Bike Session at The Gate Library**

Date: Wednesday 20th December **Time:** 13:00 -16:00

Christmas Special - 'Elf Assembling Bicycles'



Have you bought a child a bicycle for Christmas? Bring it to Dr. Bike for a safety check before the

big day. Does it need to be assembled? Our professional mechanics can assemble it for you, free of charge.

☆☆☆☆ Stars of the Term ☆☆☆

Nursery: Muhammed Shaafi, Mayra and Rosa

Reception: Maddox, Inaaya, Zane, Amaya, Hugo and Emil

Year 1: Jahir, Tahiyah, Oscar, Zainab, Maya and Nina

Year 2: Ahmed, Liv, Adyan, Emilia, Marcel and Tafida

Year 3: Muhammad Shahraan, Maya, Malika, Mahrez, Ismail and Aria

Year 4: Liyaanah, Khadija, Naziha, Muhammed, Safwan and Nailah

Year 5: Alda, Usman, Ahmad, Aarya, Emilis and Sami

Year 6: Yasin, Mahmud, Franks, Aisha, Deana and Oliwier

Attendance Stars

Einstein Class in EYFS and Key Stage 1 with 95%

Galileo Class in Lower Key Stage 2 with 96.1%

Helen Keller Class in Upper Key Stage 2 with 96.3%

Whole School Attendance is 91.5%

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



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

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

Wednesday 10th January 2024 - New Prospective Reception Parent Tour (Open Evening)

Monday 15th January - Reception Sharing Our Reading (9am)

Monday 15th January - Fire Brigade in school for Year 2

Tuesday 16th January - Fire Brigade in school for Year 5

Tuesday 16th January - Year 7 Reunion (3:45-5:15pm)

Thursday 18th January - Reception Sharing Our Reading (9am)

Friday 19th January - Reception Sharing Our Reading (9am)

Monday 22nd January - Year 6 Junior Citizens

Wednesday 24th January - Year 6 Pantomime Visit (Peacock Theatre in the evening)

Wednesday 31st January - Seacole and MacArthur Classes Library Visit

Wednesday 31st January - Year 5 at Stratford Theatre
Thursday 1st February - Jemison Class Library Visit

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... Mrs Atlas

What is your role in school?

SEND Learning Support Assistant

Where would we find you at school?

Brunel classroom

Where did you grow up?

Forest Gate

What was your first job?

GP Receptionist

What did you want to be when you were younger?

I wanted to be a fashion designer.

What would your superpower be and why?

Time travel, so that I could go back and meet my ancestors.

What do you like to be when you're not at Park?

I love to travel and see new places.

What is your favourite children's book?

Oliver Jeffers - Here We Are: Notes for Living on Planet Earth

What's your favourite...

Ice-cream flavour? Strawberry cheesecake

Food? Meatball tagine

Quote? Allow yourself to be a beginner.

No one starts off being excellent. Wendy Flynn

Why are you proud to work at Park?

I am proud to work at Park as I get to work with an amazing team, as well as your incredible children.

Curriculum Area

Year 2 Production of Madagascar

Last week Year 2 performed their rendition of Madagascar to their parents and carers, as well as audiences across the school. Well done everyone! You worked very hard to learn all your lines and songs, and have made us all very proud. Thank you to all of the staff involved in putting the production together, especially to Mr Tull, Ms Chadrarajah, Mrs Lennon, Ms Hurst, Ms Williams, Ms Nath and Ms McAnenny.



Star of the Term Assemblies

Over the last few days we hosted our Star of the Term Assemblies. Well done to all the stars; you all deserved your recognition!



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 in the Autumn Term. The winning house will decide on the charity they want to donate £50 to.

Well done to **Birch**! You have the highest total for the term and, therefore will get the chance to choose a charity to donate the money to.

Birch 3,370 	Sycamore 2,895 
Maple 2,985 	Oak 3,025 

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 - 18th December - Decorations](#)

Additional Information

A Few Things from the Medical Team: 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.

Water Bottles

Even though the weather is colder, the children still need to stay hydrated so please send your child into school with a water bottle that is clearly labelled with their name.

Medicines in School

Please do not place medicines in your child's school bag. All medicines need to be brought to the school office and a consent form needs to be filled in.

Medical Conditions

Please let the school know of any medical conditions that the school is not already aware of. Please could we also ask that school are informed of any changes, for example change in medication or changes following a medical appointment.

Thank you,
Ms Khan
School Medical Officer

Omega Sportz Winter Activity Camp at Park Primary School

OMEGA SPORTZ

Newham London

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

Dance

Ball Sports

Science Experiments

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!!!

Ofsted Registered

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Christmas at St Matthew's Church



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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

Huge thanks to our PSA Team

This term the PSA fundraising with 2 x Bake Sales and raffle have raised £758!

With your help, we've managed to contribute:

- £500 to reduce the cost of yr 6 leaver hoodies
- £250 learning through play equipment for years 1&2
- £1000 towards theatre tickets for Year 1&2
- £955 on books to ensure every child gets book from Santa

Thank you to everyone who's helped with the fundraising events! If you have any suggestions for next term please let us know!

PSA team

January - March Activities Calendar

STRATFORD AND WEST HAM CHILDREN'S CENTRE
ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

**FREE ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN
UNDER THE AGE OF FIVE**

Call us on: 0208 534 3136 Option 4
Rebecca Cheetham Children's Centre, Marcan Street, Stratford, E15 3JT
Visit our website: rebeccacheetham.newham.sch.uk

Forging forces to give children
The Best
Start in Life

You are welcome to
Signpost at Rebecca
Cheetham Children's
Centre & Abbey Lane
Children's Centre

Breakfast Club Vacancy

We have an exciting opportunity to join our Wraparound Care team next term. Please click on the link to view the WAC worker [advert](#).

