

PARK NEWSLETTER



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

23rd February 2024

Need to Know

Weekly Update from Ms Broadhurst

To Park Primary's Community,

It is lovely to be back for the second half of our spring term even if the weather is disagreeing with us on the word 'spring'.



Thank you to Galileo for your brilliant sharing assembly this afternoon. We had an incredible turn out of parents and carers so thank you to all who were able to come along to watch.

This week we have had the Fire Brigade visiting Year 2 and Year 5 to discuss fire safety in the home. If you would like to talk to your children about fire safety and safety plans at home then the [London Fire Brigade education page](#) is a great place to start.



Next week is Children's Mental Health Week here at Park with the theme 'your voice matters'. The children will be taking part in 'show and tell' across the week and are encouraged to bring

something from home to talk about. Please do not bring in anything precious or that the children or you would feel uncomfortable about bringing to school but just something that they are happy to talk about. Simply sharing something we are proud of can help us celebrate ourselves and each other.

Dress to express yourself on Friday - children can come to school wearing something that tells us about them. It could be a football kit, a hobby, a cultural or traditional outfit, or any clothes that make them feel happy.

Information for parents about how to support your child's mental health and wellbeing can be found on the [school website](#).

A couple of announcements:

- The PSA made £251 from last half term's bake sale. Thank you very much for all your contributions; the school will make good use of that money!
- Please see [the letter](#) that was sent out to everyone explaining Park's approach to communication. As always, if you have questions relating to this matter, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Clare Broadhurst

☆☆☆☆ Stars of the Week ☆☆☆☆

Reception Key Stage 1

Paul, Siham and Rajveer in Reception
Ezra, Liyanah and Rawfiyyah in Year 1
Aamina, Fatima and Yusuf in Year 2

Lower Key Stage 2

Yaqub, Josh and Christopher in Year 3
Zakariya, Arjun and Ava-Rose in Year 4

Upper Key Stage 2

Aidan, Manpreet and Andrei in Year 5
Tyrone, Tazmin and Reda in Year 6

Attendance Stars

Attenborough in EYFS and Key Stage 1 with 99.2%

Edison Class in Lower Key Stage 2 with 98.2%

Helen Keller Class in Upper Key Stage 2 with 96.8%

Whole School Attendance is 93.5%

Updating Information

Reminder: If you move address or change your contact number, please speak to someone at the school office to update information.

Thank you

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



Dates for the Diary

[2023-2024 Term Dates](#)



Monday 26th February - Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils at St Angela's (dance performance)

Wednesday 28th February - Helen Keller Coby Dock visit

Friday 1st March - Year 2 Cricket

Friday 1st March - Marco Polo and Attenborough at Maritime Museum

Monday 4th March - Friday 8th March - DT Week

Monday 4th March - Year 2 at St Paul's Cathedral

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day

Thursday 7th March - Tuesday 12th March - Book Fair

Thursday 7th March - Reception Sharing our Learning

Friday 8th March - Reception Sharing our Learning

Thursday 14th and Friday 15th March - Year 4

Stratford Easter Experience 2024

Friday 15th March - Red Nose Day

Friday 15th March - Aldrin Class at Maritime Museum

Friday 15th March - KS1/KS2 Gymnastics Festival

Monday 18th - Friday 22nd March - Year 5 Bikeability

Monday 18th - Friday 22nd March - Year 1 Sharing our Reading

Wednesday 20th March - Year 2 London Walk Trip

Thursday 28th March - Last day of Term

Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April - Spring Break

Tuesday 30th April - Year 4 Production

Sharing Assemblies

Please see the dates and classes for Sharing assemblies for this and next half 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 1st March		Rosa Parks
Friday 8th March	Marie Curie	Brunel
Friday 15th March	Pasteur	Da Vinci
Friday 22nd March	Marco Polo	Malala
Spring Holiday Break		

Park's Pantry



Park Primary School has introduced Park's Pantry (previously the food bank). Parents/guardians are now able to access our Pantry from Monday to Friday between 9-10am. Please note that the pantry can only be used once a week. Please email our confidential email address pastoral@park.newham.sch.uk if you would like a more discreet collection.

Instead of Getting to know...

This week we have a very important message from Ms Cook!



Hi Park Primary community,

I have some news to tell you all - after 14 years of working here, I have made the decision that it is the right time for me to leave at the end of this half term and take on new challenges elsewhere. I will be moving to Gloucester, which is where all my family live, and I will be taking a break from working in education to try my hand at something else. I haven't decided what that 'something else' will be yet, so I plan to take a couple of months out to see what else is out there that I'd like to try. I started off here at Park as a student teacher on my final teaching placement from university and have never left! I have absolutely loved working here, which is the reason I have stayed for so long and it is the reason why this decision was such a difficult one to make. Park Primary is an extremely special place and that is down to all the amazing staff, children and parents/carers that make it feel like one very large extended family! I will miss you all.

Thanks for helping to make the last 14 years ones I will treasure forever.

Ms Cook
Head of Lower School

Curriculum Area

Fire Brigade in school for Year 2 and Year 5

Year 2 and Year 5 had a visit from Sandra, who works as an Education Officer for the London Fire Brigade. She spoke to children about how to keep their homes and themselves safe. It was great to see how much the children learned from the session.



We have also been asked to share this information with you:

By clicking on this link, you will be able to access a Home Fire Safety Checker:

<https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/safety/the-home/home-fire-safety/home-fire-safety-checker-hfsc/>

If the result recommends that a Home Fire Safety Visit is required, the service is booked by the parents/carers to their home and will be carried out either by Firefighters from the closest local fire station or by Community Safety Officers from London Fire Brigade. They will provide fire safety advice to the adults and children in the home and fit smoke alarms where needed. The visits and smoke alarms are completely free of charge.

Year 5 at Cody Dock

This week a couple of the Year 5 classes visited Cody Dock. They did a wildlife search and learned about the River Lea and the importance of waterways.



KS2 Pupils at a Junior RE Matters Conference

This week some of our KS2 pupils attended a Junior RE Matters Conference where they were found to be really good at expressing their opinions and ideas!



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 330 	Sycamore 305 
Maple 335 	Oak 325 

Parent Volunteers

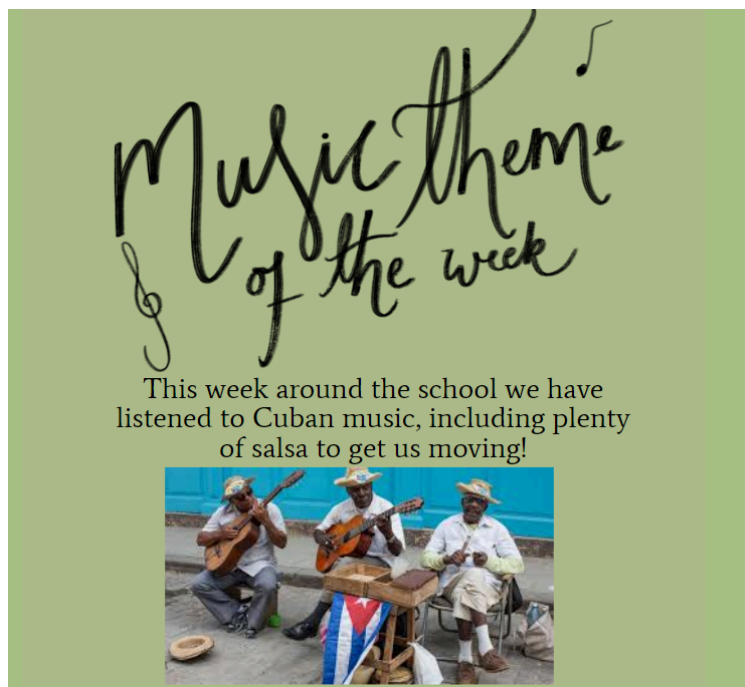
If you are interested in volunteering at Park, then please complete this [Google Form](#).

This week...

Thought for the Week



Music of the Week



Current Affairs



[Primary Picture News Resource England - 26th February - Farmer Protests](#)

British Values



Democracy

As part of a democracy, we have the right to protest. It is one of the ways a group of people can show when they strongly agree or disagree with something and have their voices heard.

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UN Rights of a Child



We have the right to share freely with others what we learn, think and feel. We can do this by talking, writing, drawing or any other way unless it harms other people.



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 2

Most Free Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

First Choice

Oriental Quorn & Vegetable Stir Fry with Egg Noodles **V**

Mixed Bean Wrap

Roast Chicken & Yorkshire Pudding with Roast Potatoes

Greek Style Souvlaki Chicken with Rice

Fish Fingers with Jacket Wedges

Second Choice

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans **V**

Chicken Sausages with Mashed Potatoes

Spinach & Feta Whirl served with Roast Potatoes **V**

Ratatouille Ravioli

Tandoori Chicken in Naan with Salad

Vegetarian Choice

Thai Style Veggie Rice Bowl **P**

Cheese & Potato Pie **V**

Veggie Sausage & Yorkshire Pudding with Roast Potatoes **V**

Chickpea & Potato Curry with Rice **P**

Vegetarian Sausage Roll with Baked Jacket Wedges **P**

Vegetable Selection

Sweetcorn Fresh Broccoli

Fresh Carrots Green Beans

Seasonal Fresh Vegetables

Mixed Vegetables Sweetcorn

Garden Peas Baked Beans

Dessert of the Day

Raspberry Ice Cream Sponge Roll

Rice Pudding **S**

Pineapple Cheesecake **S**

Lemon & Courgette Cake with Custard **S**

Waffles with Fruit & Ice Cream

Daily Options

Salad Bar / Freshly Baked Bread / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt

WEEK 2

6 NOV, 27 NOV, 18 DEC, 9 JAN, 29 JAN, 20 FEB, 10 MAR

MEAT SERVED AT THIS SCHOOL IS HALAL & non HALAL

KEY: **V** - Vegetarian **P** - Plant Based **S** - Sugar Smart
ND - New Dish **G** - In association with Forest Green Rovers

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The Book Fair will be taking place on **Thursday 7th March, Friday 8th March, Monday 11th March and Tuesday 12th March.**

We are encouraging **cash payments** this year, but in extenuating circumstances there will be a QR code available. All children will be issued with a £1 book token voucher prior to the event. As it is open for 4 days, we suggest that people do not 'rush' to the fair on the first day as we envisage that it will be very busy. Thank you for your cooperation

World Book Day



World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March. To celebrate, we will be asking children to dress up. This is an effective way to encourage children, particularly reluctant readers, to engage with reading. It can also help children to express their personal reading choices and share reading recommendations. Children being dressed up also changes the learning environment to one which is more playful. We do not expect you to spend money on costumes, so we thought that half term could be the perfect time to start getting crafty in preparation! Here are some useful websites, with some ideas for costumes:

<https://www.madeformums.com/toddler-and-preschool/last-minute-easy-world-book-day-costumes/>

<https://www.busythings.co.uk/blog/easy-world-book-day-costume-ideas/>

Low Traffic Neighbourhood

West Ham Park Area Low Traffic Neighbourhood Jan-Feb 2024



We want to hear what you think

Exciting Opportunity: Junior Bake Off

We received an exciting email and were asked to circulate it. Please see below:

My name is Jake and I'm a Casting Researcher at Love Productions. We create shows like 'The Great British Bake Off' and 'The Piano'. Do you know of any young, budding bakers at your school?!

We are currently casting for the new series of the Channel 4 programme, Junior Bake Off! We were wondering if you could spread the word to students (9-12 years), staff and parents? It would be greatly appreciated! It would be fantastic to get someone from your school on the show 😊.

Filming would take place from July 2024, but our applications close on Sunday 17th March 2024.

Interested bakers can apply online at -

www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk

