



PARK HILL JUNIOR SCHOOL

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

We are almost at the end of the first half term! The children are getting on very well with their learning as teachers and support staff work very hard to secure and maintain the good learning that goes on at Park Hill Junior School. Our goal this year is to enable the children to use the word 'learning' rather than 'work', so your child will tell you that they hear staff saying 'get on with your learning, rather than 'get on with your work'. As we build their 'learning power' we are empowering them to have greater ownership of their learning. We need your help with this, when completing home learning with them.

Please share our Newsletters with your child. If possible, take the time to read it with them, or to them, so that they can discuss the contents with you.

Ann Pratt
Headteacher

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Voting has been completed at Park Hill Junior School! We now have our school councillors for the School Year 2018/19. Congratulations to you all!

School Councillor		Deputy	
Simone	Lois	Aarush	Kieran
May	Haresh	Skrikar	Plamena
Neha	Sulaiman	Aidan	Sarah
Aayah	Diya	Nivedya	O'shane
Manha	Daania	Kyra	Tyrelljordan
Arda	Shaan	Cem	Emily

The School Councillors will meet fortnightly to talk about how they can help to make their school an even better place for them and their peers to learn. They will discuss their activities with their class and take suggestions from their peers to the School Council meetings.

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

At Park Hill Juniors we value your input on ensuring your children are in school on time and every day

5 Minutes late each day means **3 days** lost per academic year

10 Minutes late each day means **6.5 days** lost per academic year

15 Minutes late each day means **10 days** lost per academic year

20 minutes late per day means **13 days** lost per academic year

30 minutes lost each day means **19 days** lost per academic year

Please give your child a good start to the day and the best opportunities for learning!

Congratulations to 3P who were the only class to have 100% attendance last week and 5A who had no late arrivals into class all week!

Class	%	No of late arrivals
3G	95.2	4
3P	100	1
3I	96.0	4
4L	98.2	5
4K	98.4	4
4M	94.0	1
5A	98.0	0
5G	98.1	7
5F	99.4	3
6H	94.7	4
6M	90.7	3
6E	91.6	5

HOUSE CAPTAINS & SPORTS CAPTAINS

Our House Captains are chosen by the teachers and Sports Captains are voted in to their role by their peers. Congratulations to you all! At Park Hill we have 4 Houses and there are two representatives from each house. House Captains have responsibilities for leading various initiatives and activities on behalf of their house. Sports captains are our sports leaders and they work with the PE Leader to ensure sport is enjoyed by all at Park Hill Junior school.

	House Captains	Sports Captains
Coleridge-Taylor	Turie-Nai & Divij	Rithiekaa & Srijan
Latham	Kegan & Jessica	Smriti & Filip
Flower	Maheli & Harman	Blossom & Onur
Johnson	Layla & King-Matan	Rohita & Athan

FREE SCHOOL MEALS: ARE YOU MISSING OUT? Every year we have a few children who are eligible for free school meals (FSM) miss out as an application has not been made. Hopefully you have completed a FSM form and are already in the process of finding out if you are eligible. You may not realise that this application needs to be made each academic year your child is in the school. This is particularly important for those children joining the school for the first time. If you qualify for FSM, then the school also qualifies to receive £1,320 additional funding to further enhance the learning experience of your child. For further information and the Croydon online application form visit: [https:// www.croydon.gov.uk/education/schools-new/free-school-meals](https://www.croydon.gov.uk/education/schools-new/free-school-meals) Alternatively, you are welcome to visit the School Office and complete a form with assistance from the staff

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

11th Oct - Y3 Reading & Writing
 Parents'/Carers' workshop 6.30-7.30pm
 15-19th Oct - Maths & Science week
 22nd – 26th Oct - Half Term
 2nd Nov - PHSA Fireworks
 7th Nov – Y2 Parents' Open Day
 8th Nov – Trust Training Day – School closed to pupils. Play Day places available.
 12th Nov – E-safety training for parents and carers 6.30-7.30pm
 6th Dec – Dress Rehearsals
 7th Dec – PHSA Christmas Fair
 10th Dec - Group A Christmas Concert 1.45pm
 11th Dec - Group B Christmas Concert 1.45pm
 13th Dec - Group A Christmas Concert 1.45pm
 14th Dec - Group B Christmas Concert 1.45pm
 18th Dec – Christmas lunch and hat making
 19th Dec – Christmas Disco 5.45 – 7pm
 20th Dec – Last day of term
 21st Dec - Trust Training Day – School closed to pupils. Play Day places available.

PHSA FIREWORKS

On Friday 2nd November 2018 the Park Hill School's Association will be hosting their Annual Fireworks Extravaganza on the school field. Tickets are already on sale in the playground after school.
Gates open at 6:15pm/ display starts 7.30pm
Tickets : £5 in advance & £7 at the gate

DROP-INS

The next Headteacher drop-in session will be on Thursday 18th October at 3.45pm in the school hall.
 All parents and carers are welcome to attend.

KEEPING YOUR CHILD SAFE FROM PREDATORS

On Monday 12th November we have an expert on Internet Safety visiting the school to run a parent/carers' information session. We would urge all parents/carers to attend if they can. Our experience is that all children are exposed to these dangers. Please note that this session is not suitable for children to attend.

MATHS & SCIENCE WEEK

This week you will have received a letter for our fun and exciting Maths and Science Week (beginning 15th October 2018) which is an annual tradition at Park Hill Junior School. The theme of the week is STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) and we hope it will enthuse children and generate a love of the sciences.

Throughout the week children will take part in a range of hands on and engaging Science and Maths activities and challenges. Also to really bring the subjects to life we are thrilled that three different companies will be joining us for the week – Martin Caddy who will host computing workshops, The Problem Solving Company who bring interesting maths challenges to the school and Dr Lea who will perform entertaining Science shows.

In order to continue with these exciting weeks we are asking for a contribution of £8.00 per family which can be paid via ParentPay.

There is also the opportunity for parents and carers to join in the fun on Monday or Wednesday after school. Information and slips are on the letter given to children.

HOLIDAY PLAY SCHEME & PLAY DAYS

When the school is closed for holidays we operate a holiday play scheme (except Christmas week) between 8am and 6pm. The day is split into sessions of 'free play,' 'structured activities' such as arts and crafts and sports sessions. Children who attend are required to bring a packed lunch. However, children who remain all day are offered a light snack after 4pm. Places are limited and allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

On staff training days the school operates Play Days where children from the Junior School can come to school from 9-3.30pm to play with their friends and participate in fun activities. Breakfast and After Schools club operate as normal on these days.

For further details, or to book a place, please contact Helen McCarthy on 07960610393

CONTACT DETAILS

From time to time we need to contact parents/carers in the case of an emergency.

Please ensure our school office have **two** up-to-date emergency contact numbers for your child.

PERIPATETIC MUSIC LESSONS

We have such an array of musical talent at Park Hill! We have pianists, violinists, guitarists, recorder players, keyboard players and brass players, all of whom are showing great commitment to their musical development and progress! Very well done to all those who have recently taken exams in piano, recorder, keyboard and violin. Preparing for a music exam takes dedication and courage and everyone should feel very proud of themselves!

Our congratulations to:

Adiah - Initial Keyboard Distinction
Amaya - Grade 1 Piano Merit
Ved - Grade 1 Piano Merit
Maheli - Grade 2 Recorder Pass
Siddard- Grade 1 Violin Distinction

Dhruv - Initial Keyboard Distinction
Tejaska - Grade 1 Piano Pass
Vaibhav - Grade 2 Recorder Pass
Adrita - Grade 2 Piano Merit
Arush- Grade 2 Violin Distinction

Karan - Grade 2 Piano Merit
Smriti - Grade 2 Piano Merit
Sarah - Grade 2 Piano Merit

MUSIC LESSONS IN SCHOOL

If you would like your child to have music lessons at school on piano, keyboard, recorder, violin, guitar, trumpet, trombone, euphonium, saxophone, flute or clarinet, then please see the contact details below for the music teachers or contact Mrs Cooper via the school office for further information.

Piano, keyboard, recorder, saxophone: Mrs M.C Gordon middle_c@hotmail.co.uk 07805407234 & Miss O. Gordon semitone92@hotmail.co.uk 07527512189

Guitar: Mr J. Gibbard jimgibbard99@googlemail.com 07766 125638

Violin: Mrs J. Ansbergs - application via Croydon Music and Arts <https://www.croydonmusicandarts.co.uk/>

Brass: Mr R.Pywell - application via Croydon Music and Arts <https://www.croydonmusicandarts.co.uk/>

Flute and clarinet: Application via Croydon Music and Arts <https://www.croydonmusicandarts.co.uk/>

As at the beginning of every school year, we would like to share our school Behaviour policy, Parents/ Carers Code of conduct and the School Improvement Plan headlines, with you. These policies can be found on our school website here: <http://www.phjs.co.uk/our-school/policies/> Below, you will find the School Improvement Plan headlines.

Park Hill Junior School – Priorities for 2018/19

HEADLINES 'AT PHJS CHILDREN TAKE OWNERSHIP OF THEIR LEARNING'

Achievement-Progress and Attainment

1. To improve **writing outcomes** for all pupils using strong cross curricular links between subjects.
2. To further enhance current provision for children with SEND and support for teachers and other adults working with SEND children, so **better progress**.

Teaching and Learning

1. Drive **accelerated progress** for disadvantaged children in all subject areas through enhancing current pastoral provision and improving the way we evaluate/measure impact of PP spend.
2. Enhance **current provision for EAL children** with 'early beginner language/no recourse to public funds' and support for teachers and other adults working with this group of children.
3. Improve the **learning environment** so fun, interactive and meaningful for learning.

Behaviour for Learning & Safety

Building project will reduce playground space – To manage behaviour and safety within the confined space.

Leadership and Management

1. To further develop **collaboration with other schools** in Folio, with the LAB and parents in order to develop stronger links and learning opportunities for staff and children and better engagement with our parental community.
2. **Subject leaders** to produce an action Plan which reflects progress in the **skills and outcomes for pupils** in their subject areas.

Black and Asian History Month Activities

We have had an assembly with the children, celebrating some black and Asian icons.

We have also planned for the children to study different Black and Asian artists' work.

- Year 3 – Frank Bowling, a Guyana Born British artist, whose art work involves abstract expressionism and colour filled painting.
- Year 4 – Faith Ringgold – born in Harlem, New York; her work focuses around social justice, fighting and telling stories of African-American individuals and communities
- Year 5 – Alma Thomas – born in Columbia – her signature style is large abstract paintings filled with dense irregular patterns of bright colours
- Year 6 – Yayoi Kusama – an Asian artist, known as the princess of polka dots and known for bringing the rooms alive using different mediums for her art work

You would have guessed by now it's all about patterns! We know the children will have fun with their research and art work.