



PARK HILL JUNIOR SCHOOL

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RESPECTFUL - KIND - RESILIENT - RIGOROUS - ASPIRATIONAL



4th February 2019

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

We are well on the way into the first half of spring term and we are pleased with the way the children have settled into their learning! We are always proud of them.

They continue to come up with initiatives, continue to cultivate their learning by making good use of the 5Rs. Last week they were very resilient through the changes made because of the snowy weather conditions.

We raised our 'House flags' on the Local Advisory Board day and it was fantastic to see the excitement in the children's faces for the acknowledgement of points they have achieved for doing outstanding learning!

Well done to all for a good start to the term!

Ann Pratt
Headteacher

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 6E who had the highest attendance percentage last week.

Congratulations also to 4L with no lates!

Last week saw the lowest attendance figures since September, mainly due to the number of illnesses!

Class	%	No of late arrivals
3G	94.7	3
3P	94.2	1
3I	89.7	2
4L	92.3	0
4K	88.4	2
4M	92.7	2
5A	92.3	2
5G	96.5	1
5F	95.2	1
6H	95.9	1
6M	90.7	3
6E	97.5	2

Children's initiatives so far....

**Two year 6 pupils, Inga and Zahra are proposing to start a bookshop selling books that other children have read. They are asking for book donations from their peers so they can sell them and raise funds for the school and different charities.

**Two year 6 girls are starting a 'Newsround Project' that would be embedded into the school's website, showing their learning within school.

**Having initiated a collection for Red Nose day, last November, the school council are already thinking about their next fund raising activity, which you will know about in due course.

House Points:

Johnson house was first at the raising of the flag ceremony last term with total points of **2,649**, closely followed by **Latham** with **2615** points. So far this term **Coleridge-Taylor** are in the lead!

Our Writing Laureates and Aspirational readers are proudly wearing their purple ties and medals!

This term...

Writing Laureates:

Y3 – Krish, Sheena, Aahana
Y4 – Isobel, Niveyda, Tanishka
Y5 – Heresh, Shruthi, Daya,
Y6 – Daania, Nishika, King Matan

Aspirational Readers:

Y3 - Aidan, Anu, Finley
Y4 – Ranyah, Dhruv, Erykah
Y5 – Sarah, Jermaine, Nathan
Y6 – Maya, Smriti, Inga

A Donor surprises Park Hill Junior School!

A huge Thank You to Mr Aly Janmohamed of Feature Consultancy Limited for his kind donation to PHJS of £6000 towards the purchase of IT equipment. Thank you too to our LAB member for sourcing out the donation – Mr Shiraz Kabani .

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

5th Feb: Safer Internet Day
 5th Feb: 4L trip to Wisley
 12th Feb: 4K trip to RHS Wisley
 15th Feb: British Values Day
 18th-22nd Feb: Half Term break
 7th March: SATs Information Meeting for Year 6 Parents and carers
 11th March: Croydon Schools Dance Festival
 1st – 5th April: Book Week
 1st April: Pantomime Visit
 1st April: Croydon Schools' Music Concert
 4th April: Bedtime Stories 5.30-6.30pm
 5th April – Last Day of Term
 8th – 22nd April: Easter Break
 23rd April: Children return to school
 26th April – Spring Music Concert
 Week beginning 29th April – Parents Surveys
 1st May & 2nd May – Parent Consultations
 6th May – Bank Holiday
 8th May – Y5 Parents meeting re: Belchamps
 13th May – SATS Week
 15th May – Y4 Parents meeting re: Downe
 27th May – 31st May – Half Term
 6th June – Curriculum Showcase
 12th – 14th June – Y4 Downe trip
 17th – 20th June – Y5 Belchamps Trip
 21st& 24th June – TRUST Training Days
 28th June – Multicultural Day
 3rd July – Sports Day

*** Please note that some dates may vary slightly but we will give you ample notice before events go ahead. Thank you.*

DROP-INS

The next Headteacher drop-in session will be on **Thursday 14th February between 3:45 & 4:30pm.** All parents and carers are welcome to attend.

School Fund

Thank you to all parents who have kindly donated into our school fund! So far, we have raised **£871!** Your donation will help make a difference to your child's learning. Once again, thank you and together we will continue to ensure our children enjoy their learning experience at Park Hill Junior School!

Parents Survey

Thank you to all parents who took time out to fill in the survey we sent out towards the end of the autumn term. Though we were expecting more responses, we are looking into the timing of our surveys to give all parents and carers better access to them. Last term's surveys were to be completed on line only. However, giving parents the option of filling them on the school site will hopefully, get more parents involved. We are pleased to say that we had very positive answers from the ones we received and some areas we will need to review. Strong areas include:

Over 90% of parents feel their child/ren are happy at school, feel safe at school, well looked after and above all 91% will recommend this school to another parent.

Areas we need to explore further include: Questions around if homework is pitched appropriately, how the school deals with bullying and knowing progress of their children. The survey was done before the first parents' consultation meetings. Therefore, it will be something to think about with regards to the timing.

Thank you if you took part in the survey, we hope that if you did not this time round, you will be able to do so at the next survey in the summer term.



Staff Fund Raising

Claire, our School Business Manager will be running the London Marathon this year in aid of a charity called 'Contact' working with families for disabled children.

She is asking for your kind donations. Please see the link:

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-portal/fundraiserPage?pageId=1007437>

THE BOOK FAIR IS COMING!

'WET/INDOOR PLAY' ACTIVITIES DONATIONS

If you have any suitable board games or activities that your child/ren no longer use or need, please let us know and they will be gratefully received for the child/ren's classroom or year group at 'wet/indoor play' break times.

Thank you

Paula – Home/School Link Worker



Car Parking and congestion around the school:

We have had reports from people in the neighbouring houses that their driveways are being blocked. Please do not block driveways when dropping off.

Also stopping inappropriately causes a lot of traffic congestion therefore if you live close to the school, please consider walking to school with your 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.

Park Hill Junior victorious over St Peter's



On Thursday 24th January 2019, Park Hill Junior schools thrashed St Peters school as they tussled it out during a thrilling netball match. The score ended 10 -2. The entire team performed well, in particular the defence, which comprised of Amore and Turie-Naii. They did a good job at blocking and denying St Peter's team to score. Their defensive play worked to our advantage as the mid- fielders endeavoured to collect and pass the ball to our shooters Layla and Maheli who also maximised every pass that came into our quarter into a goal. We were buzzing with euphoria as twice in a row, we have outperformed St Peter's netball team. Well done PHJS.

By Daania Abuthaheer (6M)

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/>

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.