



MARCH 2024

A message from our Headteacher, Mrs Pratt...

As we finish the term, we see the days lengthening and the sunshine putting a little more spring in people's steps; the increase in optimism is clear and welcomed.

We have had a short but very inspiring half term with so many lovely activities that the children have enjoyed taking part in. Their learning has also blossomed - Well done children! For that we want to thank you parents and carers for getting your children into school and for travelling with us to so many out of school activities. We couldn't have done this without you - thank you.

As we return to school for the last term in your child's school year, a reminder about our priority - **attendance** and **punctuality**. As you know, improving attendance remains very important to our school and we would like you to work with us on this.

Lateness makes a child very unsettled in school and sometimes this lasts a whole day without deep learning for progress.

Not **attending** school for just a day creates significant gaps in your child's knowledge acquisition.

Please consider these things when making decisions about holidays and getting your children to school on time.

More importantly, note that term time holidays will **not** be approved.

Thank you for taking the time to read this message and I wish you all a restful break.

See you all back in school on **Monday 15th April!**

Ann Pratt

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to 3E with the highest attendance and to 3E with the lowest number of lates this term!

Group	% Attendance	Lates
3E	96.4%	6
3G	96.3%	28
3H	93.9%	50
4D	94.6%	52
4K	93.0%	33
4U	95.1%	32
5F	94.2%	27
5L	94.0%	41
5P	95.7%	40
6A	95.4%	49
6M	93.8%	45
6I	96.0%	33

Our Education Welfare Officer, Mrs Nicci Wayne, recently sent out a letter to parents and carers with regards to the increase in pupils taking unauthorised absences during term time.

To view the letter please click [here](#).

Please continue to work with us to improve attendance. We encourage all parents to rethink the implications this can have on your child's education and in secondary/further education settings should your child be offered a place.

A reminder, our school gates will be open at **8.40am** in the morning for you to come into school with your children. Staff will be outside to welcome your children.



Greenshaw Learning Trust Merger - 28/03/2024

You would have received an email today with an update on the Greenshaw Learning Trust & Folio Education Trust merger. If you missed it, the statement can be found on the Folio Education Trust website, [please click here](#).

A message from **CROYDON HEALTH SERVICES NHS TRUST:**

Calling all parents/caregivers in Croydon with children aged 0-12 years! UCL researchers want to hear your views on family wellbeing, health, and how children's physical growth is measured at school. They hope your views will help improve public services and future research. Click on the link to take part:



https://qualtrics.ucl.ac.uk/jfe/form/SV_ewzCZy5ivY3EeZE

New & Improved School Menu

We have now included the Carbon Footprint grading that each dish has.

'A' grade has a low carbon output, ranging to an 'E' grade that is classed as having a high carbon output. We are committed to providing our students with healthy, nutritionally balanced food, but also food that is sustainably produced by our in-house catering team.

78% of our menu has an 'A' grade carbon footprint.

20% of our menu has a 'B' grade carbon footprint.

2% of our menu has a 'C' grade carbon footprint.

With no dish having a 'D' or 'E' grade!

So as well as eating healthily, you can eat sustainably as well!

Links to our new menus are now available on our school website. To view these, please click [here](#). The menu will come into effect from Monday 15th April 2024.

LATE PICK UP

From the start of next term, Monday 19th February 2024, we will be reintroducing the late fee if your child is collected later than the end of the school day.



- The school day finishes at **3:30 pm** and children should be collected from the playground.
- Uncollected children will be taken to the office at **3.40pm** and a **£5 charge will be given**.
- In addition, if your child is collected anytime **after 3:45pm**, you will be charged an additional **£2 per minute**.

If you know in advance you won't be on time to collect your child(ren), please notify the office as soon as possible.

If you notify the office before 3pm, you will not be charged. Thank you.



The Croydon Family Hubs are a new way of bringing together all the support you may need as a family from pregnancy through to young people turning 19 years or 25 if they have a disability.

To view the March 2024 Family Fun Newsletter from the Croydon Family Hub, please click [here](#).

PARKING OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL

As you are aware Croydon Council introduced the Healthy School Street programme on Stanhope Road, which has been a success in reducing the traffic and footfall around the school.

Unfortunately, we have received several complaints from our surrounding neighbours with regards to our parents parking along the curbs and on the double yellow lines, especially on Chichester Road.

Please can we kindly ask for parents not to park vehicles in these prohibited areas or obstruct any neighbours drives. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

Please also refrain from sitting on the walls of the houses opposite the school on Stanhope Road. Thank you.





Monday 15th April

First day of term

Tuesday 16th April

Kingswood Parent Talk
(3.45-4.45pm)

Monday 22nd April

Swimming lessons (6M & 4K)

Thursday 25th April

RHSE Parent Workshop
(9.30-10.15am or 6-7pm)

Monday 6th May

May Bank Holiday - school is closed

Monday 13th to Friday 17th May

SATs Week for Year 6

Monday 20th May

Royal Institution Science in School - shows for the children during the day and a Community Show for families
(3.45-4.45pm)

Friday 24th May

WWII Workshop for Year 6 during the day

PIANO LESSONS

Our piano teacher, Mr Pratt, has some available spaces for lessons!

If you would like more information on lessons or would like to book a place for your child please contact him directly either via phone or email -

07958 311008

dechampstudio@icloud.com



DRUM LESSONS

Mr Oliver, our drum teacher, has some spaces for children to learn the drums. Please contact him on Mattoliver08@yahoo.co.uk if you would like further details.



ECO NEWS from Mrs Cooper...



Eco Dates for your diary:

Earth Day

Monday 22nd April - the theme is Planet vs Plastics.

Please show your support by not bringing single-use plastic to school.

Children will participate in short live online sessions on the theme of Nature Connection, Biodiversity or Community Action.

Great Big Green Week

8th-16th June - details of school activities will follow.

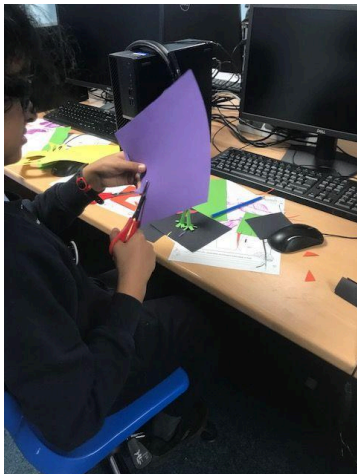
Park Hill Junior School Eco Fair

3.30pm Thursday 13th June - Eco Club members are busy creating goodies for you to buy, so that we can invest in eco projects in the school - further details will follow nearer the time.

Thank you to Mrs Stott for her creative ideas and energy in running the clubs!

Other News

Our Eco Leaders participated in a STEM workshop on Monday 18th March called Nature's Engineers. They looked at patterns in nature, made their own rubbings from natural materials and then used the patterns and shapes to create their own building designs. They did brilliantly!



SLiDe Dance Company Performance for Years 3 and 4

On Tuesday 26th March our Year 3 and 4 children were treated to a wonderful performance from SLiDE - a Croydon based dance company who are an inclusive community of dancers, musicians and creatives.

One of the dancers, Jack, has Down Syndrome and the origin of the piece was that Jack has danced with SLiDE for over 10 years. He loves pantomimes, Strictly Come Dancing and musicals like Singing in the Rain. SLiDE made this piece with Jack so they can celebrate all the things he loves.

It was joyous to watch and there was a lot of laughter and audience participation. Y3 children had an extra treat in seeing Mr Hassouna dancing and the Y4 children saw Mr Upchurch doing some great moves too!



Message from our Family Support Worker – Miss Colley

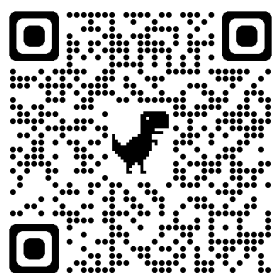
Croydon Healthy Homes

Croydon Healthy Homes is a free energy advice service for residents who are: Homeowners or renting privately, on low incomes or are more vulnerable to the effects of living in a cold home, for example families that have young children, older residents and residents with pre-existing medical conditions.

Information about all the regular Croydon Healthy Home drop-in sessions is available on www.croydon.gov.uk/energyevents

Legacy Youth Zone Croydon

[Legacy Youth Zone in Croydon](#) is a youth zone built by young people for young people! Young people can become a member here for just £5 a year and 50p per visit. For just 50p, young people have access to a range of different activities including performing arts, music room, recording studio, rock climbing, art room, fully equipped gym and so much more! **Legacy is open throughout the year.**



[Dove Parent resources](#) - Dove has amazing resources on their website for parents and carers. This covers a wide range of advice especially with skin care for children. The QR code below will direct you straight to the resources.

teacher shout- outs

Miss Parkhouse says...

We have had a busy few weeks of Music at Park Hill Junior School!

Our choir featured, along with many other local schools, at the Croydon Schools Music Association Concert (CSMA) at Fairfield Halls on Wednesday 6th March. We also had some of our children who attend music lessons with the Croydon Music Association take part in the Ukulele group! The children

represented the school superbly and sang their hearts out, singing within a choir of 500 children strong. **Well done PHJS!**

We also recently had our Spring Concert, which was an opportunity to showcase the Musical Talent that we have in our school. Lots of children from across the whole school participated in a range of Musical performances, including the choir, ukulele club and solo/group performances. **Well done to everyone who participated and had the courage to perform in front of an audience - you were all amazing!**

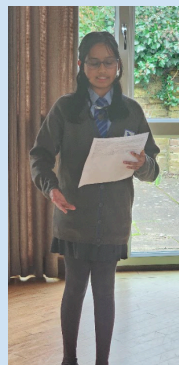


Mrs Iwin says...

Park Hill Residents Association (PHRA) Showcase Show

Park Hill Junior School were invited to the PHRA Showcase on Sat 9th March.

Our lovely Year 6 children used their fantastic public speaking skills and introduced all the events, with such enthusiasm and pride. It was a wonderful day seeing all the different talents in our local area.



Loud and Proud Public Speaking Competition

Year 6 girls had a wonderful opportunity to participate in a public speaking competition. Tanishqa and Aratrika made it to the final round and represented our school at Croydon town hall. The girls wrote a fantastic speech about **'What do you think of AI and how will it help you'** and **'If I ruled the World'**. They were judged by specialist judges who are passionate about public speaking. They looked at pitch, pace, eye contact and engagement when delivering their speeches. The children participated and showcased their talent so well. Their grown ups came to watch them and were very proud. Tanishqa and Aratrika were even able to see the mayor of Croydon and get a handshake for their participation. Well done!



London Trip - 120 Garden Visit

We had a lovely day traveling up to London and using public transport. Children were very excited to see all the famous landmarks in central London. They got to use their photography skills and take creative photos of the skyline. We had to step onto a lift and travel extremely quickly to the 15th floor and visit the Roof Garden. Children all had fun and managed to eat their lunch on a glorious day. They came back to school with a wonderful experience and shared it with their friends and families.



SCLA - Yr 6 Public Speaking Competition

We had an amazing opportunity to participate in a Y6 public speaking competition. We were up against schools in the South Croydon area. All children had to speak and put together their speeches. Our very own **Genesis, Vivan** and **Nikhil** were exceptional and led our school to victory. **We came first!**

"I really enjoyed this experience as I was able to express myself during the speech and was able to improve in my speaking skills and my confidence. This was an amazing experience for me and my fellow partners who helped me during this wonderful event!"

-Genesis Peguero Javier 6I

"I really enjoyed the event because I was able to boost my confidence and I was able to do what I do best. I had a wonderful time and hope to do something like this again!"

-Vivan Ganesula 6A



	School	Location	Daily Score	National Position
1	Curwen Primary School	Plaistow, London Map	99.93%	2
2	Archbishop Sumner Church of England Primary School	London, Greater London Map	99.31%	5
3	Park Hill Junior School Home	Croydon Map	95.46%	9
4	Brampton Primary School	London, London Map	91.49%	16

Mrs Kataruka says...

We are excited to be a part of the 15th celebration of Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel, UK's largest inter-school walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling challenge.

Park Hill Junior School participated with great enthusiasm, secured 9th place nationally and 3rd place in London.

Well done for such amazing participation of all the students!

Football Updates from Mr Lindsey & Mr Hassouna...

Football League Champions!!!!

Huge congratulations to the football squad who won Park Hill's first league title for 12 years! The whole squad performed brilliantly to win eight, draw one and only lose one game in the league this season with a goal difference of +40!

Division F

League Table

[FULL TABLE DETAIL >](#)

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Park Hill	10	8	1	1	40	26 *
2	Elmhurst	9	7	1	1	25	23 *
3	Ridgeway	10	3	2	5	7	18
4	St Peter's	9	4	0	5	-4	16 *
5	Royal Russell	7	2	0	5	-27	11
6	Purley Oaks	7	0	0	7	-41	4 *

* adjustment made

Congratulations to **Geziah in 5F** for scoring 11 goals from defence, **Arjun in 6A** for managing to score 15 goals in a dual defensive and forward role and to our top scorer **Jamal in 6M** who amassed an impressive 23 goals for Park Hill this season. It has been a pleasure for Mr Hassouna and Mr Lindsey to coach the squad this year. Very well done!

Year 5 - Harry, Jackson, Vihaan, Geziah, Elijah

Year 6 - Riley, Jayden, Joshua, Zidane, Louis, David, Noah, Reyansh, Arjun and Jamal