

## Newsletter 4 — DECEMBER 2015

### An important message from the Rights Respecting School Ambassadors.

“As Rights Respecting Ambassadors, we have enjoyed rewarding children with a gold star when they follow the articles. Respect for all!”

**Parkhill Junior takes this opportunity to sincerely thank you, for all your support and generosity. It has been a wonderful term, packed with exciting events and learning opportunities. We simply can't wait to achieve even more next term!**

### Enjoying Learning and Growing Together!

**Year 3:** Year 3 went on a field trip to Clayhall Park where we used our amazing geographic skills to map the park, used compasses and maps to find clues and we learnt about the human and physical features. In addition, we have travelled across the world from our classrooms by using iPads to research about other countries in Europe! We have also learnt to broaden our scientific vocabulary by using magnets to carry out cool experiments. Finally, in English we became creative authors as we wrote detailed prequels for *The Princess and the Bear King*. - **Ms Chowdhury**

**Year 4:** Year 4 have been taking a stroll 'Into The Forest' with Anthony Browne during English. In Science, we have been investigating our teeth and digestive system by conducting experiments that opened our minds! We were also very lucky as we particularly enjoyed a fascinating experience, spending the day with Ingar the Viking for our History unit! - **Ms Gay**

**Year 5:** Year 5 have had a very busy half term and were lucky enough to have two visitors to come and work with them! They learnt all about how to start a business with the Young Enterprise programme and then thoroughly enjoyed their Ancient Greek Day where they worked with Sir Teachalot to go back in time to Ancient Greece and how school was very different back then! A fantastic half term! **Ms Fykin**

**Year 6:** The autumn term has been a very busy one for the Year 6 pupils. We are coming to the end of all of our topics, our brains buzzing with new information! We visited the Natural History Museum to link with our Science topic, and a few members of our year group even held live snakes (see the website for the photos!) Even more exciting than that, if possible, is that we received a very special letter this term. After congratulating Her Majesty, The Queen on becoming the longest reigning monarch in British history by sending her letters, we received a response from Buckingham Palace from one of the Queen's ladies-in-waiting. This remarkable letter can be seen on the school website. **Miss Sprenger**

**'Ornament at the Top of the Christmas Tree' competition** - the standard was at its highest ever and judging each entry was at its most difficult! Following lengthy



deliberation, the judges agreed on the winning entry. **Amber in 6U.**

**Congratulations and well done to all children who entered. Outstanding!**

**Amber did us the honour of switching on the Parkhill Junior Christmas Tree lights.**

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS** - There are no afterschool clubs during the last week of term. Clubs start again from Monday 11th January 2016.

**COFFEE MORNINGS** - Coffee mornings begin again 21st January 2016.

**SAFETY AND SAFEGUARDING**—We encourage all our children to walk, scoot or cycle to school. Minimising the volume of traffic around the school is our ongoing challenge. We need your continued support with this. Please do not park on the yellow zig zag lines or across the driveway of local residents.



**PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION**—We have a vacancy for one parent governor. If you are interested in finding out more about this rewarding role, please make an appointment with the Headteacher for further details.

**FUNDRAISING**—Thank you to everyone, the Christmas Fayre raised an enormous **£1,279.45**.

### ATTENDANCE

'A day away from Parkhill, is a day lost.'

Attendance Champions for

autumn 2015

5F

Wonderful!

### PUNCTUALITY

'A minute late for Parkhill, is a minute wasted.'

Punctuality Champions for

autumn 2015

5F and 6A

Wonderful!

**APPOINTMENTS WITH TEACHERS** - If you wish to meet with your child's teacher during term time, to discuss a particular issue, please note that this can take place no earlier than **8:30a.m.** and no later than 4:15p.m. outside of standard scheduled Parent Evenings.

**SCHOOL DINNERS** - Please ensure your child's account is in credit. The cost of a school dinner remains unchanged at £2.00. We highly recommend online payment for school dinners. **The School Meals Debt Policy is now in place.** Please see the School Business Manager, Ms. Doxon, to discuss any queries or concerns regarding outstanding balances before the end of this term.

**REPORTING AN ABSENCE** - Please ensure that you advise the school of your child's absence on the same day of the absence. If the absence is reported by telephone **please note** that a written explanation of the absence must **also** be given to the school.

**UNCOLLECTED CHILDREN** - School **must** be notified immediately, if there is a delay in your child being collected at the end of the day. Failure to do so, may result in the school contacting The Emergency Duty Team (Social Services) Late collection can cause a child unnecessary distress. Please remember, we are here to help.

**APPOINTMENTS - Dentist and doctor appointments must** be scheduled outside school hours. Appointments during school hours will be recorded as unauthorised.

**LEAVE REQUESTS DURING TERM TIME** - Holiday requests during term time remain completely unauthorised and subject to a fine. **PLEASE NOTE** that in keeping with local authority policy, a penalty fine has increased to **£60.00 per child per parent**, in Redbridge.

**BICYCLES:** Children in Years 3 to 5 may come to school on their bicycle but must be accompanied by a parent/carer. **All children must** wear a protective cycling helmet.

**PASSERS-BY:** During lunch hour, children are instructed to stay clear of the outer fence. This is to ensure that they do not speak to passers-by and vice versa.

**LOST PROPERTY:** Please collect any lost property from the school reception.

### **Thinking of employing a Private Tutor? Guidance for Parents and Carers**

Please visit the website below for more information

[http://www2.redbridge.gov.uk/cms/care\\_and\\_health/children\\_and\\_families/protecting\\_and\\_safeguarding/safeguarding\\_children\\_board/publications\\_policies\\_and\\_pro/private\\_tuition.aspx](http://www2.redbridge.gov.uk/cms/care_and_health/children_and_families/protecting_and_safeguarding/safeguarding_children_board/publications_policies_and_pro/private_tuition.aspx)

## ALMOST THE LAST WORD....

**Together with children, staff, governors and P.o.P. (Parents of Parkhill), I wish you a very peaceful Christmas holiday and a healthy, prosperous 2016.**

Mrs D. Hughes-Mulhall  
Headteacher and Safeguarding Lead

## THE LAST WORD...

**End of term message from our Eco Warriors** "We are excited that we have planted some seeds and will soon put them in our new shiny green house!"

**End of term message from our School Council** "We've enjoyed discussing our ideas on this year's project and preparing a presentation for the deputy mayor of London, look out for how we spend our money!"

**End of term message from our Rights Respecting Ambassadors** "As a Rights Respecting Ambassador, we have enjoyed rewarding children with a gold star when they follow the articles. Respect!"

**End of term message from our Lunchtime Quality Team** "It was fun to meet the chef and to make new friends and also do assemblies!"

**End of term message from our Official Helpers** "We feel really powerful and proud being Official Helpers. We love doing good things for the whole school. The term has flown by! We have solved many problems."

**End of term message from our Festivals and Celebrations Committee** "As FCC, we have enjoyed all the fund-raising activities throughout the term such as The Festival of Light, Black History Month Showcase and the Christmas Fayre."

**End of term message from our Junior Travel Ambassadors** "It was exciting to stand outside to remind parents not to park on the zigzag lines last week. We are trying to keep everyone safe."

**End of term message from our Junior Health and Safety Officers** "As the JHSO we've enjoyed helping the school to be safe and happy by keeping an eye on the classes and next term we hope that all classes score perfectly."

**End of term message from our Librarians** "The library has been the number one place to learn this term. We all want more in 2016."

**End of term message from our Walk Wardens** "Our class is so happy to be the winners of Parkhill Walk for this term and being ready to learn!"

**End of term message from our Bertie Helpers** "This term has been great working with other Bertie Helpers. They've been very co-operative and have been coming every day."

**End of term message from our Book Keepers** "It is good to keep the book corner tidy and you find books that you did not think were there!"

**End of term message from our Digital Leaders** "It is a lot of fun being a digital leader. You feel good doing something to help promote online safety in the school."

### Our Website.

**Important dates, information and so much more can be found on the website. Please pay it a visit. Updates are regular and feature aspects of our school curriculum and school life. Please note, all our job vacancies are advertised on the school website.**

**[www.parkhilljunior.redbridge.sch.uk](http://www.parkhilljunior.redbridge.sch.uk)**

**To access Fronter please use the following details**

**Username: parkhill-pc**

**Password: guest**

## Dates for your diary

Please be advised that we update 'Dates for your diary' with every newsletter.

<b><i>DATE</i></b>	<b><i>EVENT</i></b>
<b>10<sup>th</sup> December 2015</b>	Christmas Performance to parents/carers – Year 3. (2.00 pm)
<b>11<sup>th</sup> December 2015</b>	Christmas Performance to parents/carers – Year 4. (2.00 pm)
<b>16<sup>th</sup> December 2015</b>	Christmas Dinner for Children
<b>18<sup>th</sup> December 2015</b>	Last day of Autumn Term – <b>1:30 finish</b> <b>(Children to have lunch at school)</b> Big Breakfast for parents, carers and community.– <b>9:00am</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> January 2016</b>	Staff Training Day <b>(School closed to children)</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> January 2016</b>	Children return to school. Hurray!
<b>1<sup>st</sup> February 2016</b>	Storytelling Week
<b>9<sup>th</sup> February 2016</b>	Safer Internet Day
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> February – 4<sup>th</sup> March 2016</b>	Fairtrade Fortnight
<b>26<sup>th</sup> February 2016</b>	Fairtrade Fayre – Years 5 and 6 leading.
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016</b>	World Book Day
<b>7<sup>th</sup> March 2016</b>	Science Week
<b>25<sup>th</sup> March—8<sup>th</sup> April 2016</b>	<b>Easter and Spring Break Holidays( School closed)</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> May 2016</b>	<b>May Day—Bank Holiday (School closed)</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> May 2016</b>	<b>(School closed for Polling Day)</b>