



Parkhill Junior School Newsletter



Newsletter 2 — OCTOBER 2015

Rights Respecting School article for September - Article 2: The Convention applies to everyone: whatever their race, religion or abilities, whatever they think or say, whatever type of family they come from.

Dear Parents and Carers

The term is well underway with warm autumnal rays of sun enveloping Parkhill Junior School. *The Great and Grand Golden Book is Glowing with Glorious Work*, on a daily basis. (Ask your child to explain further!) We continue our heavy emphasis on children lining up in an orderly fashion, starting first thing in the morning. The *Welcome Bell* rings at 08.55 and children should be in class, ready for registration to begin, by 09:00, when the second early morning bell rings.

Enjoying Learning and Growing Together!

Year 3: What an exciting start to life in the Juniors we have had! Magic Maths, Excellent English, Amazing Art and so much more! "We love learning and growing together!"

Mr Bawtree

Year 4: It has been an 'electric' start to the year. The children have settled in brilliantly and we are looking forward to all the exciting learning ahead. We already are enjoying learning and growing together! Mrs Castellanos

Year 5: Have been learning all about *Ancient Greece* and with unrivalled enthusiasm! They can barely contain their excitement at starting their new topic of *Healthy Eating and Exercise*! Ms Fykin

Year 6: It has been all go for Year Six so far this autumn! We have started our brand new history topic on our monarch Queen Elizabeth II, which is a first for Parkhill, and in computing we are designing our very own apps all about our Queen. We have already been looking to next year and have started planning our annual residential visit to Kingswood- another Parkhill first! We have lots of exciting times ahead of us and are looking forward to making our last year here the best one yet! Ms Sprenger

FUNDRAISING — *Jeans for Genes Day* raised an incredible £305.12 and *Dahlicious Day* raised an equally fabulous £189.11. All money raised, goes to the associated children's charity. Thank you for your generosity.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS - Afterschool clubs began on the 28th September. Please note that clubs end at 4:30pm. Children should be collected from the Reception area.

COFFEE MORNINGS—Thursday Coffee mornings begin again after half term (Thursday 5th November 2015). This half term we are holding maths and English workshops for parents in each year group.

UNIFORM - The children of Parkhill Junior wear their uniform proudly. Please ensure that the correct uniform is worn by your child. **Jewellery:** ear studs and watches are the only jewellery permitted. In the interests of health and safety, children's hair should be appropriately styled or tied back. **Head scarves:** must be navy blue, white, black or grey.

ATTENDANCE

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

Attendance Champions for

September

3C, 3H, 4SW and 5F!

Wonderful!

PUNCTUALITY

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

Punctuality Champions for

September

3B, 3C, 4G, 4SW, 5M, 5CP, 5F and 6A.

Well done!

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.

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

SAFETY AND SAFEGUARDING—We encourage all our children to walk to school. Minimising the volume of traffic around the school is our ongoing challenge. Thank you for your support with this.

At the top of our list of priorities is the safety of our pupils. Please be reminded that only Year 6 children are allowed to walk to and from school, without an adult. Written consent from a parent/carer is required. Children attending Breakfast Club **must** be brought in to the Breakfast Club Team by a parent/carer. (8:00a.m start.) **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. 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.

ALMOST THE LAST WORD....

Thank you for your kind donations of food for the Harvest collection. A small food mountain is growing in the Reception area as a result of your wonderful generosity.

Enjoy Learning!

Mrs D. Hughes-Mulhall
Headteacher and Safeguarding Lead

THE LAST WORD...

What the children think of the term so far.....

"I really enjoy our new topics and can't wait to get started as an eco-warrior!" Hassan 3B

"Year 3 is amazing!" Ayaan 3C

"Year 3 has been great and fun... so far!" Khalid 3H

"I really like P.E. in Year 4!" Arin 4R

"I love English and maths!" Inaaya Islam –Chowdhury 4G

"I am excited to see how hard the school council is going to work this year!" Sumaya 4SW

"I enjoy maths. I am looking forward to being a school councillor if I am elected and add my voice for my class." D'Arjan 4C

"I'm looking forward to creating sculptures this year." Anoop 5CP

"It's been great so far, especially learning from our new book in English. 'The Wolves in the Walls' " 5CP

"I am looking forward to the challenge!" Rohan 5M

"I am really enjoying the autumn term. I am going to enjoy Year 6 very much!" Arooba 6U

"I'm really enjoying the autumn term so far. We have had lots of fun activities and topics and we have also raised awareness for some important causes such as *Jeans for Genes Day* and *Dahlicious Dress Up Day*.
Bilal 6S

"It's only the third week and already I have learnt so much more than in other years. I have so much to look forward to! I can't wait to learn even more!" Ria 6A

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.

The new website has launched, keep up-to-date with Parkhill Junior using the details below.

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.

DATE	EVENT
1st October 2015	Beginning of Black History Month
5th October 2015	Cycle to School Challenge (Week 1)
12th October 2015	Cycle to School Challenge (Week 2)
21st October 2015	Parent-Teacher meetings (1)
22nd October 2015	Day Glow Day (dress in bright colours that do not match!) The Big Draw – a one day art extravaganza!
23rd October 2015	Staff Training Day (School closed to children)
26th to 30th October 2015	HALF TERM
4th November 2015	Parent-Teacher meetings (2)
6th November 2015	Fairtrade Fayre – Years 3 and 4 leading.
11th November 2015	Diwali
13th November 2015	Children in Need Day
16th to 20th November 2015	Road Safety Week and Anti-bullying Week
20th November 2015	'11 Million Takeover' Day
4th December 2015	Christmas Fayre
10th December 2015	Christmas Performance to parents/carers – Year 3.
11th December 2015	Christmas Performance to parents/carers – Year 4.
18th December 2015	Big Breakfast for parents, carers and community.– 9:00am Last day of Term – 1:30 finish
4th January 2016	Staff Training Day (School closed to children)
5th January 2016	Children return to school. Hurray!
22nd – 4th March 2016	Fairtrade Fortnight
26th February 2016	Fairtrade Fayre – Years 5 and 6 leading.
5th May 2016	(School closed for Polling Day)