

## Newsletter 9 — May 2016

**Rights Respecting School articles for May - Article 29** - Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment.

**R.R.S Key Words for May:** Freedom, Friendship, Belief and Dignity

### Dear Parents and Carers

As we race towards half term I strongly advise that you keep a very close eye, on the Dates for Your Diary to enjoy all the Parkhill Junior School learning events and experiences.

**Please be reminded that there will be no school on 17th June as it is a staff training day or 23rd June, as Parkhill Junior serves the community as a polling station.**

**With summer finally here, our parasols are out, children are playing tennis, cricket, badminton, table tennis, football, drawing and creating, reading and playing *Dobble!* (Thanks to Aisha in Year 5)**

**Test season is almost over for Parkhill Junior but the learning never ends. Well done to all our learners who kept calm and did their best and will continue to do so right up to the very last day of term. A very special *Well Done* to our Year 6 children who set the Parkhill Junior gold standard throughout the national test week. Their support for each other and mature attitude towards the tests were exemplary.**

### Enjoying Learning and Growing Together!

**Year 3:** It's been green fingers in Year 3: the seeds have germinated and tomato plants are growing, as well as exciting experiments that have taught us how to help a flower thrive. Alongside this, we've also read the fantastic book "Phileas's Fortune" and written our own sonnets based on this brilliant book!

**Mr Bawtree, Year Group Leader**

**Year 4** children have enjoyed journeying back to the 16th century; visiting where Henry, himself, hunted deer and wild boar and walking in his very hefty footsteps! In PE, we have had a specialist teacher come in and teach us how the Tudors danced. Tudor dancing involves slow and precise movements so we have to count carefully. We feel we are ready for any royal event...!**Mrs. Castellanos, Year Group Leader**

**Year 5** children have been busy reliving their exciting trip to the Houses of Parliament by learning all about democracy - we even made our own bills and debated them in the classroom. We are working with the artist in residence, creating some fantastic art pieces linked to our history topic. An awesome and enjoyable half term with so much learning! **Miss Fykin, Year Group Leader**

**Year 6** children have left us all glowing with pride due to their commitment and hard work. They gave a big cheer when, finally, their SATs were all over! We now have the rest summer term to look forward to with our long anticipated residential visit and our end of term production! **Miss Sprenger, Year Group Leader**

**CLUBS** - Breakfast club is scheduled for every school day. **Please be advised that the last week for clubs will be the week beginning Monday 4th July.**

### Welcome to our first crop of Parkhill Potatoes!

Early in March the Eco and Gardening Club planted seed potatoes. With a bit of TLC we watched our seed potatoes sprout into large potato plants. Then earlier this week harvest day arrived and we were all very excited to see what crop lay underneath the soil.

Eagerly digging, we found our treasure! The potatoes were washed and cooked and served with a topping of butter and home-grown chives. We are hoping to have the same success with our other vegetables and fruits. Watch this space!



## ATTENDANCE

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

**Winning classes for April and May are:**

**4C, 6A and 6U**

**Congratulations!**

## PUNCTUALITY

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

**Winning classes for April and May are:**

**3B, 4G and 6S**

**Congratulations!**

**SAFETY** - A reminder: **we are a nut-free school**. Severe reactions to nuts can be very serious and even life-threatening. Parents and children must never bring any product containing nuts, on site.

A priority of our School Council and Junior Travel Ambassadors (children from Year 3 to Year 6) is to reduce traffic around the school, by encouraging everyone to walk to school. **Their message is ... walk to school!**

During playtimes and lunch hours, children are instructed to stay clear of the main outer fence. This is to ensure that they do not speak to passers-by. Please remind your child of this. Staff will challenge any passer-by who speaks to our pupils.

**SCHOOL DINNERS** - From Monday 25th April 2016, payments for school dinners must be paid online or hand delivered by an adult. Payments for school dinners will no longer be accepted via pupils. To register for online payments for school dinners please visit ISS's website

<http://host.cypad.net/ISSEducationRedbridge/Index.aspx>

Any questions please see Ms. Doxon, the School Business Manager.

**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 **£120.00 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](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....

*Thank you for your continued support and co-operation this year. No term is a quiet one and learning activities and opportunities are all the richer and more meaningful, with your support.*

*Enjoy Learning!*

*D. Hughes-Mulhall*

Mrs D. Hughes-Mulhall  
Headteacher and Safeguarding Lead

## THE LAST WORD...

"Phew! Glad that's all over!" **Mrs Hughes-Mulhall** (and Mrs H-M didn't even sit the tests!)

## What the children said about Test Week.....

"Some questions are hard, some aren't so hard, but I like working through the booklets." **Aneve 3B**

"It's hard but I can do it!" **Deimanas 3C**

"It was really hard, but I used all of the methods I learnt in class to solve the questions." **Fatima 3H**

"I found the tests hard but the instructions helped and I am glad it's over!" **Nyla 4R**

"It was very hard but I managed to finish it!" **Aryan 4SW**

"I enjoyed doing my test and always try my best!" **Yameen 4G**

"The tests were quite challenging, but they were really fun at the same time!" **Daniella 4C**

"Glad it's all over!" sighed **Kallam 5CP**

"I feel like test week was so hard, tests are such a big challenge." **Rohan 5M**

"Test week was very challenging, but it was good to practise what we had learnt." **Pritika 5F**

"It felt very hard and you have so much pressure on you, however in the end I did not feel a thing!" **Yaseen 6A**

"The tests were quite difficult but it was kind of fun to be challenged." **Ozan 6U**

"The tests were really hard especially reading. However we got through it and it is the end!" **Tahmid 6S**



## Coffee Morning Schedule

Summer 2016

Everyone welcome! Begins at 9:05 in the Parents' Mobile.



**Following the half term holiday, Coffee Mornings will cease until September 2016 due to the volume of activities lined up in the weeks to follow.**

Date	Focus	Guest Speaker
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> May 2016	Rights Respecting School—what it means to you and your child	Ms Taylor
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2016	Online safety	Ms Uppal
<b>HALF TERM</b>		

## Dates for your diary

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

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
30 <sup>th</sup> May – 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2016	Half Term - School closed
6 <sup>th</sup> June 2016	Arts Week
10 <sup>th</sup> June 2016	The Queen's Birthday Street Party—dress up as royalty today!
13 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> June 2016	Y6 Residential
17 <sup>th</sup> June 2016	Professionals Training Day School closed to pupils
20 <sup>th</sup> June 20 <sup>th</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup> June 2016	Sports Day Active Health Week
21 <sup>st</sup> June 2016	Year 3 Staying Alive! First Aid Training Session with parents
23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2016	Polling Day—School closed
28 <sup>th</sup> June 2016	Year 3 and 4 Parents' Evening (1.30 to 5.00pm)
29 <sup>th</sup> June 2016	Year 5 and 6 Parents' Evening (1.30 to 5.00pm)
30 <sup>th</sup> June 2016	National Book Week Scholastic Book Fair (details to follow)
1 <sup>st</sup> July 2016	Dress Up Book Character
4 <sup>th</sup> July 2016	Last week for afterschool clubs.
11 <sup>th</sup> July 2016	No afterschool clubs this week
8 <sup>th</sup> July 2016	Summer Fayre (3.30pm)
12 <sup>th</sup> July 2016	Year 6 End of Year Performance to parents at 2:00p.m. in the hall
13 <sup>th</sup> July 2016	Year 3 Graduation Ceremony at 2:45p.m. in the hall
14 <sup>th</sup> July 2016	Year 5 Graduation Ceremony at 2:45p.m. in the hall
15 <sup>th</sup> July 2016	Year 4 Graduation Ceremony at 2:45p.m. in the hall
18 <sup>th</sup> July 2016	Year 6 Graduation Ceremony at 2:00p.m. in the hall
20 <sup>th</sup> July 2016	End of term Big Breakfast for Parents and Community. School closes at 1.30pm
5 <sup>th</sup> September 2016	Hurrah! Children return to school for the academic year, 2016—2017

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

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### 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.