



NEWSLETTER

Weekly Update

27th November 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

This newsletter captures some of the key moments from the past two weeks and also includes reminders about the things in place to keep all children safe and focussed on learning at Park. All parents have also been sent a letter with more details on this, please take time to read it with your child. Year 11 have now completed a full week of mock exams. Their efforts and preparation have been impressive. We look forward to sharing their results with them towards the end of this half term.

Our team of staff have been working harder than ever this term to ensure children make progress in their lessons. Like everyone, our staff are unable to see those outside of their immediate family, but come into work every day with a smile on their face ready to support your children. We would love to be able to give them some positive comments from you about the support they give. If you would like to send a message to staff, as a group or individually, please email it to thankyou@pcs.hants.sch.uk and we will make sure it is shared. A simple thank you goes a long way towards keeping everyone motivated in such strange times.



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We raised
£111.64
for Children
in Need!

REMINDERS

- Students must wear a mask in **ALL** communal areas at school – please ensure they bring a mask with them each day.
- Inform us if your child is showing symptoms of COVID-19, which include a high temperature, a new, continuous cough and a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste. **DO NOT SEND THEM TO SCHOOL**
- Students are **NOT permitted to use their mobile phones in school**. Students can leave their phones at Reception where they will be kept safely until the end of the school day.
- Online Safety – please remind children to act appropriately when online. For advice and guidance please refer to our website www.pcs.hants.sch.uk under Parents, and follow the link for Safe4Me website.



A Huge Congratulations to all the entrants to the Student Voice Anti Bullying Poster Competition!

The winner of the massive box of chocolates is Year 8 student Libby! Very well done Libby, a huge amount of time, thought and effort went into your poster!

Well done to the finalists and to everyone who entered.



Welcome to Mrs Tonks' new arrival Jack!



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The Catch Up Reading Programme

Park Community School believes that reading is one of the most vital skills we teach and we work hard to ensure that all of our students can become great readers. One of the interventions that we use is The Catch Up Reading Programme which identifies students who would benefit from further support with their reading. Students get the fantastic opportunity to read 1:1 everyday for 6 weeks allowing them to make real progress.

Congratulations to the 27 students in Year 9 who recently completed their catch up reading programme and received a free book. You have all worked so hard and we are very proud of what you have achieved.

Keep up the amazing work and keep reading!



Year 7 students at the farm



Life in Year 7

Some Year 7 students spoke to a virtual inspector to the school this week about life in Year 7. Here's some of what they said:

Year 7 student Sophie confidently explained that her Reading Plus programme has helped her improve her reading and that the programme designs personalised tasks for her to complete to make progress.

What makes you proud to be part of Park?

Made new friends and is a really friendly school

Enjoy the carousel and a range of opportunities they have

Practical lessons

Felt welcomed during transition

After school jobs for students

I love maths at Park. We are learning algebra at the moment and the teacher makes it feel really easy.

In science we have been learning about genetics as part of the identity work. We are using microscopes and love this!

Our teachers make us work really hard but they explain everything well and show us how to do things if we're stuck.

We go to the farm, work in the kitchen and the media suite. I love the media suite and love watching Butterfly Broadcast each week.



Photography work by Nicky and Millie both Year 11.



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Year 11 Mocks Student Feedback

Fox: I found it helpful to revise my subjects and the mocks were actually a good chance to apply the revision.

Aiden: I'm glad we went ahead with the mocks. It was a chance to practise and if we can't sit final exams I hope it gives good evidence of what I can achieve.

Shania: I've been revising at home. I found them easier than expected because I revised.

Cailey: I find the mocks quite stressful but I am glad we did them because it helps with evidence for the final exams. I wish the government would decide if we have final GCSE exams in the summer because it can make the mocks feel more stressful than they need to.

Tommy: I am trying to push myself to take the higher paper. I'm hoping I've proved myself in the mock. I worked really hard.

Kayley: The maths exam actually felt pretty easy. I've been working out the marks and hope I've only lost 15 of the 80 available. Fingers crossed!

Year 11 Artwork

Work from Chloe, Molly and Emily on the theme of Pop Art

