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Park Community School

NEWSLETTER

Weekly Update

24th April 2020

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to our second newsletter. It seems very strange at the time of writing this, that we have now not seen you for over a month! We miss seeing you all, but it is so good to hear how you are all doing and seeing some of the creative ways you've been keeping busy and learning in a different way.

Thank you for staying in touch. Mentors email their groups every week and hopefully you have all now watched this week's SLT assembly. There will be one every Monday and year group assemblies every Friday.

Most of you are managing the home learning well but we know it is not easy. Please don't worry, we are trying to make this more manageable. New work packs for those of you unable to access learning on-line have also been created.

Despite the challenges of our new 'normal', there are many stories of positivity. Recent highlights for our school community include Mr Payne making Face Shields for NHS workers, fantastic work being sent in for all subjects, live lessons being launched and accessed by many students and also the birth of Miss Lawrence's daughter Alice Elaine.

We are all wanting to know when school will re-open but we simply do not know. We are busy planning for the time when we re-open to ensure we all get used to being back at Park together and can pick up where we left off and continue doing brilliantly. However, when it does happen it is likely to be gradual rather than everyone back at once.

Remember to look out for:

Monday SLT assemblies & Friday Year assemblies

SOME GREAT MOMENTS!



The birth of Miss Lawrence's daughter Alice Elaine



Uplifting message from Performing Arts!



We have welcomed some new staff to school this term, Mr Bourton and Mrs Tate join us as Assistant Headteachers- some of you will get to know them remotely as they have taken on classes in Spanish, Science and Technology. Miss Birch has also joined us as an outreach worker.

Finally, if you have any suggestions for how else we can support you with home learning or if you need anything, please call or email us. School is open during 8.30-3 and we will always get back to you if we cannot answer straight away.

We look forward to seeing you soon,



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Park Community Easter School

Some students needed to attend school during the Easter holidays. They enjoyed some very different experiences and all suitably socially distanced of course!



MUNCH Recommendations & Comments

The Catering Team here at Park work tirelessly to ensure our MUNCH fridge/freezer is stocked with nutritious meals, and FareShare helped us to replenish the dried goods, for the local community to come and help themselves if faced with an emergency. It really warms our hearts to receive such lovely comments – here are a few received over the past few weeks...

"Great and friendly people especially when in need always there to help and never judge whatever the circumstance"

"Thanks, so much MUNCH. I managed to help my isolating in-laws and get my son some pasta and cereal and fresh fruit. Helped an old lady too with the lovely meal's you guys have prepared"





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Learning at Home

Keep 'Learning at Home' as simple as you can. Teachers upload work each week and check in with you via Teams and email. Stay in touch and ask for help when you need it. Many teachers are trialing weekly live lessons- it's good to see each other, even if not in person.



Mrs Tonks shared with us that seven of her Year 9 students met via Google Teams to do some live reading and analysis of Shakespeare's Macbeth. "We had some great discussions about Macbeth's mental decline and there were some brilliant and insightful comments made by Kieran especially. Students that read for us were Cira, Ella, Aimee and Kieren and all were brilliant. It was lovely to see student faces and be able to catch up with each other".



We have now launched 'Park Pen Pals' whereby Park students and elderly who are currently isolated in a local care home

are matched. Matches so far include, Dillan (Year 7) with Nancy, Tegan (Year 7) with Queenie, Brooke (Year 8) with Sue, Ryan (Year 7) with Gwen and Brandon (Year 7) with Joyce.

Below is an example of one of our beautifully inquisitive letters. We will keep you updated with regular extracts. If you know of anyone who is isolated at the moment and would like a pen pal, please contact Miss McIntosh and she will do her best to match with a pen pal,
c.mcintosh@pcs.hants.sch.uk

Dear Nancy,

My name is Dillan, I am 12 years old and at this point of time I know it is hard. Also it must be hard not being able to see your family and friends, I find it hard not being able to see friends out and at school.

How long have you been living there? Do you miss seeing friends and family close to you? My little sister is 5 years old and almost as tall as me also she's kindhearted and sweet and she has the exact same name as you Nancy.

If you could go back in time to the best moment of your life what would it be? My favourite lesson in school is PE because I like to compete in challenges. My favourite thing to do is play football because I like to keep fit and healthy. I have a dog called Shane he's a border collie he's nearly 8 years old and he always sleeps or lays all over me on the sofa. Did you have a pet? And did you have a hobby? Please reply and stay safe.

From Dillan

Mr Payne's Face Shields...

Park Community Schools Design and Technology Department supported the fight against Covid-19 by producing Face Shields for the NHS. The first batch of Face Shields were delivered to a very grateful St. Peters Surgery in Woolston to further protect the staff from the virus. We have since managed to deliver 10 masks to Bosmere Surgery, fulfilled requests through our Facebook page and are aiming to deliver 20 to a Care Home in Emsworth - this most recent batch of 20 are the laser cut versions that will be made by Key Worker children with Mr Green. Wonderful to receive so many grateful comments:

"That is community spirit right there!! Well Done"

"Well done to Mr Payne and all involved!"

"Well done helps all key workers in the care sector a lot"

"Amazing use of your time and protecting people's lives. Excellent"



Year 11 - You're nearly there

You will have received a letter from Mrs Capaldi. Mr Cavanagh will start posting weekly assemblies and please remember we are just an email or phone call away, Mr Cavanagh can be contacted at **s.cavanagh@pcs.hants.sch.uk**.

Year 6 - Welcome

We are looking forward to meeting you all and having you join us here at Park. We would love to hear from you, please send us a letter or picture telling us a bit more about you. Make sure you tell us your full name and Primary School in the letter too. You can email it to **a.binns@pcs.hants.sch.uk** or post it to the school address.

Keeping in touch

We have received lots of lovely messages from you, with how you're coping and how life has changed during lockdown. Please keep them coming it is really lovely to hear from you!