



# Park Community School

## NEWSLETTER

**Fortnightly Update**  
30th April 2021

**Dear Parents, Carers and Students,**

Welcome to the first newsletter of the summer term.

This term has seen Covid restrictions in school gradually easing. Students have responded well to their new timetables and both teachers and students are enjoying moving to subject classrooms for their lessons. A particular highlight has been the restarting of investigations in science.

It has been great to see students making the most of after school clubs in the sunshine. The Greenpower team have begun preparations for their first race of the season, Mr Bye's Park Poultry Club has launched with strong numbers and PE and Performing Arts clubs have also had a great turn out.

From Tuesday 4 May students can wear their summer uniform. This should be a polo shirt in their house colour and can be purchased from Skoolkit. A reminder that blazers must continue to be worn to school every day.

Finally, we say goodbye to Mrs Mitchell this week. Many of you will know her as the friendly voice and face on reception, but Mrs Mitchell also works hard to bring our newsletter to you every fortnight and in her spare time she is a cake maker extraordinaire. She leaves us to put all of her time into her baking business and we wish her lots of luck.



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*Paula*

### SUMMER UNIFORM

From Tuesday 4 May, students may the summer uniform – they can wear polo shirts with their House colour or their shirt and tie. Blazers are always required regardless of whether students wear a polo shirt or shirt and tie.

Park Community School welcomed Lawrence D'allaglio Rugby Works into school, where Year 7 students demonstrated superb manners & outstanding enthusiasm.

### Amazing Students working with Sarah Ayton OBE Olympic Gold Medalist Sailing!

Students Archie, Alana, Alfie and Brooke have worked with gold medallist Sarah Ayton over the last three months on the Dame Kelly Holmes Unlocking Potential programme and not only are they developing their own confidence and organisation skills, they have created an amazing Social Action Project in which they will organise a Summer School Show to raise awareness of Mental Health and as part of an Anti Bullying project.

In addition to this, they have met with the Head of SMSC, Mrs Loake, to look into the curriculum to make some amendments or raise awareness about particular aspects and also leaving a legacy of what they have been doing with the DKH Trust. They have organised a space in the school with the support of Mrs Freestone, Head of SEN, to have as an occasional room for students to go to receive support from the Anti Bullying Ambassadors, with the support of members of staff. As part of The Diana Award, they are currently running workshops with Student Voice on strategies for dealing with bullying and identifying it.

They are an outstanding group of students and we are so proud of their achievements.



REPAIR CAFE

**If you missed Dr Bike at Park they are next at Havant Park on 8th May**



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## The Future You Programme

Year 11 students and Miss Wingham from Inspired Learning were fortunate enough to take part in an initiative called The Future You Programme at Fort Purbrook. This programme was offered to us through Hampshire County Council and will run for 6 weeks, and will endeavour to equip Year 11 students with the resilience and confidence they'll need for life after school. Students took part in initiative tests, through the tunnels in the Fort and were able to do rifle shooting. They learnt some valuable skills to include developing teamwork, co-ordination and leadership skills.



## Greenpower at PCS is back!

Some Covid restrictions have been relaxed so we can take part in a couple of races this season. The first is 9 May at glorious Goodwood! The cars are currently being checked and ready for the season but with the additions of an electronic gearbox. We are hoping that this can be used by the drivers to balance the current draw from the batteries and the final speed output, a bit like the Kers system used in Formula 1. Watch this space for the race results! Wish us speed.



## Park Poultry Club

Thursday 22nd of April, was the start of the Park Poultry Club, where 9 students started a course learning about the joys of keeping chickens, their life cycle and how to look after them. Although the end result for many will be a City and Guilds qualification, the real purpose of the course is to give these students the opportunity to enjoy looking after the chickens, whilst at the same time developing their skills in animal care and breeding to a recognised level. Students will set out to hatch a number of chicks using an incubator and, thereafter, care for them and maintain their surroundings. Students will learn about different varieties of chicken, food types, housing, pests and disease and the reasons why more people are becoming interested in chickens.



Mr Bye said to the students on the first day, "Chickens quite literally add 'life' to your life, providing a source of joy and relaxation after a stressful day. Best of all, chickens can supply you with the ingredients for many varied meals — what more could one ask for."

## Year 9 Workshop

Year 9 students enjoyed a virtual presentation from Michael Jacobs, a professional footballer from Portsmouth Football Club. They covered topics such as life skills, linking GCSEs with educational path ways, overcoming challenges in life and future ambitions. The students were very engaged and asked lots of questions, which was very refreshing to see.



Beautiful photographic work inspired by Slinkachu and Carl Warner, by Year 11 Student Matthew







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## KS3 Performing Arts Extra Curricular Activities



Dance 	Monday 3:00-4:00pm
Drama 	Wednesday 3:00-4:00pm
Music 	Thursday 3:00-4:00pm

much more than just a school

## PE - After School Clubs



	Sports Hall	Fitness Suite	STP		KO1	Sports Ambassadors
MONDAY	Year 7 Basketball Mr Herriot				Year 11 BTEC Sport Mrs Cavanagh	8.25-8.45 Year 9 Sports Ambassador meeting  2.25 – 2.45 Year 10 Sports Ambassador meeting
TUESDAY	Year 7 Cricket Active Communities		Department Meeting			8.25-8.45 Year 8 Sports Ambassador meeting  1.45 – 2.30 Year 7 Sports Ambassador Training  Year 7 Rugby Works
WEDNESDAY	Year 7 Badminton Miss Binns	Year 9 Fitness suite Mrs Bearpark			Year 11 BTEC Sport Mrs Cavanagh Mr Cavanagh	
THURSDAY	Year 9 Badminton Mr Herriot	Year 8 Fitness Suite Mrs Bearpark	Year 9 Boot Camp Mr Chapman	Year 7 Football Miss Theed	Year 11 BTEC Sport Mrs Cavanagh	
FRIDAY					Year 11 BTEC Sport Mrs Cavanagh	



**SESSIONS RUN 3-4PM**

**FREE**

**KIT IS COMPULSORY**

**PLEASE NOTE:**  
Some activities have limited capacity, therefore it is first come, first served.

