



much more than just a school

# Park Community School



## NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Once again, this newsletter shares much of what we have to be proud of as a school over the past few weeks.

Our Much More Than Just a School carousel began last week, with students in Years 7, 8 and 9 beginning their experiences at our farm, Apex centre, school kitchen and the media suite. Highlights from the farm included moving our pigs into a new pen and students in the kitchen helping prepare lunch for the whole school.

In House assemblies last week, our tutor rep elections were launched. This week students will be presenting brief speeches to their tutor groups in the hope of being elected to represent them on our Student Voice group. Elections for prefects and Head Students will begin after half term.

A reminder that Parents Evening for Years 7 and 11 is this Thursday 4.30-7.30pm. If you have not already booked your appointments, please do so here: <https://parkc.schoolcloud.co.uk/>. With mock exams now only a few weeks away for Year 11, the meetings will be an important opportunity to discuss your child's progress and priorities for revision. Year 7 parents will have the opportunity to meet tutors, review their child's work so far this year and read with their child.

Congratulations to our various school teams, who have represented us with pride over the past few weeks. Moments from Greenpower, rugby and bowls are all celebrated in this newsletter.

Finally, we would like to wish Bon Voyage to our Year 10 and 11 students who are off to Disneyland Paris tomorrow with Mr Pollard, Miss Dermey and Ms Bannard.




## Fortnightly Update 7th October 2022

### Year 7 & 8 Rugby

This week a group of Year 7 students attended their first Rugby fixtures at Havant Rugby Club. Our inexperienced group did themselves proud playing with some more experienced rugby players from other schools and picked up all the new rules quickly.

#### Year 7 Heroes of Park:

**Ralphy, Oliver, Fletcher, Josh, Leo and Thomas.**



#### Heroes of Park: Harley, Jobie, Harry, Alfie and Marshall

Year 8 students attended their first Rugby fixtures this week at Havant RFC.

They did some contact training and then, as only Park and Oaklands attended, mixed both squads. The boys were fantastic and did not shirk the challenge of playing amongst very experienced boys. **Mr Herriot.**

### Year 7 & Year 11 Parents Evening

Thursday 13th October

4:30-7:30pm







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## Sports Ambassadors Training

We had a great session this week across all the year groups. Years 7 and 8 students were out on the STP with our hand selected Ambassadors who have already shown great promise and application as leaders. They led the whole session taking 40 Year 7 students through a thorough three part warm up, going through rules, picking teams and officiating the matches.

**The Sports Ambassadors were:**  
**Harry, Joey, Harley, Callum, Harry, Toby and Luke**

The Year 9 and 10 students led a session of alternative games. Again they were responsible for running the whole session as Mr Pollard and Mrs Bearpark took a back step. The feedback was very good around participation and application. **Mr Herriot**



## Barncroft Sports Day

Sports Ambassadors had a great day at Barncroft supporting at their rearranged summer sports day. Our eleven ambassadors were given the responsibility of running their own sports station, including demonstrating and leading the younger students. Their confidence grew as the morning went on and they were a true credit to Park. **Mr Herriot**

**Barncroft teachers thanked Mr Herriot and our sports ambassadors for their support at their sports day this Thursday.**

*'It was lovely to meet you today and thank you so much for bringing some of your sports leaders down to help. They did a great job! A special mention to Riley and Harrison, who really stood out with their confidence and interaction with the staff and pupils. They were a credit to your school.'*

**A big well done to:**  
**Riley, Harrison, Shelby, Joey, Callum Josh, Harry, Vinnie, Chloe, Taylor and Tori**



The price of a meal deal at Park will be £2.80 from Monday 31 October 2022, this increase is in line with Hampshire school meal costs.







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## Greenpower Finals at Goodwood

What a fantastic day! We arrived early and got out to practise. Our three cars: Chase, Keep up and TS2 all did us proud.

**Qualifying Race 1:** Chase was storming ahead and led the race for 13 laps. Shelby broke the Greenpower kit car lap record for the fastest lap around Goodwood. This is an incredible achievement. Unfortunately, the rewire we completed caused a problem with the electrics and the car faded quickly at the end and we lost lots of places. We finished 12th. TS2 moved along nicely. This is the new Year 7 boys' team. They did brilliantly, finishing in 4th place and achieving Park's best ever distance of 36 miles in 90minutes. Keep Up sadly had issues and faded quickly but did get up to 9th place at one point.

### International Final!

All three cars were going brilliantly and at one point we had all three in the top ten. Chase and TS2 kept swapping places, but were around 12th and 13th. Some great pit changes and driving meant that the cars held their own.

Finally, after brilliant racing, teamwork and problem solving, out of 160 cars that have raced across the country this year, and out of the 45 that made it to the final, our official finishes were ...

**Keep Up 31st      Chase 9th      TS2 7th**







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## Community Bowls



We had a lovely afternoon at Bedhampton Bowls Club. Harry was the only student who was prepared to brave the weather, so we went along and he played a single match against club member Alan.

It was a great game and very competitive. Alan ended up winning with five points with Harry just behind on three.

At the end of the session, one of the members approached Harry and explained that he had given his grandson a set of four bowls for Christmas 18 years ago. He then passed them over to Harry and told him he would like him to have them and continue using them in the future. Harry was delighted to accept. **Mr Herriot**



## Year 9 at the Farm

A great start today, Year 9 were really helpful; digging over beds, removing old tomatoes, getting pigs back into pens and hopefully mending fences well enough to keep them in there. Well done.

**Mr Shearn**







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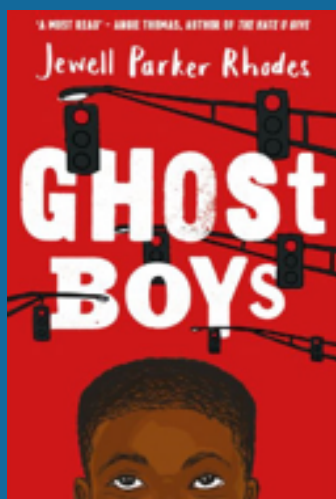
## Let's get reading!

It has been a busy start to the new academic year. Library Inductions got underway with every student in the school having the opportunity to visit the library and borrow a book to enjoy. With the emphasis on reading for pleasure, students were encouraged to choose a book they really want to read. Whether it was fictional stories, information books, poetry, biographies, graphic novels or manga, it has been great fun supporting our students to find the right book.

We endeavour to find something to suit all tastes and continue to add more books to our collection including biographies of premiership footballers, popular manga such as Dragon Ball and the Legend of Zelda, there are also a number of books that have been recently made into Netflix shows such as Riverdale, Fear Street and the very popular Heartstopper series. Furthermore, we have extended our non-fiction collection with information books to support classwork topics in RE and drama, along with revision texts for our year 11 students. Along with our wonderful canon titles we really do have a book for everyone!



## GHOST BOYS by Jewell Parker Rhodes



*Alive.* Twelve-year-old Jerome doesn't get into trouble. He goes to school. He does his homework. He takes care of his little sister. Then Jerome is shot by a police officer who mistakes his toy gun for a real threat.

*Dead.* As a ghost, watching his family trying to cope with his death, Jerome begins to notice other ghost boys. Each boy has a story and they all have something in common. Bit by bit, Jerome begins to understand what really happened - not just to him, but to all of the ghost boys.

**AWARDS:**  
UKLA Book Awards Longlist 2019

Ghost Boys is amazing, I rate it 5/5. It's about a young boy that gets shot by a police officer because he was a different race. He is now a ghost but only Sarah, the daughter of the police officer police can speak to him. After a while he realises that he isn't the only dead black boy. My favourite part was when all the other boys tell their story of how they died. - **Lillyrose 7JAC**

I think this book was really good and well written. It shows real life issues of racism which made me a bit sad but it teaches us an important lesson - **Isabella 8LF1**

Ghost Boys is a very important book which helps us to understand how other people's experience of life can be very different from our own. I particularly liked the scene where Jerome looks out the window and realises what has happened. It was very emotional and moving - **Sophia 10SMU**

Neil Gaiman is a master of storytelling and has written many fabulous books including Coraline, Good Omens and Stardust. The Graveyard Book is no exception, it's a dark and spooky tale with one of the most gripping opening chapters I have EVER read. Gaiman's imagination runs wild with a cast of wonderfully strange, amusing and endearing characters. Death, ghosts and murder and mystery. This is one of those rare books where you truly do not know where it will end. It is also beautifully illustrated by Chris Riddell. Dark, mysterious and hopeful. Highly recommended. - **Ms.Hucklebridge**