



Park Community School

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Welcome back to Park after the half term break.

Our focus in school this half term is respect and relationships. In assemblies and in tutor time, students will think about what our language and behaviour towards others says about us. We will focus on kindness and understanding. Our Remembrance assembly next Friday will be an important opportunity for us to pause and think about this.

Year 11 have returned after half term to their first mock exams of the year. We are very proud of the hard work and the resilience students have shown. Well done Year 11 and to parents and carers for encouraging them and supporting them to revise.

Year 10 have also begun preparation for their first set of GCSE tests and exams which begin in two weeks. Alongside this, a group of them have squeezed in a theatre trip to see An Inspector Calls at the Mayflower and Year 10 geographers have been applying their learning during a field trip.

In the meantime, Years 7, 8 and 9 have continued their Much More Than Just a School rotations at PDP, the farm, the school kitchen and the Apex Centre, along with students swimming with Miss Sexton.

We are delighted that house student voice teams have now been selected and have been busy discussing rewards with Heads of House this week. In our next newsletter, we will be able to announce prefects and head students for each house, and share their personal statements.

As the weather begins to get colder, please ensure your children wear coats to school. A reminder that school jumpers can be worn underneath blazers for extra warmth. MUNCH has been extended to every Tuesday and Thursday for anyone in the community who needs a hot meal. Tuesdays is for families only, while Thursday remains open to everyone. Please also remember that a free breakfast is available for every student every morning from 8am in the school restaurant.

Finally, tickets are now available for our Christmas production, The Wizard of Oz. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the show.



CCd.



RJG

Fortnightly Update

4 November 2022

Year 7 students and their parents learning together

Thank you to all of the Year 7 parents who made it to parents' evening before half term. All spent time focussing on their child's first six weeks at Park with their tutor, reviewing their child's work and reading together. **Mrs Capaldi**



Inspector Calls Trip

On Wednesday a group of Year 10 and 11 students visited the Mayflower Theatre in Southampton to watch their GCSE text 'An Inspector Calls' come to life. Seated front row on the balcony the group were able to identify and discuss how the director had chosen to present the play- many of them leaving with a brand new perspective on some of the characters. These ideas should help solidify their understanding of the play and support them in their future revision!

The group were complimented by other schools for their behaviour and I was very proud to be a part of Park!

Miss Jervis





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River Meon Trip

Year 10 took an opportunity to apply the learning they have been doing in Geography GCSE by going to visit the River Meon.

We started by investigating the source of the river at the Atkinson's Farm just outside of East Meon. A great opportunity to see the drainage basin stretch out in front of us and a few of the farm animals too!

We then travelled through the village of East Meon taking a brief look at the hard engineering strategies ensuring the residents of East Meon are protected from any flooding.

Our last stop led us to the middle course of the river, where we could clearly see the erosion and depositional features of a meander on the beautiful clear chalk stream. Students were excited to hear otters are now living along the banks, but sadly all stayed hidden.

Mrs Coles



Community Bowls

Another great afternoon down at Bedhampton Bowls this week. Harry played a superb singles match with John from the club. They played for an hour and they ended up drawing the match 7-7!

John is one of the best players at the club which shows how well Harry has progressed and the potential he has.

Mr Herriot



Park Students Swimming with Miss Sexton and Mr Peplow

Year 7 and 8 started their swimming programmes this month, with Year 7 going to Havant Leisure Centre and Year 8 getting to swim in the new University of Portsmouth pool. They have made a great start learning frontcrawl and backstroke so far.

Year 7 had the excitement of a fire drill during their last session before half term. Fortunately it was only a drill and we had to evacuate the pool in our swimwear and not the building!

Students have loved the experience.

We have seen their swimming abilities and confidence growing in a short space of time and look forward to continuing working with this group until Christmas.

Miss Sexton

"I'm really enjoying the swim programme"

"Can we do more swimming!"

"I wish we could do this every day".



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Geography, Geology & Sustainability Club

The club this week was a success with around 15 students turning up to partake in the week's activities. Students had the opportunity to create their own version of the rock cycle, and they also had the opportunity to look at Mr Macefield's rock collection; it rocked!

Plenty of rocks were given out and so were merits. We hope we have an even bigger turnout next week.

Even more things are to come in the course of the next year including:

- Rock, fossil and mineral sample identification and observation (including my personal favourite - 'Name That Fossil')
- Make your own biodegradable seed planters
- Geode cracking
- Making earthquake-proof structures
- Flora species identification around the school site
- Poster-creating (to spread the good word of sustainability)
- Discussions on how to live sustainably and reduce your carbon footprint
- Geography, Geology and Sustainability quizzes
- Litter-picking around the school site
- Weekly Bottle Recycling Scheme

Thank you to those who attended. I will publish another update in the next newsletter.

Alfie S



FOOTBALL ACADEMY

We had great attendance to football academy this week. Despite the horrendous weather we had 40 students come out to train and compete.

Mr Pollard's Year 7 team made final plans for his first squad that play their first matches at Warblington this week.

My Year 8 team managed to work on some tactical bits in preparation for their first games next Tuesday away at Cowplain.

Year 9 and 10s were playing matches. They start fixtures after Christmas.



Mr Herriot

Featured in The News

Treasure Your Chest initiative launches at Park Community School in Havant to educate schoolgirls on breast health

A SCHEME providing free breast education support to UK schools has relaunched at Park Community School during Breast Cancer Awareness Month.



'The session has been brilliant, so informative. It's such a taboo subject, not all students have that supportive network around them, so being empowered with the knowledge themselves is really vital for them.' **Mrs Cavanagh**



Treasure Your Chest was relaunched today, at the end of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, to Year 10 students at Park Community School.

The project provides teachers with reliable and evidence-based information packaged into downloadable online resources developed by researchers at the University of Portsmouth, St Mary's University in Twickenham, London, and the University of Chichester.



14-year-old Connie said: 'I feel like it's awkward but it's a topic that needs to be talked about for girls, I've thought about it but I've never looked into it. I didn't know there was other signs for breast cancer other than lumps, I know what to look for now.'

Professor Joanna Wakefield-Scurr, from the Research Group in Breast Health at the University of Portsmouth, was there to give the presentation to the class.

She said: 'We believe that girls deserve to receive comprehensive breast education, beyond the biological aspects of puberty taught in schools. Breast development can be a positive milestone in the development of the female body, but it can also be an embarrassing and confusing time. By empowering girls with knowledge and awareness, we believe that girls' body confidence, health and participation in physical activity can be significantly improved.'



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Year 10 Trip to Winchester College

Before half term I had the privilege of taking 12 of our Year 10 students for their first trip to Winchester College this academic year. During the day, they gave an excellent account of themselves and our school through their good manners and high levels of engagement.

They attended Studium, a series of lectures delivered by friends of Winchester College.

The first talk was delivered by Margot Gosney, a professor of medicine with over 30 years of experience in Health Care as a consultant, researcher and as chair of the Research and Ethics Committee at the University of Reading. Professor Gosney completed her medicine degree in 1983, at a time where the profession was overwhelmingly male dominated, in an environment often hostile towards women. An inspirational figure for our students, one that will hopefully inspire those Year 10s looking for future careers in STEM industries.

The second talk was taken by James Sproule, Chief Economist at Handelsbanken and former political advisor to Boris Johnson. In the talk he gave a fantastic overview of the fundamentals of Development Economics and made some insightful predictions of the impact of what he calls the Intellectual Revolution. He speculates that intellectual capital is the crucial input to future growth and development.

The third talk was titled "Friend or Foe - How Artificial Intelligence is transforming Defence Operations" and was given by Air Commodore Dave Rowland, current head of the Defence Artificial Intelligence Centre. He gave the students a clear and concise explanation of what AI and machine learning are before looking at how the Armed Forces in the UK are planning to use AI to gain the upper hand in current and future conflicts.

Following the talks, the students had a tour of the grounds and ate lunch in the dining hall, observing a grace delivered in Latin and enjoying the impressive surroundings.

The group will visit the college regularly throughout the year.

Mr Pollard





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STEM Ambassador Launch Event

On Wednesday 19th October, parents and students met in the lecture theatre for a presentation by Mr Green and Ms Gregory to launch Park's STEM Ambassador Programme. This female only event is sponsored by the Royal College of Engineers to encourage our brightest Year 8 and 9 students to consider STEM related careers. The 16 students from each year group were selected by their science, technology and maths teachers for showing particular aptitude and promise.

The event celebrated their selection with certificates and pin badges and orders are now in for a printed polo shirt. The ambassadors will undertake a number of outreach activities in local primary schools and universities. They will also meet each Thursday in the STEM block to focus on fun and rewarding projects.

The response by parents and students was very positive with offers of help and support already flooding in from those with business links who feel they can support this exciting initiative.

The students are:

Year 8; Emily, Pollyanna, Alicia, Isabella, Frankie, Mariama, Megan, Alanamae, Macayla, Emma , Tallulah, Charley, Jessica, Brooke-Marie, Lily-Anne and Demi.

Year 9; Sophie, Maddison, Poppy, Abi, Ann, Abigail, Daisy, Jessica, Jessica, Ruby, Amelia, Olivia, Sophie, Jess, Lexie, Libby and Layla.

Their first project is to design and make a range of Christmas themed, quality, gift products to sell to students and staff in the last week of term.

Watch this space for more details over the coming weeks.

Mr Green



**Royal Academy
of Engineering**





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PRESENTS

THE WIZARD of Z



By L. Frank Baum

With Music and Lyrics by
Harold Arlen and E.Y. Harburg

Background Music by
Herbert Stothart

Dance and Vocal Arrangements by
Peter Howard

Based upon the Classic
Motion Picture owned by
Turner Entertainment Co.
and distributed in all media
by **Warner Bros.**

Adapted by **John Kane**
for the **Royal Shakespeare
Company**.



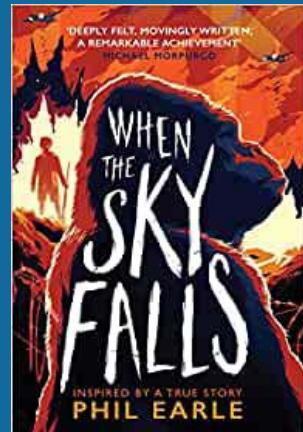
Location: School Theatre 7pm

Wednesday 7th December 2022

Thursday 8th December 2022

Friday 9th December 2022

TICKETS: £6 EACH OR £20 FOR A FAMILY OF 4



**When the Sky Falls
by Phil Earle**

An evacuated boy builds a relationship with the gorilla at the zoo owned by the woman with whom he's been billeted. It's 1940, and Joseph has been packed off to stay with Mrs F, a gruff woman with no great fondness for children. To Joseph's amazement, she owns the rundown city zoo where Joseph meets Adonis, a huge silverback gorilla. Adonis is ferociously strong and dangerous, but Joseph finds he has an affinity with the lonely beast. But when the bombs begin to fall, it is up to Joseph to guard Adonis's cage should it be damaged by a blast. Will Joseph be ready to pull the trigger if it comes to it?

A poignant and gripping story about how children and families face the complexities of race in today's world.

**AWARD Winner - Books Are My Bag Reader
Awards (Children's Fiction) 2021**

"I first read When the Sky Falls at our Bookbusters book-club and again as a tutor class-read. One thing I like about this book was the bond of Miss F and Joseph. I liked how they grow closer during bad situations and how at the end they didn't mind each other as much. I wouldn't change much about this book, but I don't think we needed so much of Joseph's backstory even though it is important to understand and quite interesting. I would rate this book 4 out of 5 stars. This is because it's a really exciting and interesting book. I would 100% recommend this book to children and also to adults. **"Demi 8LG1**

"When the Sky Falls is good because it is filled with action and excitement. It is also very sad, and I would like to change the ending, so it is not so sad . I would score it 4 out of 5 stars and would definitely recommend it to anyone who likes action and war stories." **Ollie 8LF1**

"When the Sky Falls is a book about the connection between people and animals. My favourite character is Adonis and I think he is really cleverly written as he is able to convey so much emotion through only his physical actions. The author has done an incredible job of description that really makes you feel involved in the story. It made me cry and I think this is because Joseph's story was portrayed in such a sensitive way that it really made me feel empathetic and I became really attached to him. This is one of my favourite Canon books as I wasn't expecting it to be as good as it was and I ended up reading it in one sitting because the action was so gripping and the emotions so well conveyed. I would highly recommend When the Sky Falls to anyone as I think there is something for everyone in the story."

Miss Gibbons



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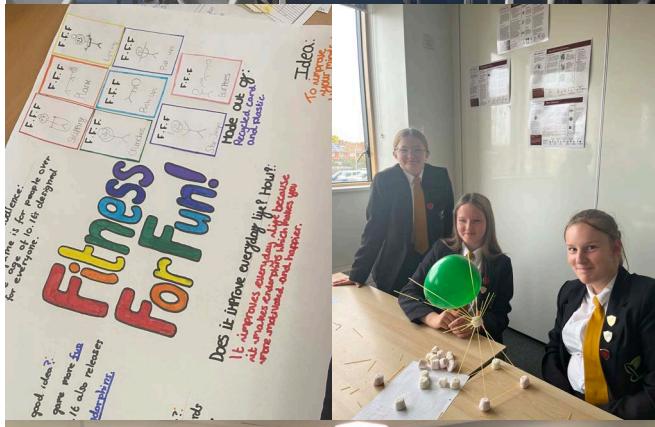
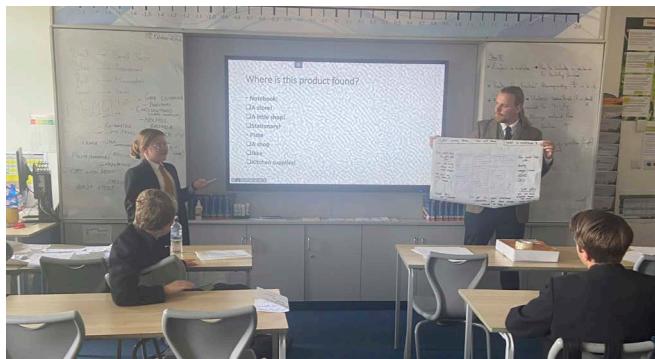
Challenge Day 2022: Taking Care of Yourself

Year 7 spent the day exploring the changes that are happening to them and their bodies. They had a session from RSE expert Shannon Reddin and sessions on their emotions, self confidence and also internet safety.

Year 8 became apprentices for the day and developed their business skills by planning and designing an eco friendly product to help others.

Year 9 investigated their own employability and explored some of the many choices that would be available once they left school. They also investigated budgeting and the intricacies of managing finances as an adult.

Year 10 explored how they could make informed choices when being exposed to difficult situations and also investigated their self-esteem and how to keep it positive. Finally, Year 11 explored the impact of revision. After walking talking mocks in English and Maths and a motivational talk from Mr Roberson, they were able to create their own revision plans for their upcoming mocks.
Mrs Loake



After school activities for the European Day of Languages!

Thank you to all students who have taken part in our after school clubs for the European Day of Languages on Monday 26th September. Students were given the opportunity to cook Spanish tortilla with Miss Garcia and Mr Payne and to represent their favourite Spanish-speaking football team in a football tournament with Miss Nuttal.

Well done for taking part!

Miss Dermby





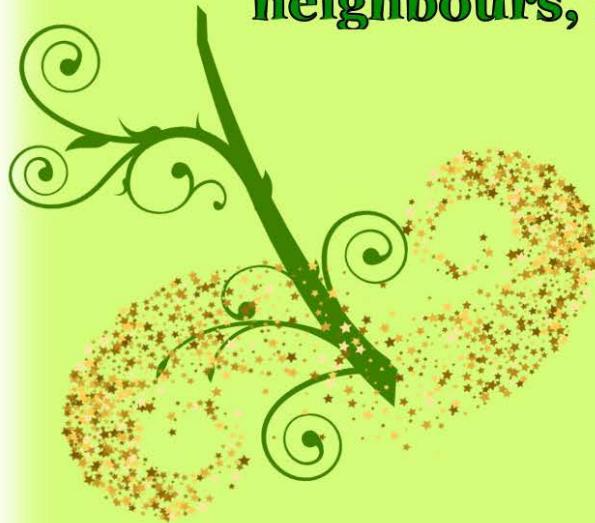
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The Leigh Park and Warren Park Community Panto Players
present

Jack and the Beanstalk

**Starring your very own
neighbours, friends and family**

*And featuring
Father Jonathan
as
Betsy Bumble*



**St Clare's Church
St Clare's Avenue, Warren Park**

Performances:

Friday 2nd December 7.00pm
Saturday 3rd December 2.30pm
Saturday 3rd December 7.00pm
Sunday 4th December 2.30pm

Tickets:

Adult: £2.50
Child: £1.00
Group: £6.00
(4 to inc at least 1 child)

Booking essential: Contact us on 023 92475276

Please let us know if you book tickets and cannot attend for any reason, so that we can make sure others have the opportunity to see the show instead. We want to share the fun of the season with as many as we can! Thank you xx

Heart of the Park





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People and Stories, in collaboration with the Royal Naval Association, City of Sanctuary, Portsmouth Repair Café, and Arts Council England, presents

UNDERTOW:1982

The thrilling live show, touring this Autumn

It's 1982, and Stella welcomes the community into her social club as the world around them turns upside down. Set against the backdrop of the Falkland's War and uncertainty at the dockyard, UNDERTOW:1982 is an uplifting and moving tribute to a hugely important year in the region's history.

Includes live 80s music, performed by The Spoils



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8pm start

Ages 16+



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