



# Park Community School

## NEWSLETTER

### Fortnightly Update 1st April 2022

#### Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Thank you to Year 9 parents and students who attended the Options evening yesterday. It was great to hear so many conversations about future careers and see the thought that is being given to these choices. A reminder that the deadline for returns is Thursday 7 April, students have been sent a link to their form. Please contact Mr Bourton if you have any questions.

Year 11 have now entered the 'homerun' towards exams. Congratulations to Catering and Performing Arts students who have completed their final exam pieces over the past few weeks. Study clubs for Year 11s run throughout the Easter holidays and continue in the run up to exams next half term.

Our whole school community is looking forward to the final week of term where our student voice team are running various activities for their social action project. The first of these is 'Screen Free Monday', where the whole school community will be encouraged to turn off their technology and social media for 24 hours and students will have PowerPoint free learning for the day. The week culminates in Challenge Day and our annual Race at Our Place.



*Mr Warshaw*



*Mrs Jervis*

## RACE AT OUR PLACE

Friday 8th April 2022 1.30 – 2.30pm



Congratulations to Miss Jervis who completed her skydive 20 March to raise funds for Rowans Hospice!

Park maths teacher recites 4,949 digits of Pi from memory to mark World Pi Day!  $\pi$

Mr Warshaw recited 4,949 digits of Pi in 17 minutes - an unofficial record. This was one of several fun activities hosted at Park to mark World Pi Day, which is held annually on March 14 to reflect the first three digits of Pi (3.14).

Mr Warshaw began committing Pi to memory about a year ago and developed different methods for revision, including creating patterns, looking for differences, and breaking the numbers into chunks like phone numbers.



Saffron in Year 7 is the overall winner of reciting PI from memory. She did it to an amazing 80 digits!

40 students and staff won a cookie by calculating the circumference using the Pi formula. 56 students took part in the PI playing card competition and the overall winners won Easter eggs.

Mr Moody and his amazing staff in the kitchen created some wonderful chicken Pi, Veg Pi and Cherry Pi.

Thank you to the Maths Ambassadors for their help during lunch. Great work guys and thank you for your support!

**Mrs Harris**





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## Year 11 Drama and Music Performance

Huge congratulations to our Year 11 drama and music students who have completed their practical performance.



## BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK

### *Virtual reality workshop*

On Wednesday 16 March, Year 7 had the fantastic opportunity to experience the whole of the solar system through virtual reality.

As part of science week, a workshop was held in one of our science labs and every Year 7 student had the chance to experience all eight planets of our solar system up close. The students really enjoyed the sessions, asking fantastic answers and trying to spot aliens! They learnt about the different planets, their moons and where life was likely to be found. The sessions started with students experiencing a simulated launch from Earth then a trip through the solar system, spotting moons and weaving in and out of the asteroid belt.

Students had lots of fun and were hopefully inspired to pursue adventures beyond our atmosphere!

**Mrs Gregory**



### *Barncroft Visit*

On Tuesday 15 March, we had the pleasure of hosting 60 Year 5 Barncroft students in the STEM block to help celebrate British Science Week.

Barncroft students enjoyed a variety of sessions during their hour with us:

- Cooking biscuits and discussing chemistry in Food Tech
- Making a tension model which they could take home, discussing physics and how materials are affected by the laws of physics
- Flame tests in science – observing how different chemicals produce a variety of colours when burnt
- Sugar snakes – using ethanol to burn sweets resulting in a variety of sugar snakes
- Dissection of a pluck – looking at the heart, lungs and respiratory system, touching and feeling the different veins and arteries and feeling the different densities of heart muscle and lung tissue
- Visiting the garden, goats and chickens and enjoying a compost game
- Using lemon juice to make bouncy balls, investigating different materials, bonds and elastic material
- Discovering a non-Newtonian fluid on a giant scale in a paddling pool – how a substance can be a solid and a liquid at the same time.

The afternoon was a huge success with one pupil telling us 'This has been the best day of my life.'

The STEM team were well supported by some fantastic Park students from across Years 7 – 10, without whom we would never have been able to provide such a great experience for Year 5.



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## A win for the Year 7 Boys football team

Last week, the Year 7 Boys football team beat Priory School 6-4. The boys put in a fantastic team performance. I was particularly happy with the way they supported the newer members of the team that were making their first appearance for the school team.

Thank you to all the staff that came to support the boys this evening!

**Mr Pollard**



### GOALS

Archie  
Jack  
Jodie

### HEROES OF PARK

Mason	Josh	Ollie	Reagan
Jack	Blake	Leon	Jobie
Cohen	Logan	Archie	Oakley



Charlie

## Year 9 - Speak Out Challenge!

On Tuesday 14 March half of our Year 9 students had the fantastic opportunity to participate in the Speak Out Challenge workshops. These workshops are run by experts who come from a range of diverse backgrounds focusing on helping young people to develop confidence, self-esteem, and positive presentation skills. They are designed to build the students' beliefs in their own abilities. Students were given a variety of different tasks that helped them to stand up in front of their peers to confidently present information that they had prepared. One of the workshop leaders reflected the exact words that we want our students to engage with to "prepare, practice and perform" as a guide for them to develop their abilities in being able to present speeches with conviction and poise.

Feedback from both teachers and students has been excellent, and we saw students engaged, enjoying

themselves, and entertained in a constructive and fun learning environment. Already the positive outcomes we had hoped for are evident, as many students are already applying the positivity they gained into their English lessons, asserting their learning in structured and practical ways. The benefits will ripple through to other subjects too, as students gain further belief in their abilities and confidence in the approach to their work.

We hope to hold the Speak Out Challenge workshops again next year!

**Ms Dempsey**



Monday 11th April	Tuesday 12th April	Wednesday 13th April	Thursday 14th April	Friday 15th April	Monday 18th April	Tuesday 19th April	Wednesday 20th April	Thursday 21st April
GEOGRAPHY 10am -1pm J01/2	PSYCHOLOGY 10am-12pm J03	SCIENCE 10am-12pm G01/2	PHOTOGRAPHY 10am - 2pm S03	BANK HOLIDAY GOOD FRIDAY	BANK HOLIDAY EASTER MONDAY	MATHS 10am-12pm C04/C11	COMPUTER SCIENCE 10am – 1pm J04	SPANISH 10am – 12pm C07
	RE 12:30pm-2:30pm J03					RE 10am-12pm J05		
	ENGLISH 2 sessions 10:30am – 12pm 12:30 – 2pm Y03/Y06	YEAR 11 <i>Easter STUDY CLUB</i>						



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**WEA** Adult Learning Within Reach



This course will offer a shared experience where, under the tutor's guidance and suggestions, students' ideas and research will uncover ways to manage everyday spending that work for many people. This will be a confidential group and any feedback in the room will not be shared without your active permission.

**Dates:** 25<sup>th</sup> March to 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022

**Fridays 9:00 – 11:30**

**Venue:** Dickinson Centre, PO9 4DQ

To enrol please quote the course reference C3747575  
either online at

<https://enrolonline.wea.org.uk/Online/2021/CourseInfo.aspx?r=C3747575>

or by ringing 0300 303 3464

**Havant Borough only**

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## FREE Easter Events in Havant

Park Community School, Middle Park Way, Havant PO9 4BU

**Tuesday 12th - Thursday 21st April**

**FAMILY FESTIVAL DAYS**  
**10.30am – 2.30pm**

**YOUTH DAYS**  
**10.30am – 2.30pm**

For more information and to book visit [www.connect4.org.uk](http://www.connect4.org.uk)  
or email [admin@connect4.org.uk](mailto:admin@connect4.org.uk)

## Family Fun Days

Free activities for children with parents attending

Tuesday 12th April  
Wednesday 13th April  
Wednesday 20th April  
Thursday 21st April



## Youth Days

Secondary school age children can come on their own. Free whole day activity, meet new friends and learn something new!

Tuesday 12th April Let's Cook- 3 course menu  
Wednesday 13th April Glass Fusing and Creative Art  
Wednesday 20th April Working with wood  
Thursday 21st April TBC



These days are for children entitled to FSM, EHCP, SEN plans. This is criteria for the funding.