



Park Community School

NEWSLETTER

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

We have ended the term with our traditional Christmas at Park. Whilst tucking into Christmas dinner, bouncing off excess energy on the inflatables and singing along to Christmas anthems, we have been able to take time to be together and celebrate being part of Park.

We have also said goodbye to some much loved staff this week. Mr Chapman is off to Australia, Miss Spies is moving to a West Sussex school closer to home and Miss McIntosh will be joining Hayling School in January. Miss Hepworth and Mr Yeung also leave us this week. On behalf of all staff and students, we would like to thank them for their time at Park and wish them luck for the future.

Thank you all for your support this term. We would like to wish you and your families a wonderful Christmas and New Year.



Mr Anders



Mrs Capaldi



**End of term
15 December 2023**

**Return to School
Tuesday 2 January 2024**



**Christmas Lunch at
Park 2023**

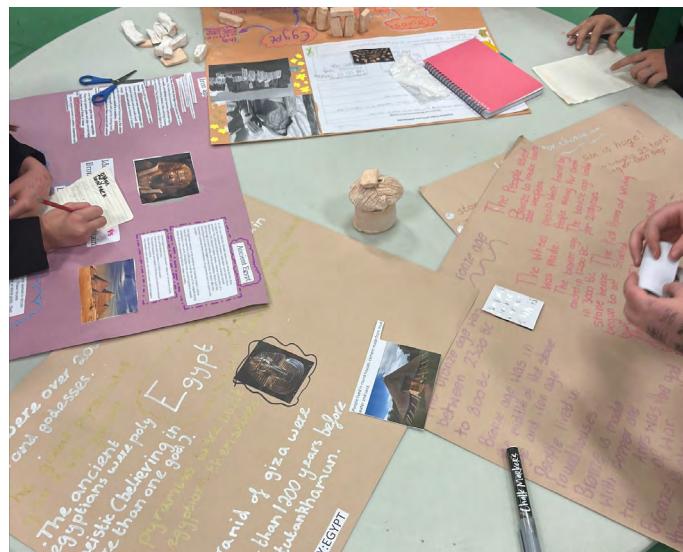


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Humanities Showcase

Year 7 have been showing off what they have learned in History and RE. This term, students have been exploring the theme of identity, looking at how the history of Leigh Park compares to Britain and the wider world and what was important to Britons living in the prehistoric period. The Year 7s created a showcase of information, pulling all of their learning together to share with fellow students, staff and parents. There were quizzes, models and even a demonstration of Egyptian mummification! The showcase was an impressive end to a good term.

Mr Pycroft





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Christmas Stall

Once again, our STEM Ambassadors have enjoyed a term of Enterprise Initiative, making and selling Christmas crafts during lunch time and before our fantastic Christmas show. The girls have run the project themselves this year and have been fantastic.

Mrs Gregory



STEM trip to Winchester

Our STEM girls had another successful, fun trip to St Swithun's school in Winchester where they learnt new Lacrosse skills and enjoyed a lunchtime piano concert. We are making strong links with the school, sharing resources and best practice and hope to host St Swithun's at our farm and tea rooms in the new year.

Mrs Gregory





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Six! At Park

Thank you to everyone who attended our students' performance of Six! The whole thing was organised by the students themselves and the performance was professional, entertaining and absolutely fantastic. Well done to Alfie, Brooke, Mahlah, Ruby, Shayleigh and Maya- you were fantastic representation of these powerful women. Thank you to Mr Forder, Archie and Kai for their technical support.



"First of all – we were so delighted and impressed by the show – it was fantastic. They were terrific. Such confidence, such good stage craft (I could go on about that for ages!). It was an honour to be invited and a pleasure to be there. It was very emotional to see how far they had come - from breaking down in giggles and keeping as far away from the audience as they could - to that in-your-face , loud, strong, interactive performance."

Liz Weston, Portsmouth Poets

Mrs Chuter



Performing Arts Showcase

Congratulations to all of our wonderful performers who entertained our audience in last week's Christmas showcase. The evening featured a wonderful range of performances including A Christmas Carol, dance pieces, great vocals and guitar solos. Well done everyone.

Mrs Chuter





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Attendance Streaks

This week students achieving a 30 day streak had the chance to spin the wheel for a prize. Students received prizes, including chocolate, hoodies, books and Just Eat vouchers. Now to go again in 2024 and see how long everyone can maintain their streaks.

Mr Rose



Christmas reindeers created in technology



Year 8 Visit

Our Year 8's had a brilliant time when we were lucky enough to be the only school at the Winchester Science Centre. We enjoyed a planetarium show which flew us around the solar system and into a black hole. Luckily we survived to enjoy the exhibits over two floors of the Centre.

The students enjoyed the visit after being exceptional during a STEM based Challenge Day and would recommend the visit to all future scientists.

Mrs Gregory





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Munch Community Food Programme

Mr Anders and I were delighted to meet with Year 10 students from Crookhorn College at the Munch Pantry in the Dickinson Centre. The students had successfully run an enterprising Christmas Fair last Friday as part of their Business Studies class. They were responsible for buying products and then selling them at break and lunchtimes. Each group was given a budget of £50 and it was agreed that any profit made would go to the Munch Community Food Pantry. It was a huge success. The Year 10 students presented Mr Anders with a cheque for £336.74. Thank you so much for all your hard work, Year 10, the money will be used to purchase food and support Christmas Day Lunch.

Mrs Parish

Community Bowls

We spent a lovely afternoon at the bowls club to celebrate Christmas and our last session of 2023.

Thank you to Alex and the catering team for baking some amazing mince pies and biscuits. The team presented the members with them upon our arrival. They also wrote them a card thanking them for everything this year. It was a heart-warming moment.

We then played some fun matches. Alfie and I came back and beat Frazier and Liam 8-4. Ruby and John played really well to beat Jayden and Lynn 8-3. We look forward to returning in 2024!

Mr Herriot

Thank you to Loki one of our students who has been writing to organisations and charities to help us with funding our Munch Community Food Pantry. Loki has had success with Havant Lions Charity who are going to be donating £500 in the new year.





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Friends of Ukraine Newsletter – December 2023



Welcome to our first Friends of Ukraine newsletter!

Meet the team

My name is Hayden and I like videogames. I dislike Maths. For Christmas Eve, we go to my Nan's, and we have a fun "Christmas-like" day where we have takeaway instead of Christmas dinner.

Hi! My name is Emily!

My name is Alanamae, and I like photography, but I dislike R.E. For Christmas, I am spending the day with my family watching movies and opening presents.

My name is Katie and I like drawing, I dislike sharks and for Christmas I am having a big dinner with my mum, and both my sisters.

Hi! My name is Logan!

Hi! My name is Frankie!

Hi! My name is Abigail!

Hi my name is Zakery and in my spare time I like to read and talk to my friends. For Christmas, I'm going to spend time with my family.

Hi! My name is Sophia. I like to work with music fusion in my spare time. Our family tradition at Christmas is opening our stockings with my mum and dad.

Hi! My name is Pollyanna!



Friends of Ukraine

As part of our Friends of Ukraine project, students have decided to share with our Ukrainian partner school what makes Christmas at Park special and what makes Christmas special for them. Well done to everyone involved and we are looking forward to sharing more of this exciting new European link.

Mrs Dermy





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Special Educational Needs and Disabilities at Park

Welcome to the third edition of Park's SEN newsletter!

This is an exciting opportunity for readers to find out what is happening in school to support our students with special educational needs; opportunities to be signposted and find out what is available in the local community and to be updated on any relevant information around SEND.

Guide to Special Educational Needs and Disabilities – What does it mean?

Children and young people with SEN all have learning difficulties or disabilities that make it harder for them to learn than most children and young people of the same age. These children and young people may need extra or different help from that given to others.

If your child's first language is not English, does that mean they have a learning difficulty? The law says that children and young people do not have learning difficulties just because their first language is not English, although, of course, some of these children and young people may have learning difficulties as well.

Many children and young people will have SEN of some kind at some time during their education. Early years providers (for example, nurseries or childminders), mainstream schools, colleges and other organisations can help most children and young people succeed with some changes to their practice or additional support. But some children and young people will need extra help for some or all of their time in education and training.

Children and young people with SEN may need extra help because of a range of needs. The 0-25 SEND Code of Practice set out four areas of SEN:

Communicating and interacting – for example, where children and young people have speech, language and communication difficulties which make it difficult for them to make sense of language or to understand how to communicate effectively and appropriately with others.

Cognition and learning – for example, where children and young people learn at a slower pace than others their age, have difficulty in understanding parts of the curriculum, have difficulties with organisation and memory skills, or have a specific difficulty affecting one particular part of their learning performance such as in literacy or numeracy.

Social, emotional and mental health difficulties – for example, where children and young people have difficulty in managing their relationships with other people, are withdrawn, or if they behave in ways that may hinder their and other children's learning, or that have an impact on their health and wellbeing.

Sensory and/or physical needs – for example, children and young people with visual and/or hearing impairments, or a physical need that means they must have additional ongoing support and equipment.

Some children and young people may have SEN that covers more than one of these areas.

Disabilities

Many children and young people who have SEN may also have a disability. A disability is described in law (the Equality Act 2010) as 'a physical or mental impairment which has a long-term (a year or more) and substantial adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.' This includes, for example, sensory impairments such as those that affect sight and hearing, and long-term health conditions such as asthma, diabetes or epilepsy.

Special educational needs and disability: A guide for parents and carers (August 2014)
Department for Education





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Special Educational Needs and Disabilities at Park

Welcome to the third edition of Park's SEN newsletter!

MEET THE TEAM

Miss Bell

Hello, I am Miss Bell I work within the SEN department at Park Community School. I am level 2 qualified in teaching and assisting in classrooms. I started my journey here at Park Community School late October 2022, since then I have done a therapeutic story writing intervention course; I am a mental health first aider, and first aid trained. I love working in the SEN department and seeing the students overcome obstacles and solve problems- it's a very rewarding experience and every small victory feels like a big step forward.



Parent Drop In

at Park Community School

- For parents of children with challenging behaviour, Autism, ADHD, Anxiety and Mental Health difficulties.
- Help and guidance in a group or 1:1 setting
- Meet other parents in similar situations
- Specialist parenting strategies to help at home and school

10.30am - 12pm

Once a month - Third Tuesday of each month

16th January 20th February 29th March 16th April
21st May 18th June 16th July

2024



SEND Homework Clubs

When:

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday

2.45pm - 3.15pm

What and Where:

- **KS3 Homework Club** (Year 7, 8 & 9) at the KS3 Hub (the room off the library).
- **Handwriting Club** (any year groups welcome) at the KS3 Hub (the room off the library).
- **KS4 Homework Club** (Year 10 & 11) in the library, until further notice.

Contacting the school

If you wish to speak to the SEND team about your child please contact:



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Mrs Shuttle

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Reuse, reduce and regift
workshop!

*Itchen College, funded by Hampshire
Learns Multiply are excited to offer this
FREE Christmas craft workshop*

- **Learn how to reuse old items to make them into new Christmas gifts.**
- **Reduce the cost of Christmas by making our own handmade gifts.**
- **Recipes on how to use leftover food this year.**
- **Budgeting workshop.**

Free Christmas goodie gift bag to take home!

Where: Park Community school, Middle Park
Road, Leigh park PO9 4BU
When: Saturday 16th 10am -1pm



Activities included:

- Make your own sock snowman or teddy bear
- Decorations and gift tags made from cardboard boxes
- Make your own Christmas cards
- Budgeting workshop and price comparison search.
- Other fun craft ideas!

Must be 19+ to be eligible for the course.

For more information

Contact:

Courses@itchen.ac.uk

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Adult Social Care

Want to make a difference to people's lives?
Have you thought about these roles? -Activities Coordinator
-Chef -Care Worker -Housekeeper -Kitchen Assistant -
Support Worker -Rehabilitation Assistant -Outreach worker?

It doesn't matter about your background or how old you are, if you want to help people there's a role for you. You don't necessarily need any qualifications or previous work experience. What's really important is your values and attitude.

You'll be helping people to live more independently and have a better quality of life.

Meet Employers- Guaranteed Interviews!

Your training will cover: An introduction to working in the care sector, effective communication skills, teamwork, support to apply and interview for the roles which interest you.

Come and join us 8th, 9th, 10th 11th and 12th of January
9:30 am - 2:30 pm

Venue: The Dickinson Centre, Park Community School, Middle Park Way, Havant