



Park Community School

NEWSLETTER

Fortnightly Update

29th April 2022

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

What a great start back to school this week has been. Students have returned to school looking smart and ready to learn. Arriving to every lesson 'ready to learn' will be a phrase we will use lots this term to help every student succeed.

This term's assemblies focus on community and our place in it. In assembly this week we adorned the sportshall with flags representing countries across the world, Hampshire and Park as we considered the different types of communities we live in and our responsibilities within them.

The term ahead is a busy one and in Year 11 examinations, Year 10 work experience and Year 6 visiting us for Freshers' week.

This newsletter celebrates some of the many examples of students finding what they love in the final few weeks of last term.



CCd.



ABGJL

Social Action Project with Hannah Beharry, Olympic Gold Medallist

A'layah, Ella, Ruby and Emma delivered their social action project in the final week before Easter. They focussed on staying healthy and throughout the week ran different activities to help everyone do just that.

On Monday all classrooms were screen free and everyone was encouraged to limit screen time and focus on the world around them. On Tuesday a Dance off at Lunch time provided great examples of having fun and exercising, while a cinema evening and Year 7 disco gave other ways of switching off and looking after your well being. The week culminated in Challenge day and Race at our place. Well done to Miss Norman and the girls for their hard work in planning and running the week. Great examples of leadership were shown by A'layah, Ella, Ruby and Emma. More on page 5.

Mrs Capaldi



Havant MP Alan Mak takes questions from our students

On 1 April Alan Mak MP for Havant visited Park Community school to talk to Year 8 about local, national and international issues. His talk was interesting and engaging; he shared with the year group his background, his own experiences as a student and how he beat adversity to become a member of parliament.

Students were given the opportunity to ask Alan questions at the end of the assembly, and a group joined him in the Dickinson Centre afterwards. Alan was very impressed with the range of excellent questions he was asked. Questions on Ukraine, cost of living, sewage dumping, nuisance off road bikes in Havant Thicket and homelessness were discussed. The group of students enjoyed engaging with Alan and gained a deeper knowledge of political matters.



Local MP Alan Mak said:
"Supporting local schools and engaging with young people is one of my top priorities, and I enjoyed visiting Park Community School again. The pupils asked excellent questions and I'm sure some of them will go to become the MPs of the future"





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YES TRIP

On 2 April, the YES team took 19 students to Portsmouth where they enjoyed a meal at Spoon world buffet followed by an energy busting visit to Laser Quest at Portsmouth Dockyard.

The students challenged themselves to try new foods and there was a great variety on offer including sushi, Indian, Chinese, Italian and Brazilian. Upon leaving, the manager asked me which school we were from and said that he was really impressed by how courteous and quiet our group had been. He said he would be very happy to welcome us back again in the future and was delighted to see the respect and care that was on display from staff towards students and vice versa.

"I love the sushi, never had it before"

"My favourite food is curry now"

"I'm eating the fruit as we don't get to have fruit at home"

We then took a lovely walk in the spring sunshine to the dockyard where we enjoyed looking at the boats and the view of the harbour before we made our way into Action Stations for Laser Quest.

Two teams battled it out - Team Turp and Team Jervis. Whilst team Jervis had a the tactical skill and expertise of their captain (Miss Jervis recorded the second highest score of the day!) it was two wins for Team Turp who seemed to quickly suss out the need to take out the opposing team's queen of operations!



"I couldn't sleep last night because I was so excited"

"My wheelchair is not stopping me from having a good time, i'll defend for the team"

We go again on 30 April , this time to Chichester for Bowling and Air Arena.

Miss Seaman

Havant Federation of Schools GCSE RE Revision Session

On 31 March Park hosted a Federation RE revision session for year 11 students. 35 Park students had the chance to work with students from other local schools to develop their subject expertise and confidence ready for the exams. The students worked hard and were a credit to the school, showing motivation and commitment to their learning and progress and having some great discussions across a range of issues and topics.

Mr May





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RACE AT OUR PLACE



On 8 April, the whole school took part in our latest Challenge Day, tied in with our annual Race at our Place. This term we focused on student wellbeing and KS3 had the fantastic opportunity to choose their own sessions run by staff with activities such as girls' football with Ms Moreira, learning Photoshop skills with Mrs Lawrence, and cooking with Mr Cushion and Mr Payne to name a few.

All sessions offered were run by staff, who put forward their own suggestions for what they wanted to take part in and to give them the opportunity to pass something they love onto the students. Mr Macefield got a chance to show off his fantastic geode collection which included some student rock smashing! Mr Bryce taught some eager Year 9s how to ballroom dance! And the Performing Arts team got to run a day-long musical session with students from all KS3 Year groups!

Mr Bourton organised and ran workshops throughout the day with Year 7 & 8 all about revision skills with a key focus on recall. Students were able to take part in their own year group teams and had to remember as much as they could about the information sheet behind the curtain to beat all other teams in the room. Students were engaged and took away lots of helpful information that they will apply to their classroom practice and future exams. Mr Roberson also ran a revision and wellbeing workshop with Year 9, bringing his own experience and expertise in business to deliver an engaging session with them. A personal favourite was seeing some of our KS3 Inspired students able to recite Mr Roberson's personalised phonetic alphabet perfectly five minutes on!

Year 11 took part in revision sessions for their core subjects while Year 10 had mock interviews to prepare them all for the working world and get them ready for their work experience in just a few months. Then all headed to complete Race at our Place...

Feedback from both staff and students has been excellent, with everyone enjoying the day! All took their positive experiences from the day into their race morale, and it was a fantastic show of determination from everyone. Caz, one of our lovely cleaners, made it a personal goal this year to complete the race with Mr Redman and Mrs Hext as her teammates with a finish time of 1 hour 3 minutes and 38 seconds!! Staff donated to their efforts and raised over £650 for their walk! Thank you to all for competing and taking part!!

Miss Turp





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Our annual New York trip for Year 11 was finally back after a two year gap because of Covid. Ms Bannard and Mr Roberson organised the trip with lots of help from staff back at school and those that went to New York too.

It was an amazing experience, I had lots of fun at all the locations. We went to the Statue of liberty, Central Park, The Empire State building, Top of the Rock and it was also so emotional to visit the 911 memorial. I made memories I will keep forever. **Cira**

We had an amazing time being able to go on a horse and carriage ride through Central Park. Even if I got lost it became a great memory and I loved telling everyone about it. It was made even more special because of the time we got to spend together- students and all of the teachers. **Gracie-Mai**





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Connect4Families took place over the Easter holidays including four Family Fun days, where families experienced a range of activities, including Easter crafts, cooking and physical activities. Each day families would sit down together and enjoy a hot meal. Every family were given an activity book which they could take home to recreate recipes and craft activities. We were joined by the Library Service who engaged with families and entertained the children by reading a story.

The Connect4Youth programme took place over four days and the young people had a great time meeting new people and learning new skills. They created their very own stool in wood work and amazing glass fusing creations.

Miss Fearon



Social Action Project

