



Park Community School

NEWSLETTER

Fortnightly Update 22 April 2024

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Welcome to the first newsletter for the Summer Term. The sun is now shining and the term ahead marks the final stage of life at Park for Year 11. It will also see us welcoming Year 6 in preparation for September.

Over Easter, school was extremely busy, with over 700 young people and families attending Connect activities and joining us for MUNCH meals. Alongside this, teachers volunteered to come in and run student clubs for Year 10 and 11 GCSE exams.

Our return to school last week began with our whole school assembly focused on our place in the world. We explored the theme of global citizenship and what this means for students at Park.

In the past year Park have travelled to the USA, China, France, Spain and Poland and have also welcomed visitors from Uzbekistan, China and Ukraine. We are becoming very well-travelled and intend to continue to develop and celebrate this. As a school we are creating a map of the world plotting our travels and celebrating the various parts of the world from which our students and staff come.

Summer uniform is permitted from Tuesday 7 May. This means students can replace their shirts and ties with polo shirts if they wish. All other items of uniform remain the same.

On Friday we said goodbye to the wonderful Mrs Parish. Mrs Parish has retired as Business Manager at Park after 20 years. Her contribution to the school's development and leadership of our provision for the community has been significant. She received an MBE in recognition of this in 2021. We wish Mrs Parish a fun-filled retirement and thank her for her outstanding service to our school and its community.



Mr Anders



Mrs Capaldi

**Good luck to Year 11
for their exams!**



Year 11 trip to New York City

During the Easter holidays, the Year 11 students made some unforgettable memories in New York. Our students were mature, independent and brilliant representatives of Park Community School. We saw the 'Big Apple' from the great heights of the Empire State Building and Top of the Rock. We travelled on the subway and a very wet ferry to visit the amazing Statue of Liberty.

Mr Roberson took staff and students on night walks around the city including Grand Central Station and Times Square, meaning that few areas of New York were left unseen!

Miss Nuttal





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RACE AT OUR PLACE 2024

Well done students, staff and community for another great Race At Our Place.

Being Part of Something Bigger than Just Us



Top Fund Raisers

Ellie Mae: £1050

Leon: £180

Fletcher: £160

Miss Nuttal's tutor group's cake sale:

Kaci
Madelyn
Paige
Bella
Scarlot
£43.69





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Easter 2024

The Connect4Youth team took 30 young people to Gunwharf for bowling and lunch.

It was really interesting to observe new friendships being formed with some of our older students supporting younger ones. The large group put themselves into six smaller teams and were keen to make the most of their new friendships.

Lots of the young people were thrilled to be making strikes as their games progressed. A great session which ended with the young people sharing lunch.

Miss Wingham



During the holidays, the team took a group of young people to The Kings Theatre to watch Grease.

The show was good and the young people were excited to see live theatre, as some had not been to a theatre before.

Mrs Seaman





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Our young people took part in a cooking session where they made pizza, chips and chocolate brownies.

The youngsters had a great time making their own pizza dough and hand cutting their own chips.

Chocolate brownies were a big hit too and the smell was divine from all those brownies baking in the ovens! The teens were very pleased with their two course meal, all made from scratch with their own hands!

Top work all round!



Fun was had in the workshop too.

Lots of new skills and techniques discovered and used to make some super tool boxes. Some young people made them as gifts to give to friends or family members and great pride was taken in making them.

There was even time to make some mobile phone holders too!

Great day all round!





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History brought to life - 1940s jeep visit

Year 7's Resourced Provision Tutor Group has been reading Michael Morpurgo's book - The Amazing Story of Adolphus Tips as their Tutor Read. In the story the American soldiers Aide and Harry drive around the village of Slapton Sands in an American jeep.

To celebrate the completion of the book and their work on the book's characters the group had history brought to life with a visit from 1940s enthusiast, Tom. He drove his 1940s American jeep on to the hard court to be met by a line of saluting students. With lots of enthusiasm and a few squeals of delight, Tom took the students and staff for a spin in the jeep whilst they wore 1940s soldiers' helmets to authenticate their experience.

Following on from this the students shared their class work with their parents in our 'Open Classroom' event and shared a 1940s tea of spam and Bovril sandwiches and a delicious Victoria Sponge cake.

Mrs Webb





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'Sanctuary' Performance and Installation at Park

Anyone can find themselves in need of sanctuary at some time, whether it's a Greek family fleeing a forest fire, a Brazilian fleeing drug wars, Ukrainians fleeing invasion or an abused teenager fleeing their home. At a time when refugees, asylum seekers and migrants are becoming increasingly de-humanised and demonised we hope to bring humanity and understanding to their need for a safe harbour – a sanctuary.

We are delighted to be hosting 'Sanctuary' at Park for the next few weeks. Sanctuary is a multi-arts project, working with 100 refugees across the Portsmouth area, which leads to a free live performance for schools on the theme of 'sanctuary'. The 45-minute show, created and performed by professional writers and actors, is based on the material produced in the workshops with the refugees and is accompanied by a specially designed exhibition.

The installation and performance have been developed by Creative Harbour and People and Stories. In a few weeks Year 9 and 10 students will watch the performance.



Mrs Tonks

Easter GCSE Study Sessions

Over Easter, teachers ran study clubs for Year 10 and 11 to support them with their final preparations for their exams. Study clubs ran for English, English Literature, maths, science, geography, computer science, dance, PE, art, photography and textiles.

Mrs Capaldi





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Park in China

Miss Conner, Mrs Cavanagh and I were fortunate to visit China before and during Easter. The trip was part of us developing further links with schools after our successful hosting of students from China in January.

We visited six different schools in China and presented at three conferences regarding the UK education system and our ambitions for our students. We received warm welcomes from every school we visited and were able to compare life in schools across the UK and China, as well as returning with some ideas and lots of gifts for Park.

We are now excited to build on the visit and welcome more students to Park in July this year. Longer term, we hope to be able to take some of our students to visit schools in China, but for the immediate future the connection is likely to be a virtual one. Watch this space.

Mrs Capaldi





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Special Educational Needs and Disabilities at Park

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

MEET THE TEAM

Miss Palmer

Hello, I'm Miss Palmer and work in the SEND department. I started working at Park as a Teaching Assistant in January 2021 after studying English at university but recently I have undertaken a new role within the SEND department as Reading Lead, working with students through interventions to help them improve their reading skills. I am looking forward to seeing students progress.



Since starting my role at Park I have had the pleasure of working alongside many students and have enjoyed getting to know them and supporting them in their lessons; I have also been fortunate enough to support students on many school trips including Abbey Farm and New York.

I am currently working toward a Level 3 Teaching Assistant qualification which I hope to complete in April. The apprenticeship has allowed me to learn about aspects of school life I would not have otherwise considered, I am now able to apply this new knowledge to my role and have a better understanding of how to support the students.

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.



Young People's Safe Haven

For 11-17 year olds living within Havant, East and South East Hants. Open 5pm to 8pm, Tuesday, Wednesday and 5pm to 7pm Thursday at The Pallant, Havant, PO9 1BE. Just drop in, no appointment needed.

We offer:

- Immediate access to one-to-one targeted support session with a wellbeing practitioner
- Group sessions discussing important wellbeing topics
- Wellbeing activities, arts & crafts and mindfulness
- Meeting other young people and peer support
- A calm and positive safe space
- Alternatively, telephone one-to-one support can be arranged

Email: cypsafehaven@easthantsmind.org
Freephone: 0300 303 1580

www.easthantsmind.org
Registered charity no. 1116301



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
Assistant SENDCo
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INclude

our neurodiversity schools team

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 19th March 16th April
21st May 18th June 16th July*

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Join a free 4-week skills, health and wellbeing programme

Designed for people aged between 30–60 years and delivered across four sessions, we'll help you discover new skills, as well as provide you with tools and resources to help give your health, wellbeing and confidence a boost.



What you'll cover during each session:

Session one: Skills, money and budgets

- Develop new skills and learn about opportunities to help start work or grow confidence in yourself
- Learn about work skills, training, money and budgeting
- Get a free goodie bag

Session two: Food and nutrition

- Learn about food and what the food labels really mean
- Learn how to cook for a family of any size
- Get a free slow cooker and recipe book

Session three: Walking for fun

- Learn how to read a map, create a local walk using a map and then do the walk
- Go on a group walk learning to use the map created, which is yours to keep and re-use
- Get a free walking map with local walking routes and pedometer

Session four: Moving for fun

- Learn about the importance of movement for our health and wellbeing
- Learn exercises which can be done at home and help strengthen our bodies to help us age better
- Get a free exercise mat and exercise bands

Topics we'll cover:

- Life skills, money and budgeting
- Food and eating well
- Walking for fun and planning routes
- Movement for health and wellbeing

Courses take place at:

Heart of the Park
Dunsbury Way
Havant
Hampshire
PO9 5BG

You'll also get:

- Free refreshments and lunch provided by Heart of the Park
- Plus freebies and goodie bags

Sessions will be run over 4 weeks

From: **10am to 1pm**

Every: **Thursday**

From: **9 May 2024 to 30 May 2024**

11 July 2024 to 1 August 2024

3 October 2024 to 24 October 2024

16 January 2025 to 6 February 2025



How do I sign up?

Places are limited. Register your interest to sign up for all four sessions at hants.gov.uk/YourFutureYourHealth or email YFYH@hants.gov.uk



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