



# Park Community School

## NEWSLETTER

### Fortnightly Update 30th June 2023

#### Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

As we approach the final three weeks of this academic year, it is a time to reflect on the past year, make time to celebrate together and plan for the September start. One significant moment for reflection and celebration is always Year 11's departure closely followed by Year 6's arrival.

This week was said our final farewells to Year 11. Our Leavers' Assembly and Leavers' Ball marked the end of their journey at Park and the start of the next. They have been a special year group and have worked hard towards achieving their GCSEs. We are looking forward to seeing them on GCSE results day on 24 August and to staying in touch as they go on to embrace new challenges and pursue their chosen career paths.

This week we are excited to be welcoming Year 6 students to Park in preparation for their September start as Year 7s. Our staff along with our team of sports ambassadors will be supporting them to find out what it means to be part of Park and how to prepare for a strong start in September. Parents will also join us on Wednesday evening.

School has been a little quieter this week as Year 10 have been experiencing the world of work. They have embarked on their two week work experience placements. Feedback from employers has been extremely positive, Park students are embracing the challenges with confidence and demonstrating themselves to be extremely capable individuals. We will share further updates of their experiences later this term.

In the meantime, Years 7, 8 and 9 have completed end of year testing in all subjects. They have worked hard in their exams and the feedback from these will be used to help students and teachers prepare for the new academic year.

On Thursday we are looking forward to all students participating in our Festival of Sport and competing for house points before the overall winners are declared. Staff have already competed to gain points for their houses, and in PE lessons students have been competing in various sporting challenges. The finale of the week will be Thursday afternoon. All students, including Year 6, should wear their PE kit to school for the full day and are encouraged to replace their Park polo top with one representing their house.

In addition to the events mentioned above, the next few weeks will also include a Year 7 whodunnit mystery day, our Year 8 residential to Calshot, awards evening and reward trips for students across all years.

We will write to you in the next few weeks with information about the end of term and the return to school in September.



*C. Clark.*



*A. Gale.*

#### STEM Ambassadors

Our wonderful STEM Ambassadors are partway through an exciting project. We are creating a new green space on the site, planting bog plants to entice new creatures and providing a relaxing place for our students to learn and relax in.

We are also developing a new pond and already have dragonfly larvae! The project will develop over the next few years, giving our students even more opportunities to investigate biodiversity.

#### Ms Gregory



*Our pigs at the farm enjoying the sunshine!*



#### Park's Festival of Sport Thursday 6th July

All students should wear PE kit with house coloured top.





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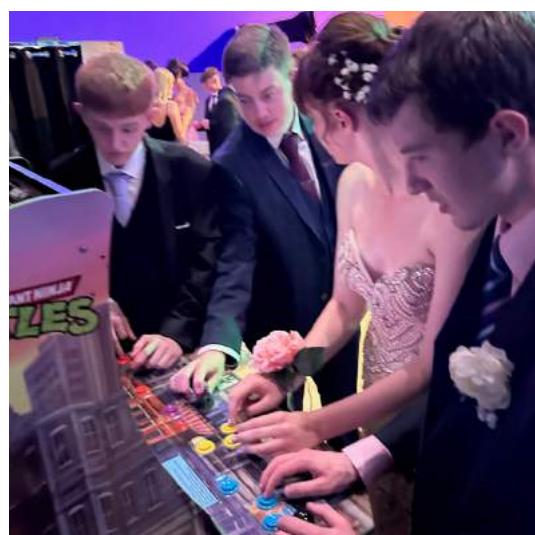
## Farewell to the Class of 2023

Congratulations to our Year 11s. They officially left Park last week. The end of their journey with us was celebrated with our traditional Leavers' Assembly followed by our Leavers' Ball in the evening. Students certainly celebrated in style.

Our theatre was transformed by our community and site team into a Gatsby themed ball-room and a wonderful evening was had by all. Thank you to so many of you who came out to watch the arrivals, the stunning outfits and to cheer each student as they walked the red carpet! It was a truly special evening and another moving reminder of what it means to be part of our school and its community.

We look forward to seeing Year 11 again on their GCSE results day on 24 August. Many more Leavers' Ball photographs will be available for them to take away on this day. #proudtobepartofpark

**Mr Cavanagh**





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## Coastal Experience

Key Stage Three Inspired students have been learning about coasts over the last half term. To link in with their learning they have visited Lee on Solent and Hayling Island beach to compare the differences between both. Students also learnt about erosion and the defence mechanisms that can be put in place to prevent it.

**Mr Redman**



## Year 9 Trip

I took a group of 11 Year 9 girls to St Swithun's school in Winchester for an afternoon of research, maths and chocolate! The girls all really enjoyed the visit and the tour of the school with a highlight being the hammocks on the playground and the promise of future visits to learn how to play lacrosse. As usual, our students were ambassadors for the school with everyone saying how hard working and focussed they were. We look forward to many more visits to St Swithun's and hosting them at Park to show off our fantastic school.

**Ms Gregory**



## Year 8 and 9 LAMDA Exams

On Monday 26th June a group of Year 8 and 9 students completed their LAMDA exam. Students have been working hard in lessons since September and got to show off their work and talent to a visiting examiner. Results to follow soon!

**Mrs Williams**



## Drama Workshop - The Party!

On Wednesday 28th June the Year 8 and 9 LAMDA students were invited to take part in a workshop with Scott Ramsay from People and Stories. Students worked with Scott to create the beginning of a play called The Party! The students' work will be included in a piece of professional theatre which will be performed at Park Community School in September as well as touring around 20 other venues.

**Mrs Williams**





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## Finding what we love

### Carousel

This week students on our carousel have had a great time at the farm. Highlights have included:

- New arrivals have made the most of the freedom of the farm as they squeezed through the gaps in the fencing.
- Layton watering what the rats have left us in the polytunnel!
- He was almost as brave as Teddy who got between a 200 kg sow and her food.
- A bumper crop of gooseberries thanks to Year 8s braving their thorns without complaint.
- Oakley giving fresh water directly to one of our half-wild boars.

### Mr Shearn



### Chess Champions

Chess has now been established as a regular feature of the restaurant every break and lunch time. An after-school club is now in place for September which will be run by Miss Gibbons.

### Mrs Capaldi





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## Community Bowls

A very warm afternoon down at Bedhampton. We had Ruby returning today after really enjoying her first session last week. Ruby practised with Lynn and they played a fantastic singles match. Ruby lost 6-4 but played very well.

Harry played a singles match against Alan. Alan was playing at a very high level and Harry was beaten 5-1 in the end.

Thank you to Mr Pollard for coming down for a bowl too.

### Mr Herriot



## YES! Trip to Brighton

Last Saturday, our Young Explorers travelled to Brighton for the day. They enjoyed ice creams on the beach, explored the shops and visited the Brighton Eye.

### Mr Roberson



## Staff Festival of Sport Events

After our brilliant staff competed in the multi event activities we can announce that, for staff, in 1st Place is Red House, in 2nd place Blue House and in 3rd place is Green House.

Students will now compete in all of the same events to add further points to the House totals ahead of the Festival of Sport on Thursday 6th July.

### Mrs Cavanagh



**Red House  
(675 points)**



**Blue House  
(655 points)**



**Green House  
(550 points)**





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## Sports Ambassadors at Barncroft's Swimming Gala

We spent a great afternoon at Barncroft supporting the swimming gala for some of the local primaries.

The team were outstanding once again. They were each responsible for a school and led some development games in the pool for the first hour. They were brilliant and the young people had so much fun. Our ambassadors spent time planning their tasks and were able to deliver them with confidence from the start. They then supported all of the pupils in the gala races.

**Mr Herriot and Miss Sexton**



## Year 7 & 8 South East Hants Athletics Competition

We spent a fantastic day in the sun at the athletics with our best performers from our PE curriculum lessons last half term. All of our students were a true credit to the school and competed well in every event they took part in.

### Final Results

#### Year 7

Katie - 10th out of 22 in Long Jump

#### Year 8:

Charley - 3rd place 200m

Leo -3rd Place 300m

Mason- 5th in Shot Putt

#### Heroes of Park:

##### Year 7:

Lilly Rose  
Katie  
Miley  
Frankie  
Millie  
Ralph  
Fletcher Co

**Mr Herriot**

##### Year 8:

Fletcher Cl	Crystal	Will
Billy	Jess	Blake
Tommy	Charley	Ollie
Owen	Brooke	Mason
	Megan	Harley
	Josh	Leo
	Charlie	Cohen

**FINISH**





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## Sports Ambassadors Support at Barncroft and Riders Sports Days

### Barncroft

Our team were fantastic once again leading the sports day at Barncroft. Each student had a station to run and were responsible for modelling the activity and counting the points up. There were many parents supporting which increased the pressure further on the ambassadors.

However, they were really calm and composed throughout the morning and afternoon. Yet again I am incredibly proud of their effort and application.

### Riders

We had a great morning and afternoon at Riders for their sports day. The students took on a variety of roles leading and supporting.

Special mention was given to Jayden, Alivia and George for being really supportive and showing good leadership throughout.

### Mr Herriot

*"Your Sports Ambassadors were a real credit to you. They were really positive and got stuck in with all of the activities, fully participating with the children and families. We were really proud to have them here. Thank you."*

*Mr England, Headteacher of Riders*



*"A huge thank you to your amazing sports ambassadors and their teacher who came to help with our sports morning today. We honestly couldn't have done it without them. They were such a credit to you."*

*Ms Petipher, Headteacher Barncroft*

## Refugee Week and the Theme of Compassion

Park students embraced this year's theme of compassion as we celebrated Refugee Week at Park. The creative group, 432 Nomads, came into school and ran workshops on what it means to be refugee. Students used music, art, performance and poetry to express their thoughts with some performing in Mr Bourton's assembly the following week and others being invited to be part of Ports Fest last weekend.

### Miss Manning





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**HEARTBREAK productions** Staunton Country Park OPEN AIR THEATRE

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RUNNING TIME: 2 HOURS INC INTERVAL

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**6pm**  
**(Doors at 5pm)**

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**SLAPSTICK PICNIC**

# J.M. BARRIE'S PETER PAN

Saturday 29th July, 6pm  
(Doors at 5pm)

TICKETS: [slapstickpicnic.com](http://slapstickpicnic.com)

Staunton Country Park

HEARTBREAK productions OPEN AIR THEATRE

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## FREE Youth Fun Days

Summer 2023

**FREE ACTIVITY DAYS FOR 11-16 YEAR OLDS ATTENDING SECONDARY SCHOOL**

**FREE lunch**

**Week 1 Activities**

- Monday 24th July Clay creations with 'Making Space'
- Tuesday 25th July Skateboarding with 'Team Rubicon'
- Wednesday 26th July Activity Day at Peter Ashley Centre
- Friday 28th July Water Sports at Cobnor Centre

**Week 2 Activities**

- Monday 31st July Acrobatics and Aerial Hoop
- Tuesday 1st August Roller Skating
- Wednesday 2nd August Player Ready Virtual Gaming
- Thursday 3rd August Graffiti Art

**Week 3 Activities**

- Monday 7th August Printed Art with Making Space
- Tuesday 8th August Swimming and Inflatable Fun at Petersfield Open Air Pool
- Wednesday 9th August Bounce Fitness and Mug printing
- Thursday 10th August Activity Day at Peter Ashley Centre

**Week 4 Activities**

- Monday 14th August Cooking
- Tuesday 15th August Cooking
- Wednesday 16th August Woodworking
- Thursday 17th August Big Top Circus

**Book Now!**

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**CONNECT 4 FAMILIES**

## FREE Family Fun Days

Summer 2023

**FREE lunch**

**Everyday includes crafts, cooking, sports, an entertainer and a specialist activity!**

**Week 1 Activities**

- Monday 24th July Gymnastics and games with 'Luna Acrobatics and Aerial Arts'
- Tuesday 25th July Dancing with 'TADAA'
- Wednesday 26th July Hula Hoop fun with 'Hula Skool'
- Thursday 27th July Mill Cottage Farm

**Week 2 Activities**

- Monday 31st July Bubble workshop and Bubble Show with 'Bubbles Man'
- Tuesday 1st August Circus Skills with 'Juggling Jake'
- Wednesday 2nd August Trip to Staunton Farm
- Thursday 3rd August Martial Arts with 'Freestyle Martial Arts'

**Week 3 Activities**

- Monday 7th August Birds of Prey and Crafts with 'Winchester Science Centre'
- Tuesday 8th August Circus Skills with 'Juggling Jake'
- Wednesday 9th August Planetarium with 'Winchester Science Centre' and Mini golf
- Thursday 10th August Mill Cottage Farm

**Week 4 Activities**

- Monday 14th August Reptiles
- Tuesday 15th August Gymnastics and games with 'Luna Acrobatics and Aerial Arts'
- Wednesday 16th August Martial Arts with 'Freestyle Martial Arts'
- Thursday 17th August BBQ and Big Top Circus

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