



Park Community School

NEWSLETTER

Fortnightly Update

6th December 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

With only a few weeks until the Christmas holidays, life at Park continues to focus on helping students find what they love.

Ms Bannard's assembly focussed on World Aids Day and was used to reflect on the ways in which life at Park supports its community and demonstrates compassion for others. Year 10 and 11 also participated in World Aids Day workshops, learning more about staying safe and relationships.

Year 7s Identity challenge for Humanities was launched last week and will culminate in a parent learning event in the last week of term. Students are preparing to teach their parents about the history of our local area and its impact on our lives today. Look out for your invites.

Last week Year 11 students collected their mock exam results. All students have their action planning booklets and lots of support in school to help them achieve their best. Thank you to parents who were able to attend our Year 11 information evening; revision guides sold out on the evening but are now fully replenished. A Year 11 parent and student revision event will build on this next term.

It was great to welcome Year 12 students back into school for their GCSE Certificate Evening a few weeks ago. For the first time we awarded students with a specially designed Park portfolio containing their certificates. There are blank sections ready for them to add to as they go on to gain further qualifications and successes. These mark the start of a new tradition, and we hope will be a reminder for years to come of what it means to be part of Park.

Last week was full of extra opportunities for students. Just some of these are reflected in this newsletter. Our Matilda cast had the honour of performing at Gunwharf Quays this week, reading ambassadors visited Barncroft to read with Year 3 and 30 students across Years 7, 8 and 9 attended a STEM event for women at the Historic Dockyard.

On the last day of term, Friday 17 December, we are planning to have our traditional Christmas lunch and House activities- look out for pictures in our final newsletter of 2021.

Finally, thank you for ensuring your children are bringing their masks to school and wearing them in communal areas. Please remind them to do so in the run up to Christmas and continue to upload their Covid results each week. The return to school after Christmas will include testing for all students in school and will mean a staggered return.

We will confirm details next week.



C. J. Clark



S. J. Jackson



Christmas at Park



Girls into STEM Event

**Last day of term
Friday 17 December**
Students leave school at 1pm.

Start of Spring Term 2022:
The return to school will include Covid testing for all students on either Tuesday 4 January or Wednesday 5 January, with a full return for all students in Thursday 6 January. More details to follow in our end of term letter.



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Reading at Barncroft School

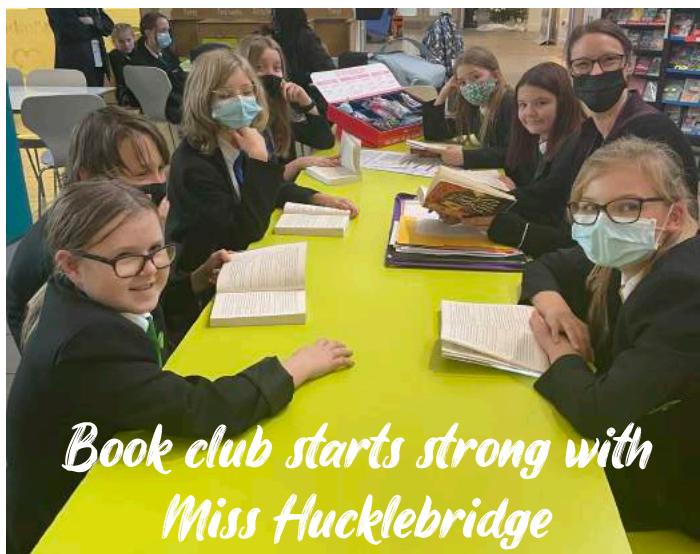
On 29th of November, I was given the opportunity to accompany three students: Hayden, Summer and Charlie, to Barncroft school to read with some Year 3 students. All three students were incredible ambassadors for Park and approached the opportunity with great enthusiasm and maturity. They were very encouraging and supporting towards the Barncroft students and it was a valuable experience for all involved! They are all very much looking forward to going back to read again next week.

A big well done to Hayden, Summer and Charlie for their amazing work!

Miss Manning, English



Year 11 Mock Results



*Book club starts strong with
Miss Hucklebridge*

FOODBANK APPEAL 2021

Staff and students are joining forces again for this year's foodbank appeal. We are collecting for the Munch Pantry, the foodbank that serves our local area.

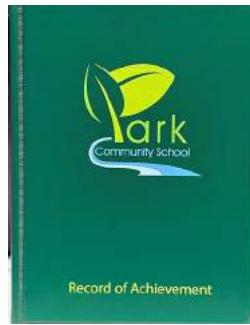
**DEADLINE FOR DONATIONS:
WEDNESDAY 15TH DECEMBER**



**MUNCH
PANTRY**

*Thank you for your
donations so far!*

Year 12 Certificate Evening 2021



Thank you for saying thank you!

Staff really appreciate you taking a moment to say thank you. If you wish to say thank you to a teacher, team or in general, please do so by emailing thankyou@pcs.hants.sch.uk and we will add to our 'Thank you' board for the end of term.



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Boat making and racing with GP sailing

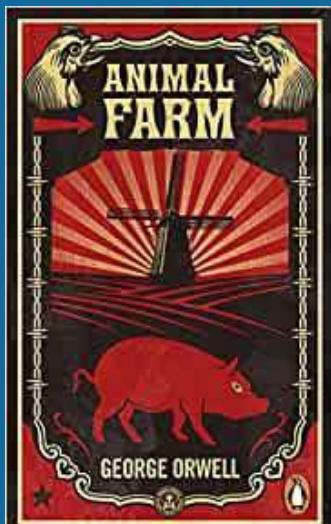


Introductory day at the University of Surrey Guildford for Unlocking Potential Students

Amazing day meeting Olympic Athletes; Claire Bennett, Ben Fletcher and Hannah Beharry along with five other schools from Southern England. Only 80 students were chosen for this Dame Kelly Holmes Unlocking Potential Programme from the whole of the United Kingdom and Park Community School has four students participating!



Animal Farm George Orwell



George Orwell's chilling fable of Soviet Russia's brutal dictatorship, Animal Farm brings to life in lucid, uncomplicated language the disastrous project of Russian Communism.

'All animals are equal - but some are more equal than others.'

When the lazy and drunken Mr Jones of Manor Farm forgets to feed his livestock the down-trodden and over-worked animals unite to take back their freedom and equality. Led by the pigs Napoleon and Snowball they imagine this rebellion as the start of a life of prosperity and plenty. But as a cunning, brutal, hidden elite begins to take control, something new and unexpected emerges. Soon the other animals discover that they are not all as equal as they thought and find themselves hopelessly ensnared as one form of tyranny is replaced with another. It is the history of a revolution that went wrong - and of the excellent excuses that were forthcoming at every step for the perversion of the original doctrine,' wrote Orwell for the first edition of Animal Farm in 1945. Orwell wrote the novel at the end of 1943, but it almost remained unpublished; its savage attack on Stalin, at that time Britain's ally, led to the book being refused by publisher after publisher. Orwell's simple, tragic fable has since become a world-famous literary classic.

I rate 4/5 because it is a good read and it provides lots of information about the Russian Revolution, which is the context of the book. I would recommend to people who enjoy learning about the past and to those who are looking for an interesting analogy to read. OLIVIA 10CBE/MLA

The book itself is enjoyable and the way it is written makes me want to read more by the same author, George Orwell. We read this in English class and were able to learn about the context and why the book was written which was a bit hard to understand at first but fascinating. FAITH 10TCU





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Excellence in Performing Arts



The cast of Matilda are busy rehearsing for the upcoming show on the 9th and 10th December. Students are attending rehearsals every day after school learning lines, choreographing and attending singing rehearsals. We are also recruiting our new stage crew team with extra students attending rehearsals and developing new skills such as working on the lighting desk, costume and props!

Roald Dahl's
Matilda
 THE MUSICAL

Matilda Performing Arts Trip

On Monday 29th November we took a small section of our Matilda cast to Gunwharf. They performed Matilda songs as well as Christmas songs and were fantastic! We even had members of the public comment on how brilliant they were.

Well done everyone!



Football Shirt Friday Park Football Tournament

The event was in aid of the 'Bobby Moore Fund' that raises money for research into bowel cancer in the UK. We had 45 Year 7-10 students attend the event and managed to raise £73. The boys were fantastic with Chelsea pipping Liverpool on penalties in the final in the Years 7 & 8 tournament. In the match between Years 9 & 10 Man City beat Chelsea 8-5. A fantastic event for everyone involved.



Everyone Welcome

Christmas Day Lunch

At Park Community School

There are many reasons guests join us for Christmas Lunch,
we are very happy to see everyone.

Timings approximately:

Arrival time: 12 noon

Lunch served: 1pm

*After lunch, a very tired visitor from the North Pole
will arrive, probably his last call of the day*

Depart: 2.30pm

To book for Christmas Day Lunch

Please ring 02392489811 or email bookings@pcs.hants.sch.uk



Connect4Christmas Events in HAVANT

Venue - Family Fun Day	Saturday 18th Dec	Sunday 19th Dec	Monday 20th Dec	Tuesday 21st Dec
Havant - Park Community School, PO9 4BU	Tony Spaghetti entertainer	Robbie The Elf entertainer	Jack and the Bean Stalk Panto	Nikki The Elf entertainer
Young People Pick Up Point	Saturday 18th Dec	Sunday 19th Dec	Monday 20th Dec	Tuesday 21st Dec
Havant - Park Community School, PO9 4BU	Flip Out in Portsmouth	Ice Skating outside in Portsmouth	Bowling at Gunwharf Quays	Escape Rooms in Portsmouth

FAMILY FUN DAYS 10.30am - 2.30pm

Every day for free there will be 2 course hot meal, with lots of activities to take part in and plus professional entertainment for the whole family. Children must be accompanied by parent/carer.

YOUNG PEOPLE PROGRAMME

These venues every day are the pick up and drop off point for a special day out. Free transport, activity and 2 course hot meal are all provided for young people 11 years upwards and attend alone.

These events are all free to attend and are primarily aimed at but not limited to families of free school meals.

Book via our website www.connect4.org.uk

