



Park Community School

NEWSLETTER

Fortnightly Update

15 June 2022

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

We hope that by now you have had a chance to read our Ofsted Reports. We are delighted that they have captured much of what it means to be part of our school. If you have not yet read the reports, they can be found on our website using this link: <https://pcs.hants.sch.uk/ofsted-reports.php>

'The school lives up to its motto of being 'much more than just a school'. Pupils benefit from an exceptional range of opportunities'.

Ofsted, March 2022

Over the coming weeks, school life continues to be busy. Year 10 mocks and college visits have now begun and Year 11 exams continue right up until the 24 June.

Next month we will be welcoming Year 6 to Park for Freshers' Week and holding our annual Sports Week. Sports Week will include events for every student and staff member to gain points for their house. Sports week runs throughout the week of 4 July and will culminate in the whole school coming together for track events on Thursday 7 July. More information will follow, Heads of House are already preparing their own anthems and encouraging their students to represent their house proudly.

We hope you manage to enjoy the sunshine this weekend.



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Reddy

Pride Portsmouth

Miss Turp and Mrs Loake took 18 students to Portsmouth Pride on Saturday 11 June. It was a fantastic day out, with students taking part in the annual parade and marching their way to the new Pride site at Southsea Common. There they were able to explore the stalls, go on rides, watch performers such as drag queens and kings and the men's choir, and to meet likeminded people in the LGBTQ+ community.

We had students from all year groups attend and it was wonderful to see many of our KS4 students looking out for the younger ones and making sure they felt included and safe. Some of the students even got to talk with Stephen Morgan (Labour MP for Portsmouth), who is an openly gay man, and were so happy to meet a local politician who proudly represented them.

It was an absolutely amazing day which has left staff and students still reeling with pride. We hope to take even more students next year and make a proper stand as proud Parkies at Pride! **Mrs Turp**



Teen Book Club Competition Winner

Over the past four weeks some of our Bookbusters Book Club students in Years 8 and 9 have been taking part in the National School Book Club which has held virtual weekly meetings. We have been reading and discussing a fabulous free verse novel called 'The Crossing' and were able to enter a competition to create an artwork inspired by the book, including an opportunity to link up to a live Q&A with the author, Manjeet Mann.

After the Q&A session Manjeet Mann announced the winners of the competition and I am thrilled to tell you that our very own Emily, Year 9, was one of four lucky



winners who will get the opportunity to take part in a masterclass with a professional illustrator! It's a wonderful opportunity. Well done Emily.

Miss Hucklebridge



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Huge congratulations to all LAMDA students on passing their exam

Merit

Regan
Scarlet
Jennifer
Alex
Darcie
Dolcie
Ava
Rosie
Maddison
Kadie

Distinction

Lacey
Shailey
Jacob
Oscar
Curtis
Bethany
Isabel
Evie

This cohort achieved 10 Merits and 8 Distinctions! Certificates will be given out soon. Congratulations to these great performers.

Miss Chilvers



T20 Cricket Trip

On 9 June, we took 24 students to the T20 Cricket at the Ageas Bowl to watch Hampshire play Essex. The students were amazing and engaged throughout the evening enjoying the match and the activities. There were 65 schools in attendance, with several staff from the venue making comments about how impressed they were with our students and the questions they were asking about the game.

Mr Redman



MyBank Workshop

This week we have had the fantastic opportunity for a company called MyBank to come into work with our Year 9 and 10 students. MyBank's focus is ensuring that students leave school with an in-depth understanding of finances in the real world, where our money goes, and how to budget as an adult.

Our students showed enthusiasm and a hunger to learn about life as an adult in the real world!

Again, we are proud to be part of Park! Well done Year 9 and Year 10 students.

Miss Harris





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Congratulations Poem

A poem written by Misty after creative writing sessions in English

Well done.
Congratulations.
You've accepted the true you,
Congratulations.
You're the person you always dreamed to be,
Congratulations.

But then the congratulations turned into a goodbye,
All the compliments and hellos used to fly high.
But because dressing in pink is not how I roll,
But because living up to beauty standards is just not
how I flow.
The feminine me will never be welcome in.

The bright colors of childhood princesses faded.
Slowly yet quickly bringing myself down,
Down.
Down deeper and deeper until all the negativity and
trauma is unveiled.
Why does it have to be this way?
Why do I see closed doors,
When others see the light in their sight?
Why am I stuck in the loop of the past,
Whereas those around me are moving on fast?
This day seems like it will be my last.

Everything I dread,
Just stayed in my head.
The guilt, the worry,
It was all flowing through my veins,
Which quickly started to make its way to my brain,
Causing a horrible migraine,
Making me feel insane.
Insane?
The thought of being insane,
Tears fall down my face,
Like rain making its way to the drain.

But then silence.
All the violence came to a halt,
Like a bolt that had to be put on a chest.
Throwing away the key,
Allowing my worries to all flee.
I started to suddenly feel free.
So, I then grabbed a cup of tea and sat down,
Sat down in my house in my hometown,
Listening to all these new sounds.

I couldn't hear these sounds before.
I couldn't hear all these loud, proud thoughts,
Which were suddenly being allowed to be found.
It made me feel like I was floating on a cloud.
A cloud of thoughts of all sorts,
All the thunder could never stop my wonders.

So, I grab pen and paper and get to work,
On my new masterpiece, which is full of quirks.
No jerk could take away the pride from my work,
Because none of it needed to be reworked.
I'm proud of my mind,
And nothing can change that.

So well done.
Congratulations.
You made it through the bad times,
Congratulations.
You made it to the end of what life provides,
So well done.
Congratulations.
Misty



**YES!
TRIP
SATURDAY
11 JUNE
2022
Portsmouth**





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Abbey Farm Trip

We had a brilliant start to our trip this week.

Wheelbarrow racing

During the off season we are focussing on our fitness and gameplay. Our students led their own warm ups and were responsible for writing risk assessments. The students are playing lots of small sided games in the orchard in front of our accommodation.

Pizza night

Matt, the chef, had great numbers for our attempt at cooking our own food. The students practised their chopping and ate some vegetables fresh from the farm.

Fitness

We all had a full walk around the 1000 acres tonight. Students were working really hard and challenging themselves to eat straight from the plants, including strawberries, fennel and parsley.

Mr Shearn



GGS Club

GGS Club is on the rise and we're ambitious as ever to gain more numbers and dominate the extracurricular club world.

Last Wednesday we saw the biggest turnout so far, with 20 students paying us a visit over the course of the club.

We encourage any student with a love of geography and the natural world to join us on Wednesdays 3-4pm, JO1.

Feel free to pay us a visit if you fancy some adrenaline fuelled GGS energy. You may be lucky enough to experience some of my extensive collection of geological wonders. We're 'Much More Than' just a rock club...

Mr Macefield

A few things that have been on offer this year include:

- Rock, fossil & mineral sample identification & observation (including my personal favourite - 'Name That Fossil')
- Make your own biodegradable seed planters
- Geode cracking
- Making earthquake-proof structures
- Flora species identification around the school site
- Poster-creating (to spread the good word of sustainability)
- Discussions on how to live sustainably & reduce your carbon footprint
- Geography, Geology & Sustainability quizzes
- Litter-picking around the school site
- Weekly Bottle Recycling Scheme





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Havant Thicket Reservoir Education Group

Year 8 students went with Mr Macefield, Mrs Gregory and Mrs Capaldi for an educational tour of the proposed reservoir site at Havant Thicket before half term. They joined student ambassadors from schools in the area to tour the site, learn about educational opportunities and consider how to apply these in school curriculums. The group will keep us regularly updated. The afternoon finished perfectly with delicious refreshments at our very own tearooms.

