



Park Community School

NEWSLETTER

Fortnightly Update 21 September 2023

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Welcome to the first newsletter of this academic year. Students have returned looking very smart and ready to learn and most have quickly adjusted back into the school routine.

Over the past few weeks, life at Park has been in full swing. Our wide range of after school clubs have begun, the first Greenpower race of the year has been raced and the first amphitheatre of the year has been performed. Students in all years have been working hard and making a great start to the term in their lessons. For students in Years 10 and 11, this has included attending their period 6 sessions for GCSE preparation.

We have also welcomed Hampshire Music Service into school for a launch concert for the Power of The Beat project and this week Year 7 have been out exploring Leigh Park Gardens, Hayling and Southsea. Year 8 and 9 have all attended a performance of the play 'The Party'.

Now that the weather is cooling, students are expected to wear their blazers for line ups, in corridors and in assemblies. As always these can be removed in lessons.

Thank you as always for your support.



C. Clark.



B. Gadsden



This week our Sports Ambassadors welcomed Year 6 to Park. We look forward to welcoming them again with their parents next week at Open Evening.



Proud to be part of Park

Welcome back!

Good Choices

Ready to Learn

Respectful

Working Hard

Attendance - Every Day Matters

Attendance Streaks = Prizes

Be on time



No mobile phones or ear buds



Finding what you love
Which clubs will you join this week?



OPEN EVENING

27th September

6pm -
8pm

Middle Park Way, Havant PO9 4BU





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Greenpower

Our first race of the year was strong. The aim was to get a top three place for Keep Up to get the last automatic qualification place for the international final and join the other two cars.

First race: We got off to a brilliant start and all three cars were running well. After the first pit change TS2 was in second, Keep up 6th and Chase a little down on expectations in 16th. All three teams pushed hard and started to move up the rankings but two red flags meant the race was stopped. A reduced race time means less distance. However we ploughed on and finished a brilliant 1st 3rd and 13th. As the competition is best race distance.

Race two started amazingly well again even though we started a little further down due to a couple of small wiring issues that the teams fixed quickly. We were flying. All three cars and teams performed by working together quickly for the driver changes. With only 20 min remaining TS2 was leading the race with a huge one min lead and was still flying. TS2 was even up to 3rd place overall in both car categories. Keep Up was 4th but still one place short of that automatic qualification for the final. Chase moved up to 9th.

Sadly, TS2 had an unexplained and unexpected chain issue and lost all drive. Subsequently it stopped and fell back quickly to lose the top spots.

The silver lining...

TS2's issues pushed Keep Up into third where it kept that position to earn another trophy and that all important national final automatic qualification place!

Mr Payne



Community Bowls is Back!

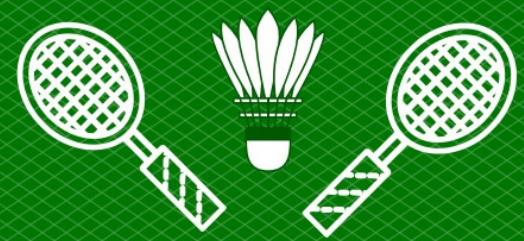
We were back at Bedhampton to continue our brilliant community club. We were welcomed back by Alan and the other members.

Alfie attended his first session and was coached by Jayden and Alan from the club. They then played singles and Jayden won 6-2. A good effort from Alfie on his first attempt.

On the rink next door Miss King and I made the mistake of playing Harry! He continues to improve and beat us 6-4-1. We are excited to continue our community partnership with the club again this year.

Mr Herriot





BADMINTON CLUB



OPEN TO ALL YEARS
THURSDAY 3-4PM

REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR
PARK PE KIT

SPEAK TO MR POLLARD FOR MORE DETAILS



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Sports Ambassador Training

We had a fantastic turn out for Sports Ambassador training this term. 55 students were in attendance. We welcomed over 20 new Year 7's to our team. The students took part in some small sided handball and football games and were led by some of our older ambassadors.

Special mention to the following ambassadors that showed fantastic leadership today:

Ruby	Fletcher
Joey	Vinnie
Alivia	Olivia
Leo	Caitlin

Mr Herriot



Warren Park and Trosnant at Park

This week, our Sports Ambassadors at Park hosted multi sport games with Warren Park and Trosnant. Both brought down a squad of students to compete in a variety of sporting competitions. We kicked things off with an endball series. Warren Park came out on top winning 14-8 in a best of 3 competition.

We then had our traditional invasion games where the squads split into smaller teams. The students then competed in basketball and indoor football winning points to an overall total. Please see results below:

1st Warren Park A= 10 points

2nd Trosnant A & Warren Park B= 8 points

4th Trosnant B= 6 points

Our ambassadors were fantastic as ever and led the whole afternoon.

Heroes of Park

Ruby
Alivia
Fletcher
Joey
Leo
Jayden

Mr Herriot





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Financial Education Corner

What we have been doing in school...

We are delighted to announce that the school has recently been accepted to partake in a project to deliver financial education to all of our young people. We have begun the multi-year process to become accredited as a Centre of Excellence in Financial Education. An accreditation delivered by Young Enterprise and sponsored by St James' place, a wealth management company with offices in Fareham.

Year 11 have kicked us off in their SMSC lessons learning about, the gig economy, apprenticeships and student loans.

All pupils will partake in the project and learn the financial skills to survive the world of work, further education, investing, saving, mortgages and much more. We hope to provide informative workshops to parents and the wider community in the coming months.

Mr Murphy



Informing you...

At Park we are eager to help, support and inform you in as many ways as we can. This page will contain useful news, hints and tips related to your financial well-being so watch out for future editions.

Top bank accounts that pay free cash for switching

FREE £175, TOP service, 7% saver, fee-free overseas spending and a £250 0% overdraft.

In addition to the free switch cash and top service, First Direct's 1st Account* gives you access to a linked regular saver which pays 7% interest on up to £300/month, and many get an ongoing £250 0% overdraft. The debit card is also fee-free for overseas spending.

Who can get the bonus?

- You can't have ever had ANY account with First Direct (such as a current account, credit card or mortgage).
- You can't have opened a current account with sister bank HSBC since January 2020.

How to get the £175 bonus:

- Open the account in-app (or online for joint accounts).
- Switch in an account from a different bank.
- Pay in £1,000+ within three months.
- Wait 28 days for the £175.

Find out more at Martin Lewis
www.MoneySavingExpert.com



LIGHTHOUSE

The Lighthouse is a drop-in, youth-club style service for children and young people aged 10-18 years, with a mental health and wellbeing focus. It's a free, fun, safe and supported environment facilitated by youth workers and mental health practitioners. No referral needed.

Sessions are aimed at different age groups:

Tuesdays: 4.30-6.30pm year groups 6,7, & 8 – The Hub, Leigh Park

Wednesdays: 5.30-7.30pm, year groups 9, 10 & 11 (venue Leigh Park Community Centre)

Thursdays: 5.30-7.30pm, 6th form & college age – The Hub, Leigh Park

We have a range of activities including:

- Games
- Cooking
- Mindfulness – CBT skills
- Arts and Crafts
- Peer support sessions
- 1 to 1 support available during the week with a well-being practitioner
- Mental health and well-being workshops regularly on topics like: exam stress, resilience, anger management, relaxation, low mood, self-esteem, body image, sexual health.



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Power of The Music at Park

Last week we hosted the launch of the Power of The Music Project which will run for at least two years in Leigh Park Schools.

Hampshire Music Service are leading the project and kicked it off with live performances from a fantastic band.

Our Year 7s formed one of the audiences for the day and loved joining in with the songs and dancing along. We all hosted every Year 4 student from Warren park, Trotsnart, Sharps Copse, Barncroft, Riders and Front Lawn for the performance too. The project now moves into the next phase, where students in all these schools, as well as Park, will have access to opportunities in music ranging from drumming to creating music with technology. There will also be Vocal Ambassadors across all our schools. The project will culminate in a summer concert held at Park. Staff and students are very excited, and we will bring you regular updates in our newsletters.

Mrs Capaldi



Stars of the Week

Head of House super stars have been enjoying treats and games every Thursday

Mrs Capaldi





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Finding what you love

	Club Title	Department	Time	Location	Year group	Lead staff
Monday	Basketball Club	PE	3 - 4pm	KSH	All years	KPO
	Fitness Club	PE	3 - 4pm	KFS	All years	CBP
	Boys Football Academy	PE	3 - 4pm	STP	All years	RHE
	Girls Football Academy	PE	3-4pm	STP	All years	TMO
	Programming Club	CS	3-4pm	JO4	All years	ACR
	Drama Club	PA	3-4pm	KDS	All years	TDE
	MFL Ambassadors	MFL	3-4pm	C10	All years	ANU
	History Ambassadors	Humanities	3-4pm	JO6	All years	MLA
	Book busters Book Club	Library	3-4pm	Library	All years	AHU
	Writing Ambassadors	English	2:45-3:45pm	Y06	All years	TFO
	Reading Ambassadors	English	3-4pm	Y03	All years	KTO & HMA
	Reading Plus Club	English	3-4pm	Y02	7 and 8	JBA & CSP
	Debating Club	English	3-4pm	Y05	All years	KJE & STE
	Science Club	Science	3-4pm	GO1	All years	BRE
	Warhammer and D&D Club	Art	3-4pm	SO1	All years	JWA
Tuesday	Sports Ambassador Meeting	PE	8.25-8.45am	Restaurant	Yr7 and 8	RHE
	Year 10 BTEC Period 6	PE	1.45 – 2.45pm	KO1	Yr10	LCV
	Sports Ambassador Training	PE	1.45-2.45pm	KSH	Yr7-10	RHE
	Swimming	PE	11.00-12.00pm	Off Site	Yr7&8	KSE
	Student Librarian Training	Library	3-4pm	Library	All years	AHU
Wednesday	Sports Ambassador Meeting	PE	8.25-8.45am	Restaurant	Yr9	RHE
	Swimming	PE	12.00-1.00pm	Off Site	Yr7&8	KSE
	Rugby Training	PE	3-4pm	STP	All years	AWO
	Fitness Club	PE	3-4pm	KFS	All years	KPO
	Bowls	PE	3-5pm	Off Site	All years	RHE
	Just Dance	PE	3-4pm	KLTH	All Years	CBP
	APEX	DT	3-4pm	APEX	Year10/11	DDA
	Robotics and coding Club	CS	3-4pm	JO4	All years	CWR
	Dance Club	PA	3-4PM	KTH	All years	LWI
	Italian & Portuguese Workshops	MFL	3-4pm	C07	All years	ATO
	GGS Club (Geography, Geology and Sustainability)	Geography	3-4pm	JO1	All years	JMA
	All About Books Quiz Club	Library	3-4pm	Library	All years	AHU
	Maths Homework Club	Maths	2.45-3.45pm	KO1	All years	
Thursday	Sports Ambassador Meeting	PE	8.25-8.45am	Restaurant	Yr10	RHE
	Swimming	PE	1.00-2.30pm	Off Site	Yr7&8	KSE
	Fitness Club	PE	3-4pm	KFS	All years	KPO
	Netball Training	PE	3-4pm	Hard Courts	Yr7 &8	CBP
	Greenpower (Invite only)	DT	2:45-4pm	Technology	All years	DPA
	STEM Ambassadors	DT	2:45-3:45pm	FO4	Yr7-9	AGR/LGR
	Music Club	PA	3-4PM	KO2	All years	JAL
	Student Librarian Training	Library	3-4pm	Library	All years	AHU
Friday	Multi Sports Club	PE	7.45-8.15am	KSH	All years	RHE
	Chess Club	Maths	3-4pm	CO4	All Years	LGB
	Musical Theatre Group	PA	3-4PM	K02	All years	CMC





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Reading at Park Community School

BookBuzz 2023
Paula Gagnon, via

Park Community School is excited to have again teamed up with the BookTrust's Bookbuzz initiative, which enables us to gift a FREE book to ALL our Year 7 and Year 8 students to take home and enjoy. BookTrust is the UK's largest reading charity and reach millions of children every year with books, resources and support to get every child reading regularly and by choice.

heart of our school reading programme and we are delighted to be offering our year 7 and 8 students an opportunity to choose from 16 carefully selected titles. We hope that Bookbuzz will encourage our students to read more frequently, which will help improve their wellbeing, spark interesting conversations and inspire creativity.

Park's Reading Canon is a set of literature all students should read during their time at

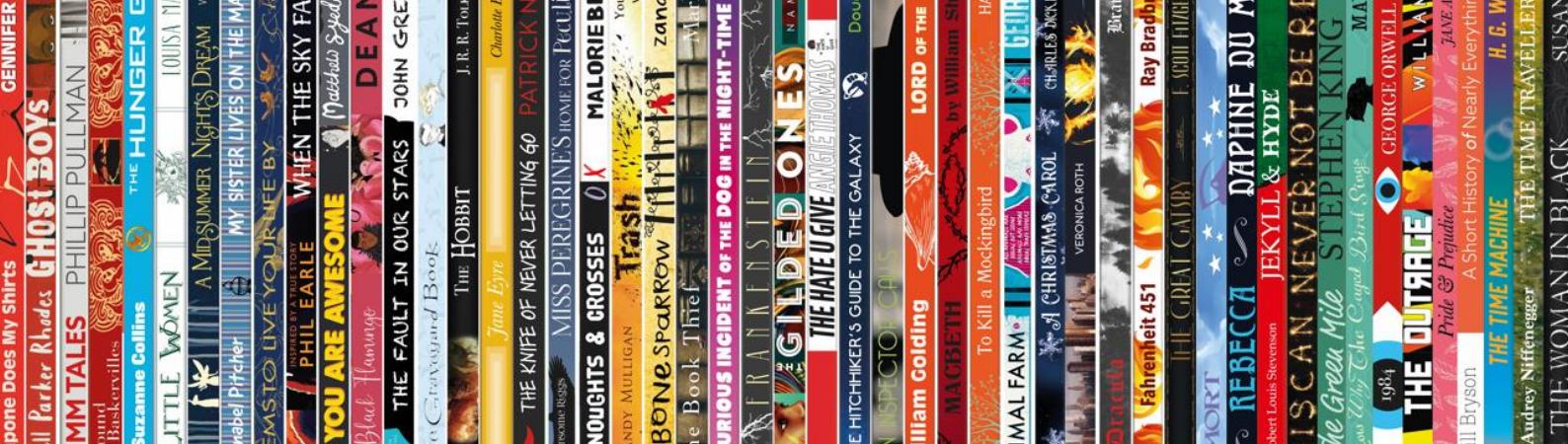
All students should read during their time at Park. Some of the texts will be read in tutor times together, others in English lessons, while most are promoted for independent reading. The canon is revised regularly and incorporates a range of authors and genres designed to provide breadth, with focus on a theme of identity, relationships and our place in society.

Which title will your child choose?
To find out more about BookTrust please visit
booktrust.org.uk.

The image displays a 4x4 grid of 15 book covers, each with a unique title and author. The books are arranged in four rows: Row 1: 'SWARM' by Tim Peake, 'CAN YOU FEEL THE NOISE?' by Stuart Fisher, 'Our Sister, Ag' by Sophie Lockett, 'STRIKING OUT' by Jennifer Killmeier. Row 2: 'TIMEKEEPER' by Michael Morpurgo, 'THE SUNSHINE PROJECT' by Benjamin Beddoe, 'AN WRIGHT & MUSA OAHONGA' by An Wright, 'DREAD WOOD' by Matt Tavares. Row 3: 'AWESOME ANIMALS' by Steve Cole, 'THE RISE OF THE REVOLVING SPIDER' by Samanta Lazzarini, 'SWAN SONG' by Michael Morpurgo, 'ADAM KAY'S MARVELLOUS MEDICINE' by Adam Kay. Row 4: 'SIDE-KICKS' by David Walliams, 'TWITCH' by M.B. Leonard, 'MY OWN LIGHTNING' by Lauren St John, 'Loki' by Jeff Smith.

For more information about the study, please contact Dr. Michael J. Hwang at (310) 794-3000 or via email at mhwang@ucla.edu.

great books which support a love for reading. Students keep a record of which books they have read from the cannon, can complete review tasks linked to each and earn merits and badges for their progress.





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Park Reading Canon & Reading Competition

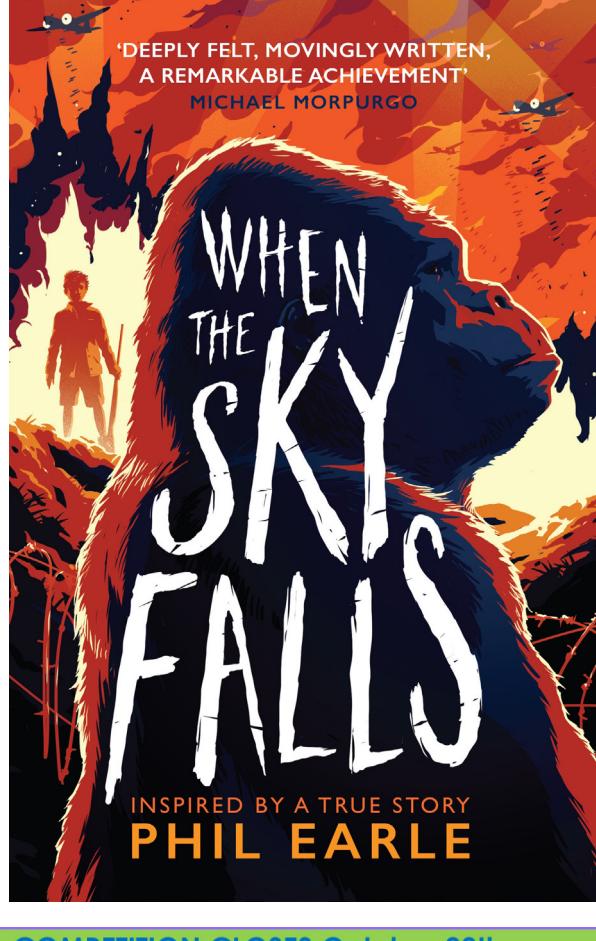
When the Sky Falls by Phil Earle is one of my favourite canon books. Winner of the 2021 Books are My Bag Reader Awards, Phil Earle's novel was inspired by a true story and is an incredibly moving tale, about an evacuated boy who builds a relationship with the gorilla at the zoo owned by the woman with whom he has been billeted.

It's 1940, and Joseph has been packed off to stay with Mrs F, a gruff woman with no great fondness for children. To Joseph's amazement, she owns the rundown city zoo where Joseph meets Adonis, a huge silverback gorilla. Adonis is ferociously strong and dangerous, but Joseph finds he has an affinity with the lonely beast. But when the bombs begin to fall, it is up to Joseph to guard Adonis's cage should it be damaged by a blast. Will Joseph be ready to pull the trigger if it comes to it?

During Freshers week all of our current year 7's were gifted a copy of When the Sky Falls to read over the summer. They now have the opportunity to enter into our exciting competitions, full details below. If any Year 7 students did not attend Freshers week and did not receive a book, they can pop into our library to collect a copy.

For more information pop in the library or email me library@pcs.hants.sch.uk.

Ms. Hucklebridge



COMPETITION CLOSES October 20th

Sky Falls Reading Competition

We hope you enjoyed reading your FREE copy of Phil Earle's wonderful novel *When the Sky Falls*. Why not enter one (or both) of our competitions.

Competition 1

Write a **book review** to tell us how much you loved or loathed this novel.

(minimum of 50 words)



Competition 2

Use your creative skills to **design a bookcover**

(Don't forget to include a blurb for the back cover)

Merits will be given for all entries & prizes for the very best.
Any questions see Ms Hucklebridge. Competition closes October 20th

