



# Park Community School

## NEWSLETTER

## Fortnightly Update

18 November 2022

### Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Welcome to another packed newsletter celebrating many of the great moments at school over the past few weeks.

Our assemblies have continued with the theme of relationships, and a particular focus on bullying and trust. You will have received the joint letters from secondary schools across the Havant area which outline our agreed policies regarding bullying and social media use. As a school, our focus is on 'calling it out'. This means, if you see someone being unkind or using discriminatory language towards someone else, stop and let them know it is not OK and then tell an adult. We have reminded all students to do this whenever they have a concern.

A special well done this week to Alfie in Year 9, who has led our school Eco-week team to plan a range of activities highlighting environmental issues. So far, these have included a beach clean on Hayling in the pouring rain and organising for 50 students to attend an environmental workshop with the charity, The Final Straw. They will share full details of this week's activities in our next newsletter.

Finally, we have purchased a number of school jumpers from Skoolkit and are able to sell these at the significantly reduced rate of £10. They are usually sold for between £18 and £27. These will be sold on a first come, first served basis and will be available from reception from Monday 28 November.



*C. Hucklebridge*

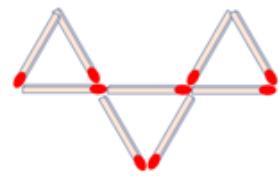


*R. Butler*

## Maths Week England!

This week students were presented with challenging brainteasers to attempt in their tutor sessions. It was great to see so many groups take part and to witness all the hard thinking and problem-solving that took place.

Winning groups included 7BRE, 8CWR, 9ACR/MDE and 10SMU! Maths Week England also involved KS3 lessons where students explored the 'Power of 2' - estimating and measuring how many times a piece of paper can be folded.



Move any four matches to create 5 equilateral triangles.

Here is one of the brainteasers students attempted this week.

**Miss Brigitte**

## Park Canon Gold

Congratulations to Sofia in Year 10 who has completed the Canon Challenge to read all 48 books of the Park Canon. Sofia said "It took me a while to accomplish but I'm happy to have finally done it. I'm very proud of myself for getting all of the badges and am now very much looking forward to my reward. Of all the books on the canon, The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time was probably my favourite read, I find it interesting to read about how neurodiverse people see the world differently. I would encourage everyone to read the canon as it has improved my reading and been really enjoyable to read so many different types of books."



For completing the challenge Sofia is being rewarded with a trip to Waterstones with a friend where she will be able to spend £25 on books of her choice. Well done, Sofia!



Who will be next to read all 48 books and win a trip to Waterstones? Why not pop into our library to browse the canon and choose which of these brilliant books you would like to read.

**Ms Hucklebridge**

## Miss Butler

It was with great sadness that we learned that Miss Butler, Maths teacher, passed away over half-term.



Miss Butler was passionate about her work with young people in Leigh Park, having worked at Park since the early 1990s and before that at the former Wakefords School.

Three generations have benefited from Miss Butler's maths teaching going all the way back to the end of the 1970s. Her caring rapport as a tutor has been appreciated by many students. Her superb organisational skills were used to support the smooth running of exams, but more memorably in the lives of students to lead trips to Disney Paris for over ten years.

We will all miss her many contributions to the life of our school.



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## PARK IN PARIS!

Months of dedicated planning and hard work from Ms Butler culminated in a highly successful Disney trip this year. It came as a great shock to us all that she was firstly unable to attend, and that secondly this would be the last trip directly influenced by her work.

On Tuesday 11 October 2022, 44 of our Year 10 and 11 students left Park at 6.30 in the morning to make their way to Paris. It was a smooth journey, and we arrived at the Channel Tunnel early so were able to get an earlier crossing. The weather was fabulous, and we all enjoyed the autumn sunshine when we stopped for lunch.

We arrived early to the hotel Kyriad and we had time to unpack and make a trip to the local shopping mall before dinner. This was then followed by a Disney quiz to get us in the mood.

On Wednesday we had a full day at Disneyland Park in the glorious sunshine; students loved the rides and parades with a particular spooky Halloween theme. We stayed right until late in the evening to see the spectacular light and firework show.

On Thursday we started the day by celebrating two birthdays and then made our way to the Studio Park for another fabulous day in the park. Although the weather wasn't quite so bright we still made the most of the rides and shows including lots of Marvel characters and displays. We had a short visit to Disney Village to visit the colourful Disney themed shops and restaurants on the way back to the hotel.

On Friday we sadly left the hotel for a drive through the French countryside to The Thiepval Memorial to the Missing of the Somme, a war memorial to 72,337 missing British and South African servicemen who died in the Battles of the Somme of the First World War between 1915 and 1918, with no known grave. It was a very sombre but interesting end to our trip to France.

As usual the Park students were fantastic ambassadors for the school, and it was a pleasure to share this experience with them. This comment from Anthony just about encapsulates the whole experience of the week "When you go there you don't want to leave and the memories you make will stick with you forever!!"

### **Ms Bannard and Mr Pollard**





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## Paired Tutor Reading

This half term has seen the exciting launch of paired reading in tutor time for each house. Students from Year 8 have had the chance to share their current reading book with students from Year 10, whilst also practising their reading aloud and the fluency of their reading. Year 10 have proven themselves to be wonderful role models for fantastic reading whilst offering mentorship in successful reading aloud, whilst Year 8 have shown off their amazing knowledge of their current book alongside mature confidence whilst reading aloud to someone new. Well done all!

**Mrs Spies**



## Year 9 Explore Careers of the Future

On Wednesday Year 9 students went to The Centre for Creative and Immersive Extended Reality (CCIXR) event at Portsmouth University where we stepped into the world of virtual reality. The UK benefits from the largest virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR) sector in Europe, with a 78.3% five-year growth rate in UK AR/VR spend, and an estimated £62.5 billion added to the UK economy by 2030.

Our students had great fun exploring the next generation XR facilities, discovering endless possibilities where the sky is the limit. Using cutting edge technology, software and sensors, the students recreated themselves as characters on a movie set and learned about the way our world is moving forward.

The students engaged in all the activities, perhaps spending longer on the movie set than other schools! Their enthusiasm and interest in this innovative industry was applauded by the staff.

**Mrs Cook**



## Rugby at Park

We have had some fantastic afternoons of rugby over the last two weeks at Havant Rugby Club. The boys are growing in confidence every week and competing well with all the local schools.

This week there were six schools in attendance, and it was amazing to see the passion for rugby in the area starting to build. The highlight of this week was when we joined with HTC to play Priory. It was a really close game, and we came out on top 5-0! We have also had several our students join Havant RFC, which is fantastic. Mr Herriot



## Year 7, we need you!

*Have you heard about our school rugby club? If so, please join. We need resilient individuals who are willing to work hard. Could that be you? Ralphie*





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**PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

PRESENTS

## THE WIZARD of Z

**Location: School Theatre 7pm**

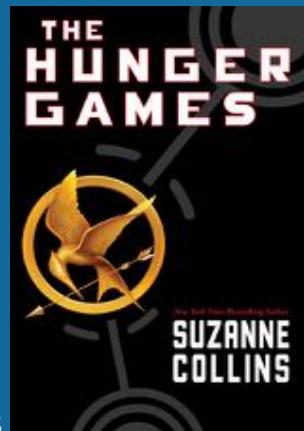
**Wednesday 7th December 2022**

**Thursday 8th December 2022**

**Friday 9th December 2022**



**TICKETS: £6 EACH OR £20 FOR A FAMILY OF 4**



### The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins

**Plot summary:** Set in a dark vision of the near future, a terrifying reality TV show is taking place. Twelve boys and twelve girls are forced to appear in a live event called The Hunger Games. There is only one rule: kill or be killed. Winning will make you famous. Losing means certain death.

When sixteen-year-old Katniss Everdeen steps forward to take her younger sister's place in the games, she sees it as a death sentence. But to Katniss survival is second nature.

**Winner of the Red House Children's Book Award for older readers and overall winner 2010**

"I would describe this book as adventurous, exhilarating and heart-warming. Katniss Everdeen was my favourite character because she would risk anything for the people she loved even if she didn't believe that she could do it herself. I like Katniss because she is a relatable character who is shy at first but when she needs to be, she is strong, trustworthy and committed. I would recommend this book because it is a fun read with some twists and turns so you never know what's going to happen next. It is also very good at building suspense. 5 Stars! " Millie 7LGR



"We read Hunger Games as a tutor read. It has an enjoyable plot that is shocking, exciting and intriguing. My favourite character is Katniss because she stood up for her sister, and she is a strong person who is able to hold her own in a battle to the death. I was surprised when Katniss's sister, Primrose, was picked to compete in the Hunger Games. I would recommend this book because it's an exciting read, the plot of the story is interesting, and it ends happily. I would give this 4 out of 5 stars." Keira 8LF



"Hunger Games is a young adult dystopia that has never lost its popularity since the book was published in 2008 and it's easy to see why. Suzanne Collins' novel is a gripping adventure with compelling characters and an exciting story that explores themes of oppression and inequality. I enjoyed every minute of this book and went on immediately to read the whole series. Hunger Games is an enjoyable read that also makes the reader think about where our society's obsession with reality TV and celebrity culture may lead. This is a modern classic that I would highly recommend." Ms Hucklebridge

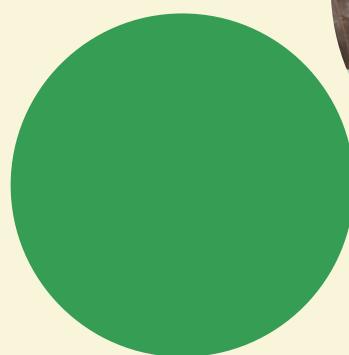


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We're supporting



**Children  
in Need**



Inspired Students have been working hard over the last few weeks planning and preparing for Children In Need.

On Friday's Children in Need day we had stalls where students were able to purchase ribbons, face gems and raffle tickets to win a knitted Pudsey bear, and also guess the name of the teddy.

The main event for Children in Need was held at the end of the day when students were able to 'slime a teacher'. Mr Chapman and Mr Murphy had been voted for 'slimming' by students. They were great sports – helping to raise even more for Children in Need. We will let you know the total raised in our next newsletter.

**Miss Wingham**





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## Sports Ambassadors

Well done to our Sports Ambassadors this week for a great indoor training session. Thank you to our senior ambassadors who did a great job running the warm up, organising teams, explaining rules and officiating games.

A special mention to the following great leaders: Joey, Riley, Harry, Leo and Curtis

### Year 7 football

This week, our Year 7 football team headed out to play Purbrook Park. Despite a very strong start, in which Park created lots of chances, we were unable to get a goal. A strong defence of Fletcher, Finley and Kaya meant we stood strong for 30 minutes before Purbrook took the lead. Unfortunately we conceded another two very quickly. Great resilience was shown and Park finished the much stronger team (they were just unable to put the ball in the net!) We go again!

**Mr Pollard**

### Heroes of Park

Fletcher	Olly
Frazer	Finley
Frankie	Oliver
Oliver	Caiden
Jayden	Teddy
Kaya	Finley



## Performing Arts Phoenix awards

Each half term students are recognised across Performing arts for their excellent autonomy, resilience and attainment. Congratulations to the following students:



### Year 7

Lyla  
Ruby  
Jordan  
Madison  
Freddie  
Bella  
Fletcher  
Barbara

### Year 8

Frankie  
Austin  
Harvey  
Jenson  
Jobie  
Ronnie  
Lakisha  
Lilymai

### Year 9

Alfie  
Gary  
Traviss  
Callum  
Seyithan  
Hayden  
Liam  
Logan

### Year 10

Madeleine  
Gracie  
Lacey  
  
**Year 11**  
Mahlah  
Grace  
Emily

## Wizard of Oz Rehearsals

The Wizard of Oz Rehearsals have been going really well and students are very excited to be rehearsing in their costumes.

Tickets are now on sale from our main reception. They are £6 each, or a family ticket for £20. Our show dates are 7th, 8th and 9th December. Please come and support our students, it's going to be a great show!



## Year 11 Trip: Undertow

On 10 November a group of Year 11 students watched *Undertow* 1982 at Park Community theatre. This was a performance set around Portsmouth during the Falklands war. The play followed the lives of three women and how the war affected them - all set to an 80s soundtrack. Some feedback from students were:

"It was brilliant they way they incorporated song into the acting making the performance engaging." **Brooke**

"I found the show emotional and the fact it was based around true events made it more engaging." **Archie**





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CONNECT 4 YOUTH

## Youth Christmas Programme

at Park Community School, Havant

**Monday 19th December**

Staunton Farm Outdoor Light Trail

**Tuesday 20th December**

Ice Skating in Portsmouth

**Wednesday 21st December**

Air Arena and Bowling in Chichester

These events are free to attend.

Young people attend alone.

Transport and a 2 course hot meal will be provided.



For 11-16  
year olds in  
Secondary  
school

These days are for those entitled to FSM or on EHCP/SEN plans. This is criteria for the funding.

To book visit [www.connect4.org.uk](http://www.connect4.org.uk)

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CONNECT 4 FAMILIES

## Christmas 2022

at Park Community School, Havant

**Monday 19th December**

Staunton Farm Outdoor Light Trail

**Tuesday 20th December**

Panto Fun: Aladdin

**Wednesday 21st December**

Family Fun Day

Events are free including a  
free 2 course hot meal

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