



Park Community School

NEWSLETTER

26th May 2023

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

As we reach the end of another packed half term, this newsletter shares some key moments of life at Park. The range of trips, experiences and opportunities captured in this newsletter perfectly sum up what it means to be part of Park and always serve to remind us of how lucky we are.

We are now approaching the final part of the school year and preparations for end of year reward trips, exams and classes for September are well underway. Year 9 now have their option allocations for GCSE and are focussed on initial preparation work for these courses. In addition, most of Year 10 have completed their Literature GCSE this week, this is an important milestone in their journey towards securing their qualifications.

Well done to Year 11, they are now halfway through the exam season. We have been so impressed with their focus and preparation so far and the whole school wishes them good luck for the rest of the exam season. The challenge now is to maintain this hard work, focus and revision. Half term will provide a welcome break and it will be important that Year 11 take time to relax between revision. Exam revision sessions are running throughout the half term and can be booked here: <https://forms.office.com/e/PhnDWkcRG3>

Finally, a reminder that we return to school on Monday 5 June at 8.25am. We hope you all have a lovely half term and that the sun keeps shining for the coming week.



CC



Reddy

Well Done Millie!

Millie C in Year 7 competed for a place in the Nationals in the Regional Swimming Championships. Millie had a fantastic result - 200m Butterfly in 3 minutes, 2 seconds, beating her personal best by 3 seconds. Definitely a future Olympian in our school - well done Millie!



Ms Gregory

Park Poets at Victoria Park Festival

Well done to Billy, Daniel, Brooke, Alfie and Alanah for their great performances as part of the festival. The audience loved your work!

Miss Manning and Mrs Tonks



Thanks for an amazing morning at the farm

Thank you to the AT&T staff who helped out at the farm on their team building day. We are grateful to AT&T for their on-going support of the school.

Mrs Parish





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Dance Show

On Friday 24 March we took our Year 10 Dance students to HSDC to compete in the Springboard Dance competition against other schools and colleges.

Our students danced beautifully, elegantly and did our school proud. Roxy came away with a 1st place in the solo section. Well done to all of our dancers

Mrs Chuter



The girls' football team took part in their first tournament at Warblington School, playing three matches.

It was the first test of their skills against other schools – they played well, improving as individual players and as a team, and we know that their determination will soon produce results.

We have a growing number of girls joining our academy.

Results of the matches:

3 Warblington A vs 0 Park Community
0 Crookhorn vs 0 Park Community
2 Warblington vs 1 Park Community

Our heroines:

Alivia 7JCA	Maicie 8JML (our goal scorer!)
Frankie 7JAC	Alexis 8JML
Ruby 7BRE	Kaydie-Leigh 8JWA
Lillyrose 7JAC	Ella 8PGA

Miss Moreira

Southampton University Visit

Year 8 classes were encouraged to look into the blue beyond with Southampton University and their Astrodome which visited the school this week. A talk was given by one of Hampshire's top astronomers, explaining the Aurora Borealis and how black holes affect our solar system. We also discussed why we can't live on Mars.

Mrs Gregory





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Energy Quest Workshop

STEM Ambassadors were lucky enough to participate in an Energy Quest workshop delivered by an engineer. The existing ambassadors also welcomed our newest members from Year 7. Lots of exciting trips and activities will be going on this term to increase interest and opportunities in STEM careers.

Mrs Gregory



Park are Greenpower Champions at Goodwood

Congratulations to our amazing Greenpower team, led by Mr Payne and Mr Davies.

On Sunday 30 April, the team competed with our three cars. We have never won a race at Goodwood before so to get first, second and fifth places was incredible. This means that TS2 and Chase have automatic qualification for the national final. Keep Up will also stand a really good chance of making the final. The team were independent, hardworking, and organised - this was a massive contributor to an excellent day. We now have two new trophies for the cabinet too!

Mr Payne's run down of the day:

We arrived at Goodwood with all cars running well during practise. Lap times were putting us in the top ten places, so hopes were high.

Race 1

100 cars on the grid with 60 in our category. All three cars got off to a good start with TS2 starting slightly ahead, closely followed by Chase. Keep Up was slightly behind but catching up well. The sun was shining, and all three cars were going well in the top ten. Keep Up started to fade surprisingly early and was in sixth place but dropped to finish 32nd. Later investigation by the team found that a damaged battery cell was at fault. Chase and TS2 were going brilliantly. Both teams worked well in pit changes and kept moving up the leader board. TS2 managed to get into first place and was developing a good lead but started to fade towards the end. Chase was catching TS2 and moved into second place. TS2 and Chase maintained their lead and came first and second for Race 1.

Results are determined by the best distance on one race of the two on the day, so all was to play for to make sure we kept those top places.



Race 2

Unfortunately, due to a battery problem, our speed controller blew up. Unfortunately, we did not have a spare so Chase could not take part in Race 2.

Keep Up, with new batteries, made a great start along with TS2 in what was a rainy afternoon. TS2 was hit by another car on the track and sustained severe damage to its rear axle and sadly was out of the race. Keep Up was moving much better this race and was in the top five at the halfway point. It moved up to third place and then second but started to fade towards the very end of the race but finished in an excellent third.

What a fantastic day. We are extremely proud of our Greenpower team.

Mr Payne



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RACE AT OUR PLACE

Every year since 2013 we, as a community school, hold our own Race for Life, which we call the 'Race at our Place'. The aim is to walk, jog or run from Park Community School to Staunton Country Park and then back to school. This year we had another amazing day where all of our students and staff took part in what was the 10th year anniversary. Congratulations to George who was the first student to cross the finish line.

Miss Harris



Thank you to Amita, Savannah and Fletcher who all raised money in their own time for the race.

For the Love of Reading

Mr Fred Deeks, who served as chair of governors at Park for 25 years has purchased some fantastic books for our library. Mr Deeks kindly met with some of our reading ambassadors and discussed their reading in and out of school and areas of interest. Armed with this information, he visited Waterstones and purchased a range of books for our library. Students were delighted with his choices.

Thank you Mr Deeks.

Mrs Capaldi





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Park in New York!

We have taken Year 11 students to New York six times now and every year it just gets better. It takes only a short time before the hustle and bustle of the New York streets becomes second nature and they grow in confidence every sidewalk they explore. The aim of the trip is to provide inspiration and a desire to travel and see the world. It is also an opportunity to take us all out of our comfort zones and experience more than the usual day to day.

The students never fail to amaze us - they embraced the opportunity and experienced Times Square, Liberty Island, 911 memorial, Top of the Rock, Empire State Building, Grand Central Terminal Station, American Museum of Natural History and Central Park like seasoned travellers. The memories and experiences will stay with them for a lifetime

Ms Bannard





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History Ambassadors visit the Houses of Parliament

Last week, Year 9 and 10 History Ambassadors were the first students from Park to visit the Houses of Parliament. The tour began in the historic Westminster Hall where we had a welcome and time for questions with our local MP, Alan Mak. Next up was our visit to the House of Commons where we were able to sit in the gallery and listen to a debate on NHS dentistry. This was followed by our chance to sit in the House of Lords and listen to proposed amendments to a new online safety bill for children - students commented on how they couldn't quite believe how small these chambers were and how beautifully decorated these spaces were.

Our day finished with a student-led debate on the idea of free transport for under 18s, where they took on the roles of opposing parties, arguing for or against this proposed legislation. This was a great way of learning the process in which laws are passed and students got fully stuck into their roles as presented themselves with confidence and maturity.

Mrs Last



**GOOD LUCK IN YOUR
EXAMS YEAR 11!**

**YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED
TO PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL'S YEAR 11**

CLASS OF 2023

LEAVERS' BALL

**29th June
2023**

7-10pm

**VENUE
Park Community
School**





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Park in Poland

We took 15 students from Year 10 and Year 9 to Krakow, Poland for four days. We were staying in the centre of the city, just on the edge of the beautiful medieval old town. On Day 2 we visited the Auschwitz-Birkenau Concentration Camp where students were able to see for themselves the atrocities committed by Nazi Germany and their allies during the Holocaust. The next day we had a guided tour of the traditional Jewish town in Krakow and visited the museum of the factory of Oscar Schindler, the man whose actions saved the lives of 1000 Jews, and who the film Schindler's List is based on. Later that day we had the privilege to meet Anna, a survivor of the Holocaust who shared her story with us. On the final day we explored the old town and visited some of the beautiful Cathedrals in Krakow before visiting the world-famous medieval salt mines. It was an amazing trip with an abundance of sightseeing and opportunities to enjoy the delicious Polish cuisine. It was an experience that will no doubt stay with students forever.

Mr Pycroft & Ms Bannard



Rock 2 the Beat

On Tuesday 25th April, Hampshire Music Service came into Park Community School to launch their exciting 'Rock to the beat' project. The aim of the project is to promote the love of music and performance. From this, 13 students were selected to take part in this wonderful opportunity involving six weeks of workshops on an instrument of their choice. Each workshop is 50 minutes long and students get to take their instrument home to practice. After the project has finished students will be invited to showcase their instrument in a performance evening. Watch this space!

Mrs Chuter





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British Basketball Finals

I had the pleasure of taking a group of 12 Students to watch the British Basketball Finals at the O2 in London. These are all students that had regularly attended Basketball club this year. After some very bad traffic we made it to watch the London Lions vs Leicester Riders.

The students really enjoyed the experience and decided to support the Lions. I decided to support the Riders, so they were very happy to rub it in my face when the Lions won.

It was a pleasure to spend the day with them.



Heroes of Park

Ajay	Dakota
Jamie	Hayden
Frankie	John
Rhys	Ruby
Curtis	Summer
Archie	Megan

Mr Pollard

Havant Sessions

2023

DAY	ACTIVITY	PLACE	DESCRIPTION
Monday 5-7pm	Youth Drop-in 10-17 year olds	Havant Rugby Club PO9 3EJ	Games, sports, meeting friends, arts and crafts, try something new.
Tuesday 4-6pm (Term-time only)	Your Goal Football session 10-17 year olds	Front Lawn Community Hub PO9 5AN	Football games/coaching plus 1:1 mentoring (Delivered in partnership with PITC)
Tuesday 4.30-6.30pm	Lighthouse Project School years 6-8	Motiv8 - The Hub Park Parade PO9 5AA	Games, mindfulness, arts and crafts, cooking, peer support and well-being workshops (Delivered in partnership with Mind)
Wednesday 3.15-5.15pm (Apr-Oct)	Wellmeadow (Woodland youth drop in) 10-17 year olds	Staunton Country Park PO9 5HB	Den building, rope swing, hang out in hammocks, explore nature. Call or message for meeting point.
Wednesday 5.30-7.30pm	Lighthouse Project School years 9-11	Motiv8 - The Hub Park Parade PO9 5AA	Games, mindfulness, arts and crafts, cooking, peer support and well-being workshops (Delivered in partnership with Mind)
Thursday 3.30-5.30pm	Youth Drop-in 10-17 year olds	Front Lawn Community Hub PO9 5AN	Games, meeting friends, arts and crafts, events, try something new, challenge yourself.
Thursday 5.30-7.30pm	Lighthouse Project 16+ year olds	Motiv8 - The Hub Park Parade PO9 5AA	Games, mindfulness, arts and crafts, cooking, peer support and well-being workshops (Delivered in partnership with Mind)

We can also provide relationship and sexual health advice including FREE condoms - call or message us to arrange a confidential appointment

Wellmeadow

Woodland Youth Drop in

2023

Staunton Country Park

Every Wednesday
3.15pm to 5.15pm
(April - October)

You can...

- Build a den
- Set up a rope swing
- Hang out in hammocks
- Explore nature
- And lots more!

Come along and...

- Build your confidence
- Meet other friendly faces
- Have others to talk to
- Relax in our safe space

For 10-17 year olds

No need to book!

Call or message for meeting point

Staunton Country Park
Petersfield Road
PO9 5HB



much more than just a school

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Sports Ambassadors

Our sports ambassadors have been in Barncroft working with the Year Rs and 1s on a dance scheme of work. They are now in a position where they are leading sessions and taking on different roles.

Our sports ambassadors have been working together with Trosnant on a variety of gymnastics activities including support balance with apparatus. They have been introducing structured warm ups that we ourselves use in the Park PE Department.

A small group of sports ambassadors ran a All Star Cricket skills session focussing on developing key skills such as fielding, catching, batting and bowling with some local primary schools at Emsworth Primary School.

Mrs Cavanagh



Community Bowls

We have had some fantastic weather recently with some new students coming to try it out. It continues to be a really rewarding club that gives back to our community.

Mrs Cavanagh

Football Academy

We continue to have high numbers for football academy that runs all year for all abilities!

Mr Herriot

