



Park Community School

NEWSLETTER

Fortnightly Update
1 December 2023

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

In these final few weeks of term, school life is busier than ever. Next week Year 7, 8 and 9 have their testing week, they have been revising for this in lessons and as part of their homework. Reports for Year 10 and 11 will come home before Christmas and Year 7, 8 and 9 reports will follow in January.

Are you ready for a Christmas show? We hope as many of you as possible can join us for the Christmas Performing Arts showcase next Thursday. If you miss this show, you may like to buy tickets for our Year 11 and 12 student performance of a medley from the musical Six! This is being performed at Park on Monday 11th December, tickets are £3 and the performers are donating all proceeds to Munch.

We know the colder weather means some families may need additional support. Remember that Munch meals are available every Tuesday and Thursday evening. The pantry is open to anyone who needs it and our Wall of Kindness currently includes winter coats. If you are alone this Christmas or simply want to join us for Christmas day, it is not too late to book.

Finally, we hope you will use this opportunity to send a personal thank you message to any staff for their hard work and support this term. Please send any messages to individual staff or all of them via this email and we will ensure they are shared.
thankyou@pcs.hants.sch.uk



Christmas at Park

Friday 15 December 2023

All students will receive a free Christmas lunch on this day



Mr Anders



Mrs Capaldi



A big thank you to Ms Bannard
for her knitting skills



A big thank you to our Site and
Community Team for the beautiful
Christmas decorations



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Charity Walk to Hayling Billy

The KS4 Hub students have taken on a charitable act to support our local community. The charity they chose to support is 'Two Saints'. The walk was aimed to raise money and buy essentials for this local charity/housing provider. Students wanted to help those struggling, especially this time of year. Money that has been raised has been used to purchase essentials for families.

Two Saints have a passion for supporting those that need housing or helping vulnerable people. Their aim is to provide safety when times maybe tough, providing specialist support. Students have raised around £660 and Lexie raised a massive £230 contribution.

All students have shown so much resilience through the walk, worked incredibly hard to actively raise money and shown so much kindness when thinking of those in need.

Mrs Challinor



Year 7 Geographers at Havant Thicket Reservoir Site

Over the past few weeks, Year 7 geographers have been carrying out field work at the site of the reservoir. In lessons we have been exploring the benefits of the future reservoir along with the ways in which Portsmouth Water are consulting with the community on the proposed pipeline.

Mr Macefield

Southdowns Performance

On 29 November, Mrs Chuter and Mr Chapman took 15 students across Year 10 and 11 to watch Southdowns College's end of year show. The students were completely mesmerised by the high quality performances. It was also lovely to watch ex students Ryleigh and Tallia perform. On 4 December we have a workshop with students from Southdowns who are coming in to work with our KS4 dancers.

Mrs Chuter





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Year 12 Return to Park

It was wonderful to welcome back last year's leavers for their GCSE Certificate Evening in November. Students were formally presented with their Park certificate portfolios and were congratulated on their achievements. After the presentations, staff and students reflected on their time and students shared stories of the last few months. Further study included T levels in engineering, business and social care, A levels, vocational courses and apprenticeships. We look forward to hearing about their future adventures.

Mrs Capaldi





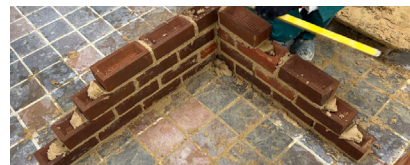
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City and Guilds at Park

Our Construction skills students demonstrated great development of their skills during their assessment for City and Guilds this week. Mr Davies and Mr Watts are extremely proud of their progress and we hope you agree that their work looks very professional.

Our Year 11 students have been working extremely hard preparing for their assessment and their hard work and attention to detail paid off this week.

Mr Payne



Year 11 GCSE Phase 2 begins

Phase 1 of GCSE preparation for our Year 11s is now complete. This week they have been attending one-to-one meetings with senior leaders to receive their results and completing action planning for phase 2. This next phase will culminate in mock examinations at the end of January. Many are working extremely hard and their results demonstrate their commitment and revision.

For others, these mocks and meetings are focused on building in regular revision and exam practice to ensure they do themselves justice in January. Thank you to so many parents for joining us for the GCSE information evening last night. Along with important conversations about revision and support, the raffle was very popular. We hope you enjoy a family feast with the Just Eat vouchers won by 10 families.

Mr Cavanagh and Mr Bourton





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Xmas Jubilee

To the teachers of Math, the numbers are here!

The date has come for the end of the year.

The calculus sums and the equations are done,

The holidays here, so now you can have fun.

To the teachers of English, the final words,

"The term is over" have now been heard,

We no longer need feel so very perplexed,

We can read for OUR pleasure, and not just the texts.

The experiments are done and no-one was hurt,

So the Science teachers can now be inert,

Just sit back and relax, and take your time,

You have the whole holiday in which to recline.

What wonderful designs from the teachers of Art,

The colours and splashes, created with heart,

The backdrops for plays and the galleries too,

Now is the time to celebrate the reviews.

Merci Beaucoup to the French teachers here,

C'est assez – rest now, for you did persevere.

History and Geo, the past and the earth,

The holidays are here, so time for some mirth.

So too Economics, Business and ICT,

All that energy of the teachers that take PE.

The holidays upon us, I'm sure you'll agree

That this holiday is our Xmas jubilee!

By Miss Dempsey

Park Multisports with primary schools across Leigh Park

Our half termly primary sports competition at Park had 4 schools in attendance, with over 40 pupils taking part. The pupils were competing in a variety of different invasion games including endball, basketball and indoor football. The sports ambassadors led the whole event which included leading warm ups, organising teams, explaining rules and officiating the matches.

It was a great opportunity to invite some of the Year 7 students who have impressed this half term at training. Amelia and Oshyn enjoyed their first experience leading at an event.

Results:

Joint 1st- Warren Park & Trosnant- 13points

3rd- Riders- 12 points

4th- Barncroft- 11 point

Mr Herriot





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Attendance Streak Celebrations

Yesterday saw the third of our 15 Day Attendance Reward Activities this term. The activity chosen for this half term was "film night" and those attending enjoyed A Christmas Carol.

Pictured are some of the students with their complimentary interval time sweets.

Mr Rose



Sports Ambassadors at Barncroft

We took a team down to Barncroft last week to support a swimming event that is aimed at young people who have limited swimming experience or a fear of getting in water. The team were fantastic today encouraging all the young people from Barncroft, Trosnant and Queens Inclosure.

Well done to:

**Leo
Fletcher
Olivia
Aiyden
Jayden**

Sports ambassadors also led a double session of Endball outside in the playground. They led both sessions much to the delight of the teachers in charge.

Well done to: **Lilly Rose
Alfie
Alfie Ray
Jayden** **Ruby Lou
Fletcher
Caitlin**

Mr Herriott



Rugby Club

School Rugby has grown massively since the start of the year. There has been a weekly club run at the school on Wednesdays. This averaged around 20 students per week with a high of 30. This is across Year 7, 8 and 9.

This is alongside 2 weekly trips to Havant rugby club. This gives the students an opportunity to play against other schools. On Tuesdays we take the Year 8s. We have had a consistent 8 students take part. The Year 7s go on Thursdays. We have had again a consistent 12 students. The highlight was beating Oaklands School.

The Year 9s have had the opportunity to play a full pitch 14 a side game away to Oaklands. Which was a wonderful experience for all involved.

Two players from the Year 9 team Harley and Marshall-Mark were invited to a trial for London Irish academy

after the Park PE department submitted an application recommendation.

A big congratulations to Charlie (Y10) who had a successful trial with Harlequins RFC DPP (development player programme) and is now training regularly with them as well as playing weekly with Petersfield RFC, and to Maddie (Y10) who is in the Havant RFC squad weekly.

Mr Wood





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Year 6 performance

On 19 September over 20 of our students performed to a large number of Year 6 students across our local junior schools. They performed songs, dances and performed drama pieces from their Lamda lessons as well as performances from KS4 lessons. Well done to all who were involved.

Brighton Theatre Trip

28 Park students went on an adventurous day trip to see the amazing Blood Brothers show at the Theatre Royal in Brighton. Blood Brothers is an award-winning show and many students from the group are studying or performing scenes for their drama BTEC components. There was a mixture of Year 9, 10 and 11 students, who all shared the fun and experience of the day out in Brighton. We spent time on the Pier where students got to each lunch amidst fighting off the tenacious seagulls, who managed to successfully steal Isobel's second ice-cream!

The students spent time exploring Brighton's famous pier, and purchasing some Brighton Rock candy sticks, before setting off to the theatre where they showed what amazing ambassadors they are for the school. They were an absolute credit to the school.



Students were fully enthralled by the action and entertainment, and thoroughly enjoyed the show. Numerous students' showed their appreciation and were buzzing after the show. Macayla from Year 9 said "There was so much drama in the show and the tension was amazing. I would go and watch it again anytime." Year 10 students also shared their experiences, Amy said that "The show was a lot better than I expected, it was really good and made me cry," and Darcie agreed that: "It made me cry" and she added that "the coach trip home was really fun- we were all singing along." This was a super successful day for all, with the whole group happily participating in a sing-along on the journey home, including the teachers, and ended the trip in such a lovely way.



Hampshire Music Service- ROCK2THEBEAT

Hampshire Music Service has been delivering 1-1 sessions with some of our students since September who have shown an interest in learning and developing skills on an instrument. Students have now been put in band groups where they have been learning how to play. They will be performing to our school on Tuesday 5 December and again in our Performing Arts Christmas cracker event on the 7 December where tickets will be available from reception.



Year 11 Dance Workshop

On 6 November, Jake Kernott - a dancer and choreographer who did his training at Park Community School came in and ran a dance workshop with some of our Year 11 dancers. He is currently working as a performer at Chessington World of Adventures, as well as running his own dance classes. It was so nice to have him back and working with some of our students on choreography.



Performing Arts Ambassadors

Well done to our Performing Arts ambassadors for planning a dance and music session for Park Community School's nursery students on 7 November. You were amazing and showed maturity, confidence, resilience and great team work skills.





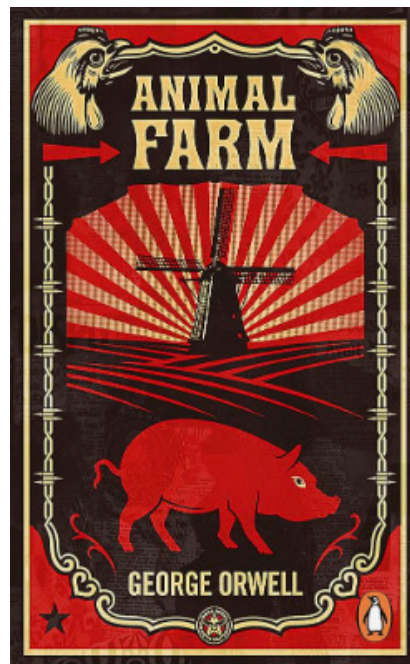
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Reading at Park Community School

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

THE BLURB: 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 loved the character, Boxer. Boxer would never stop working and always wanted the best for the animals. My favourite part of the story is when Mr. Jones was driven off the farm by the animals in the form of a rebellion. A good book I'd give it 5 stars."

Alfie (10TDE)

"A dark, thoughtful dystopian classic and a great analogy of communism"

Mr Green

"I felt empathy for one character in the book who was Boxer the horse. He is the most powerful animal on the farm, who works really hard. I like him because of his dedication to hard work and loyalty. He has a very famous slogan 'I will work harder'. Reading this book, I learned a very good lesson which is that power corrupts."

Mohammed (9MTU)

"I really enjoyed this book which begins with old Major telling the other animals on the farm his dream, where the animals are no longer controlled by the humans. During this meeting the other animals are inspired by his dream and gives them hope for the future. The pigs in the book are very good at convincing the others to follow what they say and make the other animals think that the pigs have good intentions. The pigs however are controlling and selfish. They even break even their own rules yet are still able to convince other animals that it is for the best for the farm. I would recommend this book as I found it really enjoyable and interesting. I have read another book written by George Orwell called '1984'. I would recommend reading both books."

Ms Adaway

