

Park Community School

Key Dates

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Mon 15 th Jan	Ms De Pinna starts her student teacher placement in Year Two	
Wed 17 th Jan	5pm – maths workshop for all parents	
Tues 23 rd Jan	PARENTS EVENING	
Thurs 25 th Jan	PARENTS EVENING	
Fri 26 th Jan	Tea and coffee in the library for all parents after the Celebration assembly	
Sat 2 nd Feb	Vineyards Kids cinema 2:30	
Fri 9 th Feb	Break up for half term (normal time) Parent Showcases: Rec 8:45, Year 1 9:00, Year 2 9:15, Year 3 9:30 (tea and coffee in the library for parents too).	
Mon 19 th Feb	Children back to school for Spring Term Two and clubs start again	
Tues 27 th Feb	Year One trip to Morden Hall Park	
Thurs 1 st March	St David's Day – all children wear yellow	
Fri 2 nd March	Year 1 trip to conduct a traffic survey World Book Day (chn dress as their favourite book character)	
Fri 16 th March	St Patrick's day – all children wear green	
Fri 23 rd March	Red Nose Day End of term – children leave at 1:30 – no Stay and Play or clubs	
Monday 9 th April	Children return to school for the Summer Term	

Whole school from September to date 95.17%
(national average is 95.46%)

Last week's absence
Year 3 – 95.45%
Year 2 – 93.18%
Year 1 – 90.38%
Rec – 92.24%

Medical evidence is required when children's attendance falls below 90%.

Children need to be in school by 8:45am or they are recorded as late.

Year Two visit the Museum of London



Year Two had a wonderful time at the Museum of London on Wednesday. As part of their history and literacy topic, The Great Fire of London, the children investigated artefacts that survived the fire in 1666. Such items included a leather fire helmet, fire hocks and pottery. The children learnt that Samuel Pepys, a politician at the time, kept a diary, and details of the Great Fire were included in his diary entries. Children are now studying Samuel's diary in more detail and they are leaning more about the fire. Over the next few weeks, the children will be writing their own diary from the point of view of someone who survived the fire. The children will also be discussing how London has changed over time.

School website

We are excited to announce that the school website will soon be a more helpful and interactive tool for children and parents. We are in the process of assigning a page to each class where letters and home learning will be updated weekly. We will let you know when this is up and running.

Full Steam Ahead in Year One



In history, Year One are learning about George Stevenson and his invention of the first steam train. In this drama scene, they re-enacted the day in 1825 when the first steam train carried people on a British railway in Yorkshire. The children then interviewed George Stevenson in a hot-seating drama activity, and they asked open-ended questions, which allowed the children to have a better understanding of his invention. Over this half term, the children will be learning about how train technology has changed over time.

Parents' evening

The teachers look forward to meeting you in two weeks for the Spring Parents' evening session. We have extended each session to 15 minutes (rather than 10) as the teachers will explain how you can login to the new assessment system so you can track your child's progress. During parents' evening, the teachers will also share the National Curriculum objectives for reading, writing and maths with you. We are trialing a new online sign-up system for Parents Evening and this will be made available to parents next week. If it is useful, we will adopt this system moving forwards.

Music in Year Three

This half term, Year Three are learning about the history of music. This week they identified the different sections of the orchestra and they can now differentiate what the different sections of the orchestra are: string, woodwind, brass and percussion instruments. Fun fact: a saxophone is actually a woodwind instrument even though it's made of brass! Over this half term they will be learning about the progression of music over time and how different music evokes different emotions.



Eco Council



Park Community is committed to doing its bit for the environment. The Eco Councillors have ordered some fruit bins and a compost bin; that way, the children can make sure that apple cores etc. can be recycled and used as compost in the garden. It is great to see the bulbs that the gardening club planted in autumn beginning to sprout.

General Reminders

There are still spaces in the following clubs: Homework Club, Drama, Hockey, Mini-Glee, Gymnastics, Guitar, Tennis, Science, Sports Focus and Yoga. Unfortunately the following clubs have been cancelled: Keyboard, Puppetry and Street Dance.



House Points

House points so far this half-term are as follows: St Davids: 205; St Georges: 132; St Patricks; 226, St Andrews; 192.

Other awards:

Gold Mental Maths awarded this week to: Pantelis, Yassmin, Devon, Zachary, Jake, Max, Isaac, Avalina, Ben, Sebastian, Angela, Ella, Rania and Andrii.

Literacy Targets achieved this week by: Zachary, Zak, Olivia, Noori,

Mia, Nathan and Ladi.

Good Learning Award certificates awarded to: Tallulah, Zamir, Madison, Victoria, Cameron and Tristan.

Stars of the Week

Well done to the following Super Stars of the week: Reception: Miles and Eliane; Year One: Hannah and Vivien; Year Two: Monika and Matty; Year Three: Jacob and Tallulah. Ms Street's Star Of The Week was Madison.

