



FEBRUARY 2023

A message from
our Headteacher,
Mrs Pratt...

As we reach the end of this exciting but short half term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect and extend my deepest appreciation to each and every one of you in our entire community. Your resilience, dedication, and unwavering commitment have propelled us through.

Remember, we are not just a school; we are a community united in our pursuit of excellence. Together, we can conquer any challenge, surpass any expectation, and reach unparalleled heights.

To our pupils - you are the true champions of this half term. Your unwavering determination and eagerness to learn, regardless of any circumstances, have been truly remarkable. Your eagerness to raise your hands, virtuously engage with your peers, and take risks in pursuit of knowledge know no bounds. I am immensely proud of each and every one of you.

Parents and carers, thank you for your continued trust, dedication, and boundless enthusiasm. I wish you all a well-deserved break filled with joy, love, and adventures that fuel your soul. May we return reinvigorated and ready to embrace the wonders that await us in the upcoming half term.

Mrs Pratt

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to 3E with the highest attendance and to 3E with the lowest number of lates this term!

Group	% Attendance	Lates
3E	97.4%	2
3G	95.3%	20
3H	94.5%	24
4D	94.7%	29
4K	95.2%	15
4U	94.3%	21
5F	93.0%	21
5L	95.5%	24
5P	95.0%	20
6A	93.9%	32
6M	95.3%	20
6I	93.7%	16

Our Education Welfare Officer, Mrs Nicci Wayne, recently sent out a letter to parents and carers with regards to the increase in pupils taking unauthorised absences during term time.

To view the letter please click [here](#).

Please continue to work with us to improve attendance. We encourage all parents to rethink the implications this can have on your child's education and in secondary/further education settings should your child be offered a place.

A reminder, our school gates will be open at **8.40am** in the morning for you to come into school with your children. Staff will be outside to welcome your children.

Greenshaw Learning Trust - Stakeholder Engagement

Following our recent email sent out to all parents and carers on Wednesday 7th February, from the CEO of Folio Education Trust, Jonathan Wilden, we invite you to read and respond to a Stakeholder Engagement Statement published at 3.00pm on Wednesday 7th February 2024 by the Board of Trustees for Folio Education Trust on the Trust website - <https://www.folio-education.co.uk/>. Here you will also find a link to the latest Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) - other FAQs will be added during the stakeholder engagement period and this document will be re-published as appropriate.

Since Wednesday, our Headteacher Mrs Pratt, has met with the leaders of the Greenshaw Learning Trust and if everything goes well, feels there is a lot of potential in joining the GLT.

There will be changes to some systems currently used at Park Hill Junior School, however, we would like to assure parents by confirming there will be no changes to our current teaching staff.

We encourage all parents and carers of Park Hill Junior School to continue to keep asking questions through the email given - communityengagement@foliotrust.uk and remind everyone that we are still currently only in the engagement period of the process.

When the stakeholder engagement period has closed, the Board of Trustees for Folio Education Trust will consider all of the feedback, questions and comments and consider their original decision that Folio Schools will join Greenshaw Learning Trust (GLT) at a meeting on **Wednesday 13th March 2024**.

As a school and community we pride ourselves on the strong relationship we have with parents and carers of PHJS and regardless of any change being implemented, our relationship will remain at the heart of Park Hill Junior School.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.



Park Hill Schools' Association (PHSA) News

The PHSA team is thrilled to share that with your fantastic support we raised **£7513** in the Autumn term (Sep-Dec 2023), an amazing start for our goal of raising £10,000 for Park Hill Infant and Junior Schools this school year. Thank you!

We are also very happy to share our upcoming events (some dates TBC).

- Feb 9 Valentine's Bake Sale
- Feb 23 World Book Day Costume/Book sale
- March 8 - Mother's & Other's Picnic
- March - Easter raffle
- Apr 19 – A Taste of Eid
- May - Spring Market
- Jun - Father's & Other's Day
- Jun - Colour Run

Let's get social!

Are you on social media? You'll find us on Instagram or Facebook (@parkhillschoolsphsa) and X/Twitter (@park_schools). We'll be sharing lots more about what we're up to, so follow along!



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@park_schools



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COSTUME AND BOOK SALE

**FRIDAY 23RD FEBRUARY
FROM 3:15PM**

**INFANT AND JUNIOR
SCHOOL PLAYGROUNDS**

PREPARE FOR WORLD BOOK DAY AND OTHER DRESS UP DAYS AT OUR COSTUME AND BOOK SALE.

DONATE YOUR GENTLY USED, CLEAN COSTUMES AND KIDS' BOOKS TO TUBS IN SCHOOL OFFICES MON 19 - WED 21 FEBRUARY.

(PICTURE BOOKS TO INFANTS
CHAPTER BOOKS TO JUNIORS)

CASH ONLY, SMALL CHANGE PREFERRED

THANK You!

Our total fundraising for the Autumn Term was

£ 7,513

£555	BAKE SALE
£2,071	WINTER WONDERLAND
£3,203	FIREWORKS
£169	LIGHT UP THE TREE
£1,515	CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Thank you for your support to achieve this! 🎆🎆



Monday 19th February -
First day of term

Monday 19th February - (3:30 - 4:30 pm)
Boys Football Match v St. Peter's

Tuesday 20th February
4U Trip to Kew Gardens

Tuesday 20th February - (3:30-4:30 pm)
Girls Football Match v Regina Coeli &
Girls Netball Match v Regina Coeli

Thursday 22nd February - (9:15-10:15 am)
Literacy Workshop for Parents

Thursday 22nd February - (1-4 pm)
Girls Football Tournament at Archbishop Lanfranc

Friday 23rd February - (3-5 pm)
Girls Netball Match v Minster

Friday 23rd February - (3:30 - 4:30 pm)
Boys Football Match v St. Peter's

Tuesday 27th February
4K trip to Kew Gardens

Thursday 29th February
4D trip to Kew Gardens

LATE PICK UP

From the start of next term, Monday 19th February 2024, we will be reintroducing the late fee if your child is collected later than the end of the school day.

- The school day finishes at **3:30 pm** and children should be collected from the playground.
- Uncollected children will be taken to the office at **3.40pm** and a **£5 charge will be given**.
- In addition, if your child is collected anytime **after 3:45pm**, you will be charged an additional **£2 per minute**.

If you know in advance you won't be on time to collect your child(ren), please notify the office as soon as possible.

If you notify the office before 3pm, you will not be charged.



ECO NEWS from Mrs Cooper...



During February, Park Hill Junior School will be again taking part in #ShowtheLove inspired by the [Climate Coalition](#). We will be decorating our school with **green hearts** to show our love for our planet and taking action within the school to save more energy and work more sustainably. We will also be writing to our MP. Our children have given us lots of good ideas and were shown this video in assembly - to view it please click [HERE](#).

Please help by supporting your child in creating their **green hearts**. There will be a prize for the most creative hearts and also for the best decorated classroom judges at the end of February!



Help us show the love at Park Hill Junior School!

Message from our Family Support Worker - Miss Colley

Please see the links below for more information for parents to help support your child with their mental health.

If you have any questions or wish to speak to someone with regards to your child's mental health please don't hesitate to speak to Miss Colley directly.



<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/supporting-others/childrens-mental-health/>

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/schools/primary-age-activities/#resources>

Free places to visit in London this half term. Click the link below to explore the many options :)

<https://letsgowiththechildren.co.uk/free-places-in-london/>



Please login to [Creative Education](https://www.creativeeducation.co.uk) and explore the endless free courses that are available to all parents here at Park Hill Junior School. Video-based courses around 30 minutes each where you can learn about important topics in your own home, at a time to suit you and your family. Key topics include: Addressing mental health challenges, understanding challenging behaviour, supporting special educational needs and keeping children safe online. Sign up using this link:

<https://www.creativeeducation.co.uk/add-yourself-to-your-school-or-colleges-membership/?ca=f373152bfa981d36f757bcadf08c04cc>

SWIMMING GALA



Congratulations to Ranveer, Aadhya, Mishika, Arav, Jayden, Tanishqa, Akash, Nell, Bosely, Amiera, Janice, Farhan, Viraj & Yahia who represented the school at the Croydon Schools Swimming Gala on Friday 26th January. This is the first time in nearly a decade that we have had a team representing the school at the event. Well done to Yahia who has qualified for the finals event on 21st February - **good luck!**

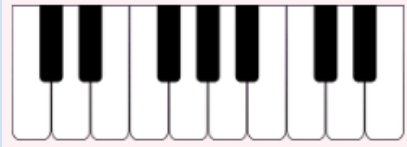
PARKING OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL

As you are aware Croydon Council introduced the Healthy School Street programme on Stanhope Road, which has been a success in reducing the traffic and footfall around the school.

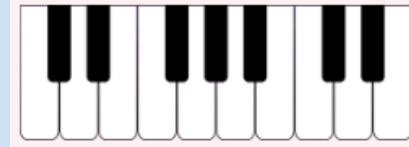
Unfortunately, we have received several complaints from our surrounding neighbours with regards to our parents parking along the curbs and on the double yellow lines, especially on Chichester Road.

Please can we kindly ask for parents not to park vehicles in these prohibited areas or obstruct any neighbours drives. Thank you in advance for your understanding.





PIANO LESSONS



Our piano teacher, Mr Pratt, has some available spaces for lessons.
If you would like more information on lessons or would like to book a place for your child please contact him directly either via phone or email -

07958 311008 - dechampstudio@icloud.com

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR ALL PARENTS & CARERS OF PHJS: **ADMINISTERING MEDICATION IN SCHOOL**

In order for us to administer medication to your child during school time you will need to provide us with the following:

- A completed medical form signed by parent/carer this can be found on our website [here](#)
- Medicine in its original packaging (this will need to be given directly to the office, not your child)

You **cannot**:

- Provide your child with medication to take themselves
- Give medication to the school in anything other than it's original packaging (please do not decant liquid medication or give any loose tablets)
- Call the school office to give verbal permission to take medication
- Provide your child with any herbal remedies to keep on their person, without the school being made aware

Thank you in advance for your understanding, if you have any questions about anything mentioned above please contact the school office or speak with our Family Support Worker Miss Colley.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all pupils, parents and carers of Park Hill Junior School, we have had a wonderful start to 2024 already! Another massive thank you goes out to our PHSA for all their hard work and money raised over the Autumn term of 2023. We can't wait to see what's in store for Spring/Summer.

For all parents and carers, we have added some important dates for the next few weeks, so please have a look at these, so you don't miss out on the upcoming events and sports matches.

PHJS Team

