

Park Hill News

Spring 2
2023-2024



We're over halfway through the academic year and spring is in the air! We've had so much to learn, so much to see and so much to enjoy! From a theatre trip and Edgmond Hall to a visit from a poet and World Book Day, it's been jam-packed. The children have certainly worked hard this term.

It was a pleasure seeing so many of you at Parents' Evening yesterday and we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support. Our school improvement plan is well underway: the children have responded brilliantly to our new curriculum and we have had positive feedback from our School Improvement Advisor from Sandwell.

We wish you all a wonderful break and look forward to seeing everyone after Easter, when children return on Monday 8th April.

☆Mrs Logan and Mrs Boardman☆

Library Project

Last year, our wonderful families raised over £1,000 to help us with our new library. The project is a long one but is certainly underway! We have plenty of lovely new books and our librarian system is being set up.

This term, 10 children had some sessions of librarian training with Jane Coleman from Wolverhampton Library Service. They learned about genres of books, how to make book recommendations and even learned how to classify them using the Dewey Decimal System!

Thank you Sam, Robyn, Riley, Bada, Evander, Lily, Grace, Ella Rose, Bradley and Samreet. You were a credit to us and will play a key role in improving our reading offer at Park Hill.

If you ever need support from the Park Hill family, please contact us.



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Forest School

Forest School and PE days have not changed for summer 1. This is because spring was a very short term.

This term, Forest School with Jason is:

Thursday am – Year 3 and Year 4
Thursday pm – Year 5 and Year 6

Early Years will continue to have an outdoor learning day with their class teachers on Wednesday.



On Forest School days, please send a spare set of clothes in case children get muddy or wet.

Jewellery

Please note that the only jewellery that children can wear is one pair of stud earrings and a sensible wristwatch (not a smartwatch).



P.E.

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PE for classes is:

Wednesday am – Year 5 and Year 6
Wednesday pm – Year 3 and Year 4
Friday am – Nursery and Reception
Friday pm – Year 1 and Year 2



There are still some children wearing non-uniform on PE days.

PE uniform is white t-shirt, blue shorts / joggers and black / white trainers or pumps. Please do not send your child to school in different colours.

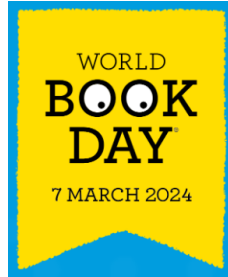
There is no need to buy an extra blue / white top – you can wear your school blue jumper or cardigan and your white polo shirt.

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World Book Day

World Book Day was an excellent celebration of reading here at Park Hill! The children took part in book bistros (what better way to enjoy a book than with a tasty snack!?). It was a time to enjoy hearing adults read a well-loved tale aloud and also to read with each other. Our older children loved visiting our younger children and sharing a story with them.



Don't forget to spend your book tokens before Sunday 31st March: Morrisons and Blue Sheep Books in Wednesbury are both accepting them. Visit here to find out more: <https://www.worldbookday.com/books-and-tokens/books/participating-retailers/>

Pep the Poet

Pep the Poet, who is an author and wellbeing champion, came to visit us last week and inspired lots of creativity in us!



We all had a great time taking part in workshops and enjoying poetry that made us laugh! Thank you to Mr Booker and Miss Simner for organising a fantastic day.

Edgmond Hall

Year 2 and Year 3 visited Edgmond Hall for two nights and had a blast! Luna, our school mascot, went along too. The word is that she enjoyed it as much as the children did... even if it was a little muddy!



The night walk was funny! It was really muddy. Me and my friend were walking with Mrs Glover and we had to stop her from falling in the mud! I also ended up with 5 chickens eating food from my hand!

Hollie

It was great fun to share a room with my friends for a night, even if I could hear them all snoring! I loved the blindfold challenge.

Harrison

It was better than school at break time! We got to play football on the massive field and some of us ended up in the muddy puddles. The assault course was amazing too!

Jake

We had an Easter egg hunt and lots of us lost our wellies in the thick mud. I've made so many funny memories with my friends.

Evander

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Our Curriculum and Homework

Remember to visit <https://www.parkhillprimary.co.uk/what-do-we-learn-in-each-year-group/> to find out what is being taught in your child's class.

Help us become Ambitious Astronauts by encouraging us to complete our homework - our "Four to Score" each week. Please visit <https://www.parkhillprimary.co.uk/homework/> for more information.



Red Nose Day

Thank you for your donations on Red Nose Day. We raised £108 for Comic Relief.



♪ School Bands ♪

Our musicians have worked hard with Adam from Rocksteady to learn their instrument or vocals this term. We were treated to a concert on Wednesday.

Well done to all of our bands – we loved singing along with you and we're all very proud of the progress you've made! Thank you to the parents and staff who did a little performance too! We're already looking forward to the next concert!

If you would like your child to join one of our school bands, please visit <https://booking.rocksteadymusicschool.com/>

Park Hill Governors

Another term has passed and we have thoroughly enjoyed our visits into school. A couple of weeks ago, we came in for World Book Day and DT week. It was lovely to see the children so engaged and inspired in a variety of reading activities!

We have continued to work on monitoring the changes that we have made to the curriculum and captured some great examples of how Design Technology is now taught. Different classes have either completed a sewing project, a cooking project or a building project.

Lastly, I would like to thank everyone – children, staff and parents – for your support. We look forward to the summer term.

From Lee Gorle

Vice Chairs of Governors

Parking

Please can we remind parents and carers not park on the yellow zig-zags or anywhere that reduces visibility for pedestrians?

Sandwell Council have confirmed that they will monitor parking from school due to a number of concerned residents who have had trouble when walking with their children into or from school.



OFFICE MATTERS

Our meal prices are increasing to £2.50 per meal from April 2024.

If your child is entitled to free school meals or is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, school meals remain free.

Please visit <https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/education-benefits> if your circumstances have changed and you think your child might now be entitled to free school meals.

Many families may be entitled to free school meals but don't claim them. If you think you can claim and would like to talk it through some more, please call or email the school office. We're more than happy to help you.

Easter Event Winners

There have been plenty of activities in school to celebrate the start of spring and Easter. Thank you to families for all of your support in preparing bonnets and eggs at home and also to staff for donating such lovely items for our hampers.

Congratulations to these lucky winners. We hope you enjoy your treats!



Easter Bonnet Parade Winners

Nursery: Leo and Amari

Reception: Imogen

Year 1: Lenny

Year 2: Jenson

Easter Egg Design Winners

Year 3: Harper

Year 4: Luke

Year 5: Chelsi

Year 6: Amelia B



Easter Raffle Hamper Winners

Nursery: Evie D and Bailey

Reception: Alice

Year 1: Henry L

Year 2: Pippa

Year 3: Anna

Year 4: Henry

Year 5: Elise

Year 6: Amelia B



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Attendance

05.09.23 – 21.03.24

Our whole-school target is above 95%.

Nursery: 90.4%

Reception: 94.7%

Year 1: 94%

Year 2: 94.4%

Year 3: 97%

Year 4: 92.7%

Year 5: 94.1%

Year 6: 88.6%

Well done, Year 3!

Punctuality is very important. Please be aware that children who arrive very late to school must be marked with a U code, which is one unauthorised absence. This affects their overall attendance. Children who are late must be accompanied to the school office and signed in if they are late.

We are supported by the Local Authority, who monitor our attendance closely. Where there are concerns about attendance, we have no option but to address them.

Please help us to help your child by sending them into school regularly.



Dates for Your Diary

- Monday 8th April – children return for summer term
- Monday 8th April – Nursery and Reception trip to the farm
- Tuesday 9th April – Hands and Teeth talk for Reception with school health nurses
- Tuesday 9th April – Healthy Eating talk for Year 3 and Year 4 with school health nurses
- Wednesday 10th April – Mehndi artist visiting
- Thursday 11th April – Puberty talk for Year 5 with school health nurses (parents/carers welcome to talk at 9.00am)
- WC 15th and 22nd April – Maths Inspire Workshops for parents/carers
- Monday 6th May – school closed (Bank Holiday)
- Monday 13th May – Thursday 16th May – Year 6 SATs
- Monday 20th May – Year 6 trip to Drayton Manor
- Friday 24th May – children's last day before half-term
- Monday 3rd June – school closed to children for INSET
- Tuesday 4th June – children return to school
- WC 3rd June – Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
- WC 10th June – Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
- June 2024 – Sports Day (dates to be confirmed)
- Monday 8th July – Meet the New Teacher (meeting for parents and carers)
- Friday 12th July – end-of-year reports to go out
- Friday 19th July – children's last day before summer holiday