

Park Hill News

Autumn 1
2023-2024

Our first half-termly newsletter of the year already – where has the time gone!? We have really enjoyed getting to know the families who have joined us and seeing you all again.

You may have heard your children talking a lot about astronauts! We have been working hard on making sure our curriculum is ambitious and linking the subjects we teach to our school values. Learning at Park Hill is part of our journey as we “reach for the stars.” Because of that, we are “Ambitious Astronauts” ourselves.

We are excited to reveal the name of our school mascot, who is also an astronaut! Read on to find out what the children have called her!

Thank you for your support this half-term. We hope you have a lovely break and look forward to seeing you on Monday 6th November.

★ Mrs Logan and Mrs Boardman ★

* Firework Safety *

With bonfire night and Diwali approaching, please make sure your children are safe around fireworks and fire. Visit www.wmfs.net/safety/fireworks/ for more information.



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



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🌲 Forest School 🌲

This term, Forest School with Jason is:

Thursday am – Nursery and Reception
Thursday pm – Year 1 and Year 2

As the weather gets colder and wetter, children need to bring a spare pair of clothes into school on Forest School days please.

🌲 P.E. 🌲

PE for classes is:

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

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.

Safeguarding our Children



Sandwell
Children's Trust

NSPCC

If you are concerned about the safety of a child outside of school hours or out in the community, please contact one of the following for advice:

Sandwell Children's Services – 0121 569 3100

NSPCC Helpline – help@nspcc.org.uk

If a child is in immediate danger, phone 999.



Hi!

I'm Luna! I'm the one who'll be on the journey with your children as they reach for the stars!

I'll be in lessons, going on trips and appearing around school to cheer your children on!

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Park Hill Governors

Please find our annual statement for last academic year below. It details a few of the things we have been doing for the Park Hill Family. Earlier in October, we had our first Governor Visit Day of the year. It was a pleasure to spend time with the children and learn more about how the curriculum is delivered at Park Hill. We look forward to coming in again in December.

★ From the Governing Board ★

Governors Annual Statement 2022 – 2023

Ensure clarity of vision, ethos & strategic direction

Holder Leaders to account for the educational performance of the school & its pupils & performance management of staff

Oversee the financial performance of the school & make sure its money is well spent

Ensure the voices of all stakeholders are heard

Members of:
Governor Hub
National Governance Association (Gold)
SIPs Clerking & training
National College
Govern@Sandwell
Chair of Governors is a member of Governor Sandwell Executive committee

Parent Partnership

Governor section in 15 termly newsletter
Joint Headteacher & Governor letter to parents
Various events & celebrations in schools with governors
Parent questionnaire

14 specialised training courses attended by individual Governors

All Governors trained in:
Safeguarding
Keeping Children Safe in Education
Online safety
Prevent & FGM
Ofsted Are You Ready

Three Governors left. One due to Term of Office ended and two through ill health. New Chair and Vice-Chair appointed

15 Governor visits into school to monitor & challenge

Governors meet for children across the years groups on a number of different occasions

Selection process & interviewing of new teachers

Governors & the Headteacher had separate meetings with Councillor Hackett and Micheal Jarrett (Local Authority Director for education) about provision for SEND children, funding and shared our strategic direction for SEND within our school

Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher, Family Liaison Officer & the Chair of Governors have completed or completing Level 5 in Coaching

R respect
E empathy
A ambition
C co-operation
H health ★

The creation on the Hive for supporting pupils with additional needs and releasing the SENDCo from being class based to teach additional needs pupils

Involved all stakeholders in updating the Behaviour Policy

Forest School weekly for ALL pupils

A focus on staff wellbeing and workload

These are a just some of the things we have done to meet our responsibilities as Governors for our school

Reach for the stars ★★

After half-term, we will be advertising for a new parent governor. If this is something you think you would be interested in doing, keep an eye out... and please apply! Parent governors really do make a valuable contribution to our school.

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Curriculum News

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 "Four to Score" each week. Please visit <https://www.parkhillprimary.co.uk/homework/> for more information.



Not Off in November Challenge

Our first attendance challenge of the year will start after half-term!

Every child who comes to school every day in November will be entered into a raffle. We'll be busy collecting delicious treats for the whole family to enjoy and making sure that the raffle is a lovely prize.

Two winners (one from EYFS + KS1 and one from KS2) will be drawn on **Thursday 30th November**. Good luck, Team PH!

Pumpkin Fun

Look at the fantastic pumpkins that children have carved with Mrs Watson! The Hive was the perfect place to relax and enjoy time with friends. Well done Joseph, Freddie, Luke, James and Roman!



Attendance

05.09.23 – 27.10.23

Nursery:	89.4%
Reception:	95.3%
Year 1:	94.8%
Year 2:	96.7%
Year 3:	98.2%
Year 4:	93.9%
Year 5:	94%
Year 6:	91.2%

Well done, Year 3!

We are unable to authorise any holiday during term-time but it is still very important that you complete a Leave of Absence form.

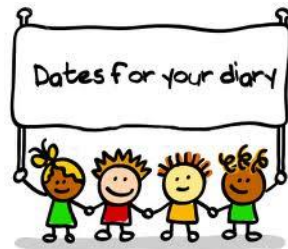
In line with our policy, Leave of Absence for holidays during term-time will be referred to Sandwell for any child whose absence is below 95% Please see the office if you have any questions.

Year 6 families – we know that SATs aren't everything but children need to be in school to learn about the things they will be tested on in May. Please send your children in on time every day unless they are too unwell.

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who came to our Coffee Afternoon earlier this month. We raised an incredible £362 for Macmillan.

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Dates for Your Diary

- Monday 6th November – back to school
- Monday 6th November – RWI Workshop for Reception to Year 3
- Tuesday 7th November – Diwali celebrations and Mendhi patterns for Nursery and Reception
- Friday 10th November – non-uniform day for donations of bottles of drinks / bottled toiletries / selection boxes / gift bags
- Monday 13th November – Odd Socks Day for Antbullying Week (Nursery to Year 6)
- Tuesday 14th November – Reception Maths Workshop
- Friday 17th November – Training Day (school closed to children)
- Monday 20th November – Nursery closed
- Monday 20th November – Flu Vaccinations (Reception to Year 6)
- Tuesday 21st November – Oxford Owl Workshop (Reception to Year 6)
- Wed 22nd November to Tuesday 28th Nov – Book Fair
- Thursday 23rd November – Parents Evening from 1:30pm-7:00pm
- Friday 24th November – non-uniform day for donations (we will confirm things that we are short of nearer the time)
- Monday 27th November – Nursery Maths Workshop
- Friday 1st Dec - Christmas Fair (please get in touch if you are able to help).
- Week beginning 4th December – Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas productions (we will confirm exact dates and times soon)
- Monday 11th December – Key Stage 1 Christmas trip
- Friday 15th December – Christmas Jumper Day
- Friday 15th December – Breakfast with Santa
- Monday 18th December – EYFS Christmas trip
- Tuesday 19th December – Christmas Parties
- Wednesday 20th December – Christmas Dinner
- Friday 22nd December – Church Service (Year 1 to Year 6)
- Friday 22nd December – Break up