

Park Hill News – Spring 1

Welcome to our Park Hill Newsletter.

What a busy half term it has been. We came back after Christmas raring to go and we have been working really hard. Our REACH assemblies, run by the Leadership Team, are a pleasure on a Friday morning and Year 1's recent assembly was brilliant and enjoyed by all. Thank you for all your support as usual. Park Hill families are the best!

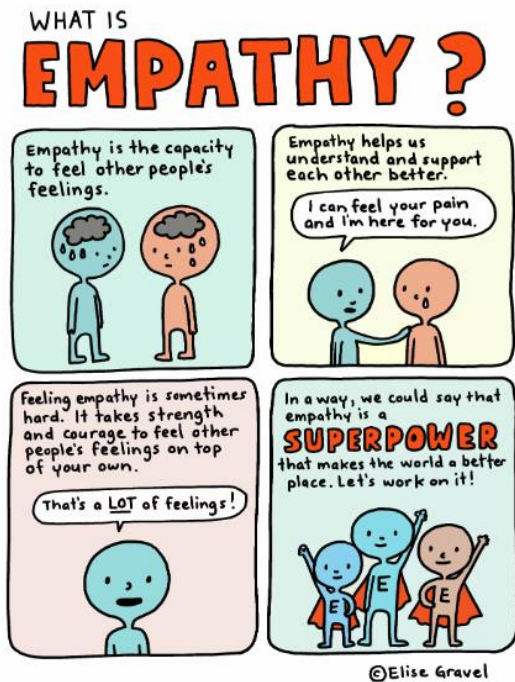
We have worked hard on our value Empathy. Look at our whole school display.

Have a lovely half-term break.

Mrs Logan and Mrs Boardman



Our REACH value this term is Empathy.



Thanks go to Mrs Watson for applying for and getting a bid to refurbish our sensory room. It is now fitted by Jason and ready for use.



PE with Mrs Knott

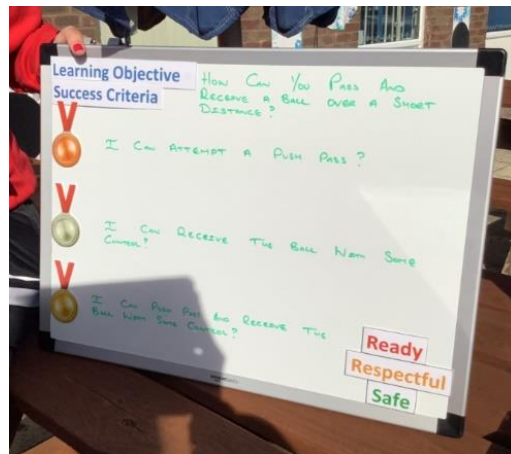
We have seen a huge difference in the way that children approach their PE lessons since Mrs Knott joined us! They work very hard (and often return to class a little red-in-the-face but with big smiles).

This term, the children have been learning:

- EYFS – Core skills
- Key Stage 1 – Multi skills
- Key Stage 2 – Gymnastics

Mrs Knott will be running a 2-day sports and activities club during the Easter holidays so please watch this space!

Here are some photos of PE around the school.



Mrs Knott tells me and shows me what to do so I know how to do it. I always wake up feeling like YES! It's PE!

Attendance Matters with Mrs Boardman

Thank you for all of your hard work in improving attendance at Park Hill. This time last year, whole-school attendance was 93%. Now it is 95%! This is something we are very proud of and you, as families, have truly supported us. Thank you.

Attendance Rewards

We realise that we all fall ill at some point and really don't want children who have the odd absence for illness or an appointment to miss out. We have taken onboard feedback from families and agree that only rewarding 100% attendance is unfair. We therefore give out our attendance star badges for 98% during the term or above.

- Bronze star – 98% attendance or above for one term
- Silver star – 98% attendance or above for two terms
- Gold star – 98% attendance or above for three terms



We will also keep holding raffles where children's names are entered into a drawer if they are at school every day for a shorter period

Our next one is:

Never Missed School in May!

Come to school every day that we're open during May and your child could receive plenty of goodies: we even include some treats for you as parents and carers too!

Low Attendance

Just a reminder that the Local Authority support us and monitor our attendance closely. If your child's attendance falls below 90%, or they have 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absence within 10 weeks, there is a chance that legal action may take place.

This is something we don't want for any of our families, so please help us to help you and talk to myself or Mrs Glover if you are having any trouble. We will do all we can to support you.

Punctuality

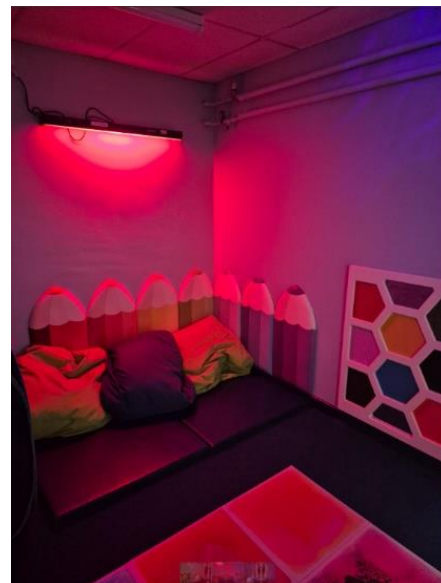
A final note - registers for Reception to Year 6 are taken at 8.55am. If your child arrives after this, they are marked as late and miss valuable learning time. If children arrive after 9.30am, they receive an unauthorised absence for the morning session.

Please ensure that your child is at school for their morning mark.



New Sensory Room - “The Zen Den”

Our new Sensory room is now open. We are very proud and know that children (and staff) are loving it.



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Family Workshops

We have held meetings for the Phonics Screening Check in Year 1, the Multiplication Tables Check in Year 4 and Year 6 SATs.

Thank you for attending – we hope you found the information useful.

Good attendance is really important during these times for:

- Year 6 Sats: 12.05.25 - 15.05.25
- Year 1 Phonics testing (and any Year 2 children who are retaking the phonics check): 09.06.25 - 13.06.25
- Year 4 Multiplication tables test: 13.06.25 - 20.06.25

INSPIRE workshops have also begun, with some happening after half-term too. We are focusing on Writing and hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Year Group	Date	Time
Nursery	Wed 26 th February	10:15 -11:15am
Reception	Wed 26 th February	10:15 -11:15am
Year 1	Wed 26 th February	2:15 - 3:15pm
Year 2	Thurs 27 th February	2:15 - 3:15pm
Year 3	Wed 12 th February	2:15 - 3:15pm
Year 4	Thurs 13 th February	2:15 - 3:15pm
Year 5	Fri 28 th February	2:15 - 3:15pm
Year 6	Fri 14 th February	2:15 - 3:15pm



Pets as Therapy at Park Hill

Florence, the reading dog, continues to come to school and listen to the children read. The children are reading well. Thanks to Helen for volunteering with Florence. 🐶



Forest School

We are lucky that everyone in our school has Forest school during the week. They have been learning outside and have had real fun. Thanks Jason!



Message from our Governors

Our Governing Board would like to thank the children for their improved attendance at school – this is a credit to our families.

REACH assemblies are fantastic. The Year 6 Leadership Team run it very well and the children's behaviour is brilliant. Congratulations to our stars of the week: keep working hard! ☆

School continues to work on our school improvement targets:

Attainment and Progress

Improve outcomes at the end of Key Stage 2, particularly in Writing and Maths.

- Further training on Writing has been done and children's written work has been moderated, with the support of an English Advisor. This is helping us assess children's writing well. We continue to review the curriculum and are focusing on improving handwriting, as well as making sure that children are taught the grammar that they need.
- Training has been done on Mastering Number in Maths. This will help us make sure that children in Early Years and Key Stage 1 gain a good grasp of place value and calculation.

Vulnerable Groups

Narrow the attainment gap for children in vulnerable groups, particularly the Pupil Premium Group.

- Extra support being given to vulnerable groups, both in class and in short interventions.
- We continue to support families wherever possible.

Our Wider Offer

Ensure that our wider curriculum is sufficiently challenging, engaging and enables children to build on their knowledge and retain key facts.

- Children are retaining facts and building on their knowledge.
- Our wider curriculum is challenging and engaging.



Office News



Please make sure you are reading the messages that come through our School App.

You will get a notification on the school app if you have a message.

If you are not getting messages, please come into the office and we will help you to set your phone up.



Lateness

Please make sure you bring your child to the school office and sign them in if they are late.

Siblings can enter school together through the preferred gate. If a younger sibling comes in with an older sibling through the KS2 gate they can take them to their class.

Please be aware the first bell sounds at 8:45am. Children should come in to school at this time ready for registration at 8:55am.

Leave of Absence

Please collect a purple Leave of Absence form from the school office for any trips. If these are not completed, we still have to contact you and return a "Leave Already Taken" form to the Local Authority. It is important to note that it is unlikely that any time off during term-time will be authorised. Thank you.

Concerns During the Holidays

If you need anything out of school hours, please email office@parkhillprimary.co.uk and someone will get back to you. If you are worried about a child out of school hours, please email NSPCC on help@NSPCC.org.uk



Dates for your Diary

Important Dates



- 24.02.25 – Back to School
- 26.02.25 - EYFS Inspire Workshop 10:15am – 11:15 am
- 26.02.25 - Year 1 Inspire Workshop 2:15pm-3:15pm
- 27.02.25 - Year 2 Inspire Workshop 2:15pm – 3:15pm
- 28.02.25 - Year 5 Inspire Workshop 2:15pm – 3:15pm
- 03.03.25 - High school places confirmed
- 06.03.25 - World Book Day
- 12.03.25 to 14.03.25 – Residential for Y2/Y3
- 19.03.25 - Public Speaking Competition (selected children)
- 20.03.25 - Parents' Evening
- 21.03.25 - Red Nose Day
- 04.04.25 – Parliament Trip to London – Year 5
- 08.04.25 – Spring Rocksteady Concert
- 09.04.25 - Easter Bonnett Parade – EYFS/KS1
- - Decorated Egg Competition – KS2
- 10.04.25 - Pupil of the Term
- 11.04.25 – Break up for Easter

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PE and Forest School Days

Please ensure your child is wearing suitable footwear for PE and has removed earrings. They cannot take part in PE in crocs or any pumps that have a platform due to health and safety risks. School pumps or plain trainers are needed. Thank you.

PE

- Monday am – Year 1 and Year 2
- Monday pm – Nursery and Reception
- Tuesday am – Year 3 and Year 5
- Tuesday pm – Year 4 and Year 6

Forest School

- Monday am – Nursery and Reception
- Monday pm – Year 1 and Year 2
- Year 4 and Year 6 – Thursday am – Year 4 and Year 6
- Thursday pm – Year 3 and Year 5

PE

