

Park Hill News – Autumn 1

Welcome to our Park Hill Newsletter.

It's been a great start to the autumn term! The children have settled into their classes and we've had the pleasure of welcoming our new families who joined us in September. We've also said a big hello to Miss Neale, our new EYFS Leader.

Whilst lots of learning has been underway, we've made sure we've celebrated some special events too: we have had EYFS family sessions, forest school family sessions, visits to the Black Country Museum, our new Year 6 Leadership team was chosen, we've been on a residential trip and enjoyed fantastic assembly from Year 5... just to mention a few things!

★ Mrs Logan and Mrs Boardman. ★

Concerns about children when not in school 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



Our REACH value this term is Co-operation



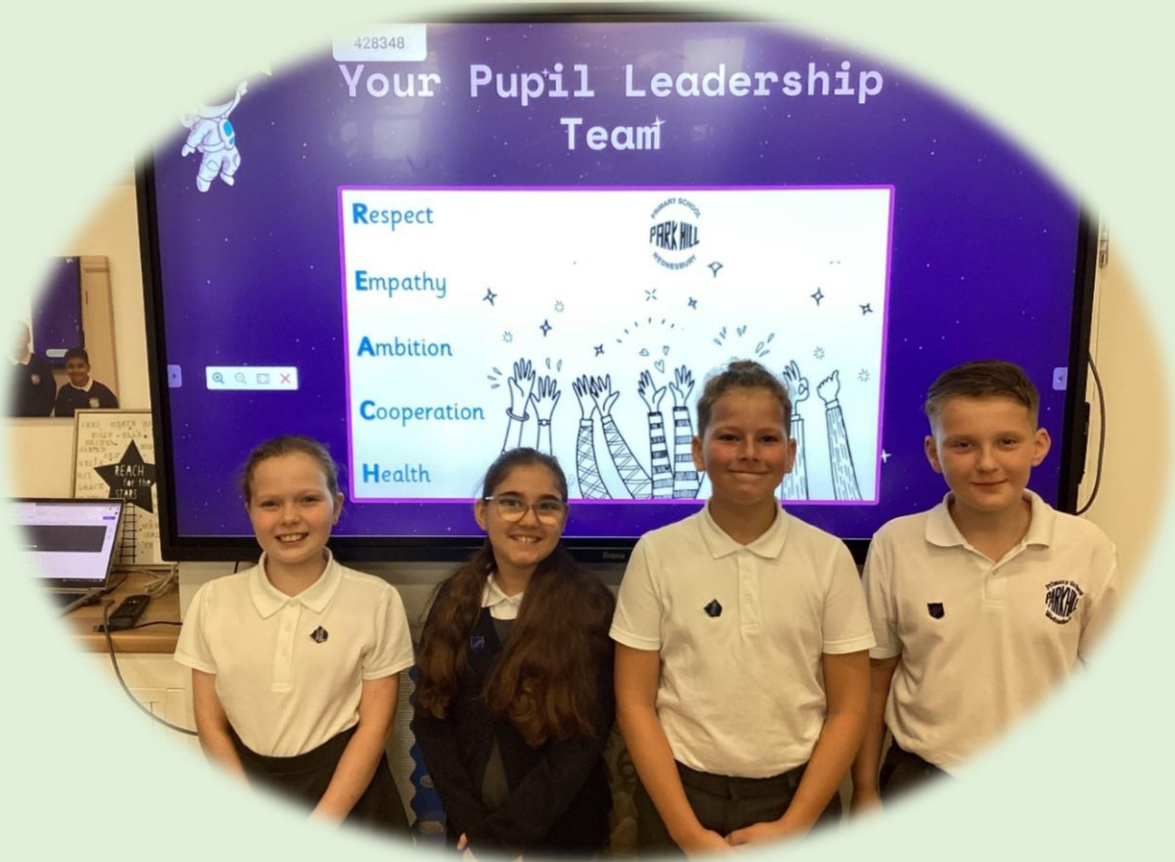
We co-operated to produce a whole-school display, based upon the book we've read:

Co-operation

”Together We Can!”

In September, children in Year 6 prepared their speeches and put their names forwards to be in the running for this year's pupil leadership team. All speeches were excellent: the children were very brave to stand up in front of the whole school and speak about why they would make a difference to Park Hill. It was certainly a very hard decision for the school to choose. The children voted democratically and the votes were counted and verified by Miss Simner.

Please welcome the new Year 6 Leadership Team for 2025 – 2026.



Welcome Devon, Sarah, Jacob and Eva – Congratulations!

They will have a busy year running REACH assemblies, looking after the forest, helping with jobs around school, helping at charity events and school fayres and checking in with the School Council to make Park Hill the best place to be.





In October, the staff of Park Hill made and bought cakes for the Macmillan coffee afternoon. We had tremendous support from our Park Hill families as usual, meaning that people could enjoy a selection of cakes, tea and coffee, served by the Leadership Team and Helen and Florence. So far, we have raised £360 from the afternoon and non-uniform day. Thank you very much for caring.



Residential to Edgmond Hall



In October, pupils from Year 3,4,5 and 6 visited Edgmond Hall with Mrs Boadman, Miss Simner and Miss Garner. They had a lovely time and enjoyed all their activities. They learned fencing, pressed their own apple juice and took part in plenty of team activities. Singing songs around the campfire with your friends... perfect!





Office News



The winners of a £10 voucher each who found the lucky star under their plate on our 'special menu' day were:

Oscar L (Rec) & Luke L (Y3)

The winners who brought their Data Packs in by the due date were:

Gracie (Rec), Hallie (Y1), Harlen (Y2), Theo (Y3) Emily (Y4), Darcy (Y5) & Mason (Y6)

Congratulations to all who have won a £10 'One4all' voucher.

Thank you for your harvest donations





Dear Parents/Carers,

We have visited Park Hill to talk about how to cross a road safely and to work with Year 5 and 6 children to design a banner to show the importance of parking in safe places to keep your children safe.

The Road Safety Team at Sandwell MBC would like to say THANK YOU to those members of your community, who regularly ensure the safety of your children when travelling to and from school. Most parents and carers, park courteously away from school to keep entrances clear and safe for your child and their friends.



Areas to keep clear of parking:

- Yellow KEEP CLEAR zigzag lines
- Red and yellow lines (restricted parking)
- Areas with restricted parking times (look out for the signs)

Have you ever considered ditching the car – it's not too far! Sustainable travel such as walking, wheeling or scooting to school is a great way of keeping fit and healthy and supports Sandwell's vision for improving air quality for all residents. To ensure safer journeys at this time of the year, be sure to BE BRIGHT and BE SEEN by wearing reflective/high-viz clothing.

Keep a look out in your local area for safer crossing places to use on your journeys such as: Puffin Crossings, Zebra Crossings and Refuge Islands.



Stay safe, and look out for Park Hill's new banner!

Sandwell MBC Road Safety Team





Dates for your Diary

November

Monday 3rd November – Return to school (Not Off in November attendance raffle starts)

Friday 7th November – **Non-uniform Day** Donations of mugs (for filling with nice things) / Sweets / chocolate / selection boxes / gift bags / bottle bags

Monday 10th November – **World Nursery Rhyme Day** Nursery and Reception to dress up as a character from a nursery rhyme

Monday 10th November – Odd Socks Day

Weds 12th- Tuesday 18th November – Scholastic Book Fair 3:30pm-3:50pm every day

Thursday 13th November – Parents evening (details to follow)

Friday 14th November - Donations of washed and clean teddy bears / soft toys / Tombola items (new or unused) / gift bags / bottle bags

Friday 14th November – Children in Need - children can come dressed in Children in Need merchandise/accessories if they wish for a £1 donation.

Wednesday 19th November – Payment due for KS1 trip

Friday 21st November – Year 4 trip to Wroxeter

Friday 21st November – Non uniform Day - Donations of bottles of drinks / bottled toiletries / selection boxes / gift bags / bottle bags

Friday 28th November – Non uniform day - Wrapped cakes and biscuit donations for cake stall

December

Thursday 4th December – KS1 theatre trip

Friday 5th December – Christmas Fayre 3:30pm – 5:00pm

Monday 8th December – EYFS Christmas visit to the farm

Tuesday 9th December – KS1 Christmas Productions (more details to follow)

Wednesday 10th December – Christmas dinner (please book by 24th November)

Thursday 11th December – KS1 Christmas Production (more details to follow)

Friday 12th December – EYFS Christmas Production (am) - more details to follow

Friday 12th December – Year 3 Class Assembly (pm) - more details to follow

Monday 15th December – Christmas Jumper Day (£1 donation) - more details to follow

Monday 15th December – Breakfast with Santa (more details to follow - admission by ticket only)

Monday 15th December – EYFS Christmas Production (pm) - more details to follow

Tuesday 16th December – Christmas parties & discos (details to follow)

Wednesday 17th December – RockSteady concert: 10.00am

Thursday 18th December - Pupil of the Term assembly: 2.30pm

Thursday 18th December - Nursery children break up

Friday 19th December – NURSERY CLOSED (details to follow)

Friday 19th December – Church service at St Francis 10:00am – 11:00am (details to follow)

Friday 19th December – Reception to Year 6 break up



PE and Forest School Days – Autumn Term 2025

Please ensure your child is in the correct PE kit on their PE day: navy tracksuit or leggings, a navy jumper or hoody, a white t-shirt and plain black or white pumps / trainers. Children cannot take part in PE in crocs or any pumps that have a platform, due to health and safety risks, and long hair must be tied up. Thank you.



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



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



Attendance Matters with Mrs Boardman

This term, our attendance has continued to rise – thank you so much for your support in improving school attendance. It's time for one of our exciting attendance raffles!



Please can I remind families that, if children have a planned day (or days) off, a purple leave of absence form needs to be collected from the office and returned before your child is off? Both pages need to be completed by the parent / carer who is taking the child out of school.

We cannot authorise holidays during term-time but they are Local Authority forms that have to be completed. Thank you.