



# PARK HILL JUNIOR SCHOOL

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## OCTOBER 2023

### HAPPY HALF TERM!

A massive well done to all Park Hill Junior School pupils for completing their first term of the new school year.

We wanted to share and celebrate some of your children's amazing activities they have participated in over the last term- We have included some staff shout-outs, sports news and overall achievements of pupils.

We hope you all have a lovely break and we will see you again on **Wednesday 1st November!**

PHJS Team



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### PHJS STAFF SHOUT-OUTS

The Anti bullying Ambassadors for delivering an excellent World Mental Health Day assembly. Also for being put through to apply for the process of achieving their wellbeing badge by holding the very popular yoga and wellbeing lunchtime club. You are all amazing :) Keep shining like the stars you are!

**Miss Colley**

Shout out to the children who are my digital leaders (Artur and Dhruvi) for always making sure that we have the devices we need, when we need them and that they are looked after and returned when we are finished with them.

**Mr Upchurch**

Shout out to Saam in 5P!  
Saam went home to write his own version of Mahatma Gandhi's biography which he then used to help him in his writing at school.  
Well done Saam.

**Miss Parkhouse**

Thank you very much to Nishaa, Scarlet, Nefeli, Adelina and Zunash for your fantastic fundraising, marketing and baking!

**Mrs Cooper**

## THE GRENADEER GUARDS AT PHJS!

We were lucky enough for the amazing Grenadier Guards to visit us at Park Hill Junior on Tuesday 10th October for **Inspire Me Day**.

The whole school was able to hear the Guards play their instruments and encouraged them to sing-a-long, guessing some popular songs. The children really enjoyed hearing about the Guards different responsibilities and were very interested in their uniforms- **Especially Mr Lindsay!**





**Mon 23rd October - Tues 31st October -**

Half term

**Weds 1st November -**

Return to school

**Thursday 9th November -**

British Values Day

**Friday 10th November -**

Trust Training Day -

School and Extended Day closed to all pupils

**Monday 13th-Friday 17th November -** Anti-Bullying week

**Monday 13th November -**

Diwali celebration

**Thursday 22nd November -**

Curriculum Showcase for parents 2.15-3.15pm

**Thursday 14th December Christmas Show -** 9.30am

Group A (3E, 3G, 4U, 5F, 6A, 6M) and

2pm Group B (3H, 4K, 4D, 5L, 5P, 6I)

**Friday 15th December Christmas Show -**

9.30am Group B (3H, 4K, 4D, 5L, 5P, 6I) and

2pm Group A (3E, 3G, 4U, 5F, 6A, 6M)

**Wednesday 20th December -**

Last day of the autumn term

(school closes at 1.30pm)



## 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](mailto:dechampstudio@icloud.com)**



## Park Hill Schools' Association (PHSA) News

The PTA for the Infant and Junior schools, the PHSA, is excited to be continuing with a new team and renewed vigour for building a great school community, involving parents more, and creating memorable events to raise funds for the schools.

With a warm farewell and many thanks to leaving Chair, Emily Adams, Treasurer, Irena Silina, and Rosie Carlo, we welcome new Co-Chairs: Becca Devitt (Rec) Rikki Lipscombe (Y1 + Y3) and Kate Watson (Y2 + 4), alongside Secretary, Hilary Bell (Y2 + Y4), and Treasurer, Jatinder Kaur (Rec + Y3), as well as a lively organising committee.

**We look forward to seeing you around the schools.**



### FIREWORKS NIGHT

Join us at the upcoming epic **Fireworks night on Friday 3rd November** with tickets on sale online for £5 (or £7 cash on the gate). Visit <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/parkhillschools/> to buy your tickets.

We welcome any parent or carer to get in touch if you would like to help the PHSA in any way, whether to volunteer some time and skills, or to make suggestions for great ideas!

Email [phsa.croydon@gmail.com](mailto:phsa.croydon@gmail.com) or speak to us at drop off or pick up if you would like to join the PHSA Supporters Group.

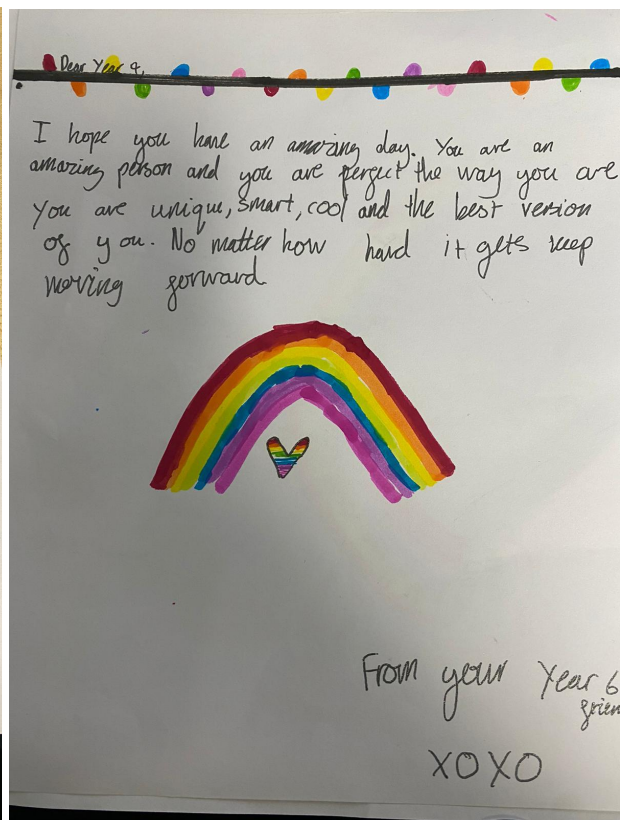
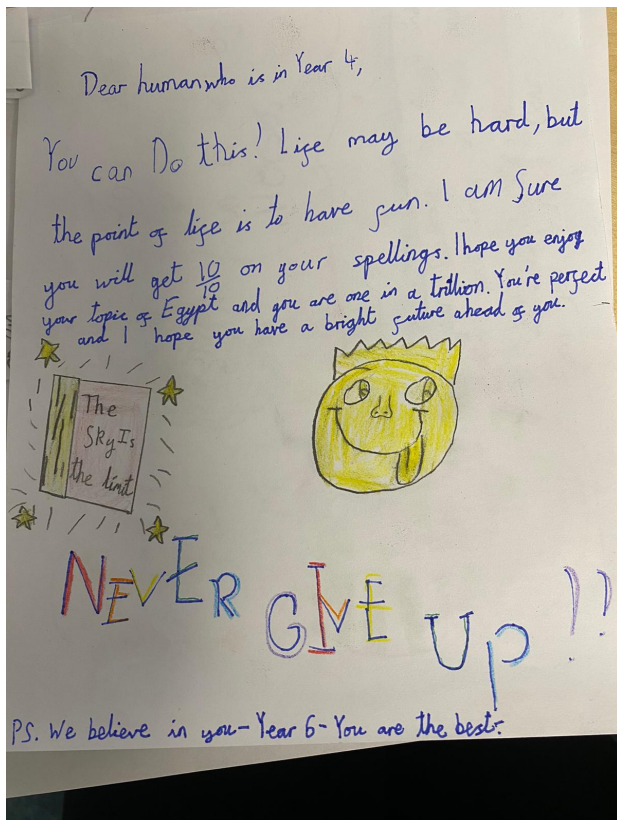
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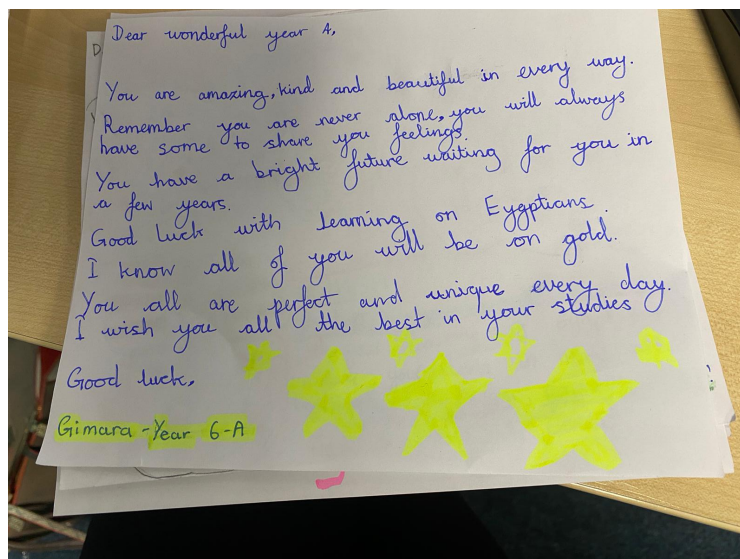
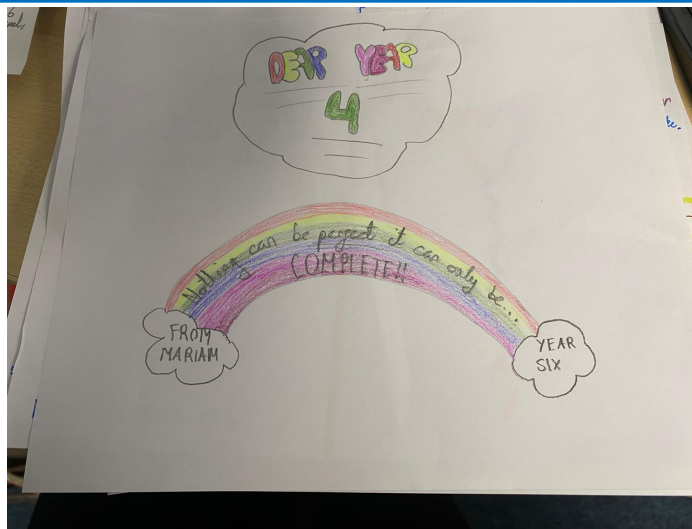
**The Park Hill Schools' School Association is a registered charity (Registered Charity number 288263)**

### MENTIONS FROM OUR FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER MS COLLEY

We celebrated Mental Health Day on Tuesday 10th October- With a Mental Health Assembly followed by an activity workshop for all classes. Each year was able to take part in an act of kindness and create postcards to send to another year group.

A massive thank you to each year group for spreading your kindness!





### WRITING LAUREATES

Please see below a list of our Writing Laureates for Autumn term- Congratulations!

3H Riddhima

3G Sameeksha

3E Sachita

4U Dhruvi

4K Rithik

4D Ranveer

5P Miranda

5F Omkar

5L Adan

6A Gimara

6I Genesis

6M Tanishqa

### LOCAL FOOD BANKS

If you need any additional support with food over the half term, click the link below to view a list of food banks in Croydon.

<https://www.reedhamchildrenstrust.org.uk/local-food-banks>



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of vulnerable children**

## TAG RUGBY TOURNAMENT

On the 10th of October 2023, 10 students in both Y5 and Y6 went to represent PHJS in a Tag Rugby tournament organized by Croydon School sports Partnership at the prestigious Trinity school in Shirley. There were a number of schools at the tournament and we got to Play 4 different schools. Although we lost our games, we were able to get better and develop our skills in each game that we played. We challenged the last 2 schools really hard and our losses were very narrow. With more training I think our team will be a force to be reckoned with. We are looking forward to more Tag Rugby competitions. Thank you Trinity sports captains for coaching us and Ms Mazowe and Ms Price for supporting and accompanying us.

**By Siddharth Mali 5P.**



## INTER-HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY

This term we had one of the most anticipated events of the year. It was none other than the annual Cross Country run. The whole school took part in this fun and tiring event with some extremely tight finishes and lots of laughter. The Year 3's and 4's ran 2 laps, whilst the Year 5's and 6's ran 3 laps of the field. It was a truly vibrant atmosphere with everyone cheering on their house group, hoping that someone from their house group would come first place. Everybody tried their best to do extremely well and from it 20 children from our school, 5 boys and 5 girls represented each year group and were invited to run at Lloyd's park and compete against other Croydon schools. In the end, here are the results for each of the house groups.

In 4th Place we had **Johnson**

In 3rd Place we had **Flower**

In 2nd Place we had **Coleridge-Taylor**

In 1st Place we had **Latham**

It was a thoroughly enjoyable experience and everyone loved it, irrespective of their results.

**By Shravan, 6M**

