



PARK HILL JUNIOR SCHOOL

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DECEMBER 2023

END OF YEAR

To all pupils, parents and carers of Park Hill Junior School, we hope you have a lovely break over Christmas and enjoy time spent with your family and friends.

Thank you for your ongoing support throughout the start of the academic year, we can't wait to see what's to come in 2024! As we end one year and continue into the next we reflect on our school values:

be **Respectful**

be **Resilient**

be **Resourceful**

be **Reflective**

develop positive **Relationships**

We look forward to seeing you all in the New Year!

PHJS Team



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ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to 3G with the highest attendance and to 3E with the lowest number of lates this term!

Group	% Attendance	Lates
3E	96.4%	5
3G	96.8%	22
3H	96.3%	62
4D	94.5%	53
4K	95.9%	31
4U	94.3%	33
5F	95.4%	41
5L	96.7%	36
5P	95.9%	38
6A	92.6%	24
6M	94.8%	35
6I	95.2%	28

We would like you to continue to work with us on getting your children here on time to start the day and in school every day to learn. Our gates will be open at 8.40am in the morning and you can come into school with your children.

staff will be out at 8.50am to receive your children. We hope this will help you get your children here on time.

A message from
our Headteacher,
Mrs Pratt...

We have come to the end of the autumn term and I must say that so much has happened with the children; their learning and how well the year 3 and new children have settled into Park Hill Junior School.

We have had positive surveys from you and all comments will be considered. Thank you so much for working with us to ensure that all children have had a positive start. We hope our texts which have sometimes been sent due to very quick changes in school have been useful. We aim to ensure that your children's journey through PHJS is smooth and as our curriculum aims dictates they leave PHJS being responsible and knowledgeable citizens of the future.

You have celebrated with us, joined in curriculum activities, listened to feedback from us about your children's learning and many more. We hope that you enjoy the time with your children. Have a restful break and we look forward to seeing all back on the 4th of January 2024... Happy New Year in advance!

PHJS Shout Out's

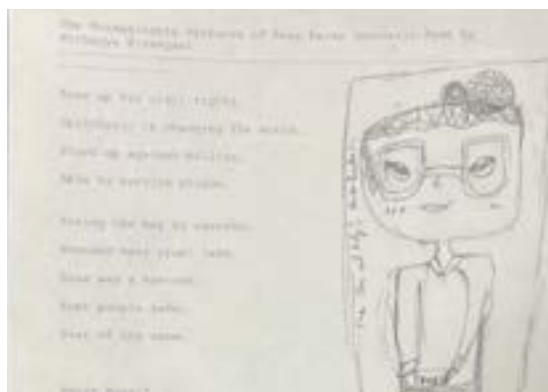
Miss Turner says...

SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD

Thank you to everyone who took part in our wear red for Show Racism the Red Card on 20th October. We raised £88.83 for the charity through your donations to the school. Thank you to everyone who donated and also wore red to show awareness. Their Fundraising and Partnership Coordinator sent this message to our school: 'Thank you so much to everyone at Park Hill Junior School for celebrating Wear Red Day with us and for fundraising in our name. It really means so much to us and we could never say thank you enough.'

Also thank you to **Daivik, Prithvi, Zaayan, Ayan and Ihsan** from 5F who lead an assembly presentation about Show Racism the Red Card.

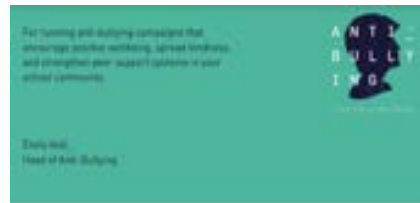
Here are posters created by our children linked to the Wear Red Day and Black History Month learning which focused on inspirational women. Thank you to **Genesis (6A), Mithanya (5L), Samara (5P), Reni (5P) and Adan (5L)**. If your child is inspired and would like to create artwork or a poster Miss Turner would love to see them.



Mrs Iwin Says...

WELLBEING BADGE

A great well done to the Anti Bullying Ambassadors of Park Hill Junior School. These children have worked extremely hard this term and shared information about why bullying behaviour is not acceptable. They have had meetings and conducted lessons to be shared out with teachers and classes. They have even started a lunch time yoga/meditation club allowing children to relax and calm down during play time. Not only this, they even delivered a superb assembly during Anti Bullying week and came up with lessons to be taught in class. As a result of this the Princess Diana Award has awarded the children the first WELLBEING BADGE. What tremendous effort they have put in and we can't wait to see what is next in store for them. True leaders they are.

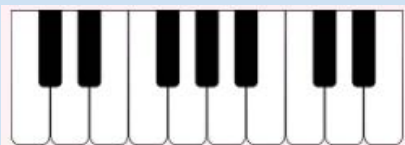


WELLBEING BADGE CERTIFICATE

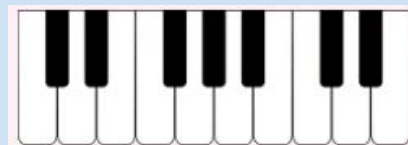
Miss Garcia
says...



THE DIANA AWARD



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



Wednesday 20th December -

Last day of the autumn term
(school closes at 1.30pm)

Thursday 4th January 2024 -

First day of Spring Term

Monday 8th Jan -

Swimming Lessons for 6I & 4D

Tuesday 9th Jan -

Girls Football starts back

Tuesday 9th Jan -

TKD London Taekwondo Club starts back

Monday 15th Jan -

Swimming Lessons for 6I & 4D

Wednesday 17th Jan -

Young Voices at the O2

Extended School Day Services 2024

From January 2024, you will still be charged if our Extended Day team is not contacted and informed that your child will not be attending. We ask that you contact us via email on extendedschoolday@phjs.foliotrust.uk before 12 noon that same day.

Please be aware if you contact us any time after 12pm in the afternoon, you will still be charged.

A reminder you no longer need to book for breakfast club, the staff will take down your child's name on arrival and charges will be added to your ParentPay account the same day.

Thank you again for your cooperation, we look forward to seeing you in the new year.



Park Hill Schools' Association (PHSA) News

The festive season is well and truly in swing, and we have been revelling in the atmosphere that you have brought to our recent Winter Warmers and Winter Wonderland! Thank you for taking the time to be a part of it all. We can't wait to share more of what we have in store for the year ahead to keep seeing our lovely, lively Park Hill Schools community blending, celebrating and fundraising in wonderful ways together.

Drop us a line any time with any feedback or comments at phsa.croydon@gmail.com

<https://www.phjs.co.uk/parent-info/park-hill-schools-association>

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

Message from our Family Support Worker - Miss Colley

For any parents/carers who are eligible to receive Universal Credit- Did you know you can get discounted tickets for London Zoo? Click the link below to book tickets for as little as £3!

<https://www.londonzoo.org/plan-your-visit/london-zoo-tickets/universal-credit-tickets>

LONDON ZOO
a ZSL conservation zoo

Thousands of Croydon children who are eligible for and claiming benefits-related free school meals can now sign up for free activity clubs with healthy meals over the school holidays. Open to eligible children and young people aged 4 to 16 years.



All programmes provide:

- free, nutritious and tasty food
- fun physical activity sessions
- a wide range of other exciting activities to suit different ages and personalities
- opportunities to learn more about food and nutrition for children and their families

Click [HERE](#) for more details on how to book.



A message from
our music lead
Miss Parkhouse...

CMA Festive Concert

Earlier in December, a group of children attended the Croydon Music Association Festive Concert at Fairfield Halls. The children were able to enjoy a concert full of musical items performed by musicians from local schools and the music service here in Croydon. We had a wonderful time - thank you to the children who behaved exceptionally well and represented PHJS superbly.

Christmas Production

Thank you to all the children and teachers for their performance of 'C is for Christmas'! Hours of rehearsal, learning lines and dance routines went into the production - we are beyond proud of each of the classes for their contribution towards the show. Thank you also to the parents and carers in the audience - we hope you enjoyed it too!

iRock

A huge well done to the children who are part of iRock on your fantastic end of term show! We loved hearing what you have been working really hard towards over the last term and already look forward to the next show in the Spring term!

Year 4 Micro:bits



Twenty members of Year 4 have been participating in an outreach project at Croydon High School, learning how to code Micro:bits to become pedometers, electrical conductors, as well as being an interactive rock-paper-scissors game. They even presented their projects to the Headteachers of Croydon High School and the Croydon High School Junior department this term and impressed everyone who attended.

ECO NEWS from Mrs Cooper...

Thank you to the whole school community for taking part in Cut Your Carbon in November - we hope that all these changes can coNtinue. We are making a difference together.

Protecting Our Planet Day November 30th

Thank you to all the children who have created beautiful posters to remind us all of what we can do to protect our planet. A lot of effort has gone into these and Mrs Cooper is delighted with the response. Thank you everyone. These are just a few!



PARLIAMENT VISIT

Children had a wonderful opportunity visiting Westminster Palace. They had so much fun learning about the House of Commons and House of Lords. Children were thrilled to see the rooms where MP'S have discussions and live debates happen. After, they participated in a workshop learning about how the country is run and how laws/rules are made. We were very impressed by the sheer knowledge the children had and using this in the debate activity. We ended the trip walking along the famous River Thames.



YEAR 6 PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Year 6 girls were given a wonderful opportunity to work independently and participate in a public speaking competition. Mrs Iwin and Mrs Pratt had such great fun judging the participants and hearing all their fantastic research and backing their opinions with explanations. The girls showed off their excellent public speaking skills and projected their voice with great confidence. We had a tough decision to make and chose the final two participants for the next round to represent Park Hill Junior School in the Croydon schools league. Congratulations to Tanishqa and Aratrika who will be taking part in the final round in March 2023.



CIVIC MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION 2023



Civic Mayor's Parlour
Croydon Town Hall
Katharine Street
Croydon, CR0 1NX
Tel: 0208 760 5764
Email: civilmayor@croyston.gov.uk
Date: 10 December 2023

Dear Mrs Ann Pratt Headteacher

Re: Civic Mayor's Christmas Card Competition 2023

Attached are certificates from The Civic Mayor of Croydon, Cllr Tony Pearson, awarded to the children whose entries were put forward for participating in his Christmas Card competition 2023 and showcasing their amazing talent.

Please can you thank all those who took part in the Civic Mayor's Christmas card design and the teachers.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hema Vasanthakumar'.

Hema Vasanthakumar
Executive Officer

Congratulations to those who participated in The Civic Mayor of Croydon's Christmas competition this year. We received the above signed letter recognising their amazing talent, as well as their certificates- Well done for representing Park Hill Junior School!