



JULY 2024

A message from our Headteacher, Mrs Pratt...

We are at the end of another wonderful year!

This year has been filled with remarkable achievements and growth. Our pupils have excelled in academics, sports, and the arts, demonstrating their resilience and creativity at every turn. We've seen impressive results in SATS and for the children in the other years. We have celebrated victories on the sports field, and applauded outstanding performances in our school productions and other out of school activities.

Of course, we've also faced our share of challenges. The ongoing adjustments to post-pandemic learning and the implementation of some new teaching strategies tested our adaptability. However, I'm proud to say that our school community rose to these challenges with determination and unity.

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to you, our parents and guardians, for your unwavering support and partnership. Your engagement in your children's education has been crucial to their success. Equally, I must commend our dedicated staff for their tireless efforts and our pupils for their enthusiasm and hard work.

Looking ahead, we're excited about the opportunities the new school year will bring. We are now part of the Greenshaw Learning Trust (GLT), and we hope that this join will continue enhancing our facilities to provide the best possible learning environment.

As we prepare for the summer break, please note that the first day of the new school year will be the 5th of September 2024. We look forward to seeing all our children back as we say goodbye to Year 6, Miss Parkhouse, Ms Job, Ms Klokow, Mrs Gilpin, and Miss Cheng. We welcome to our Park Hill family Mr Squires who will be joining the Y3 team.

Thank you once again for your trust and collaboration. I wish you all a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable summer break.

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to **6A** with the highest attendance and to **3E** with the lowest number of lates this term!

Class	%	No of late arrivals
3E	96.5%	6
3G	96.2%	27
3H	95.3%	60
4D	95.7%	57
4K	96.3%	20
4U	96.0%	29
5F	96.8%	19
5L	95.5%	38
5P	95.7%	41
6A	96.9%	39
6M	93.9%	49
6I	96.7%	29

Our Education Welfare Officer, Mrs Nicci Wayne, recently sent out a letter to parents and carers with regards to the increase in pupils taking unauthorised absences during term time. **To view the letter please click [here](#).**

Please continue to work with us to improve attendance. We encourage all parents to rethink the implications this can have on your child's education and in secondary/further education settings should your child be offered a place.

Punctuality - Is your child's class highlighted? Our lateness figure is also of concern. Every minute of a child's life learning is crucial to their learning. Children who attend school punctually are able to have a headstart in their learning and settle quicker. This leads to good progress for them. Please help us to help your child achieve their best by being in school on time!

A reminder, our school gates will be open at **8.40am** in the morning for you to come into school with your children. Staff will be outside to welcome your children.

We look forward to seeing you after half term!



GREENSHAW LEARNING TRUST

We have had a busy end to the term with our transition into the Greenshaw Learning Trust. You will see small updates that have been made so far, including our updated [school website](#). We have also updated our contact information, please see our schools key contacts below-

	Contact	Email Address
Main School Office	Miss Sabrina or Mrs Adams	office@parkhilljunior.co.uk
Headteacher	Mrs Pratt	office@parkhilljunior.co.uk *
SEND	Miss Waxer	office@parkhilljunior.co.uk *
Inclusion	Miss Penn	office@parkhilljunior.co.uk *
Extended School Day	Miss Sabrina	extendeddayadmin@parkhilljunior.co.uk or for more information on our Breakfast and Afterschool Clubs, please click here .
All other enquiries	Miss Moores (Office & HR Manager)	office@parkhilljunior.co.uk *

*All emails sent to our office address will be forwarded on to the requested person within 24 hours.

Although we welcome change, please be reassured we stay committed in providing the best for your child(ren) and remain the same **RESPECTFUL, RESOURCEFUL, RESILIENT, REFLECTIVE, RELATIONAL** community as before.

Thank you for your ongoing support.



ECO NEWS FROM MRS COOPER



A big thank you to our Eco Leaders and supporting adults for all you have done to help the school raise awareness of the need to take care of our planet. This year we:

- took up the **Cut Your Carbon Challenge** in November as a whole school.
- were part of a Croydon bid to have a food waste composter in our school grounds (unfortunately the bid was unsuccessful, but we tried!)
- started showing the **carbon footprint of the school lunches** so that informed choices can be made (thank you to our kitchen team and Mr Young).
- participated in **Protect Our Planet Day** on 30th November, learning about protecting our forests and Earth, our ice and oceans.
- created posters to **raise awareness** of climate issues in our school and community
- **switched off lights** when they were not needed, including in assemblies.



- **recycled our paper and card** separately from our general waste.
- collected data in the **Big Schools' Bird Watch** in January and contributed to a national bird survey. (Thank you Miss Emery!)
- **attended eco clubs** run by Mrs Stott after school.
- showed our love for our planet through **Green Hearts for February**.
- created nature inspired building designs in a **Nature's Engineers Eco Workshop** in March.
- discussed **Earth Hour** and switched off our power for an hour with our families.
- challenged ourselves to walk, bike or scoot to school in March with **Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel Challenge** (many thanks to Mrs Kataruka and the Junior Travel Ambassadors!)
- learnt about plastic pollution during **Earth Day** in April and took part in live events streamed by **Transform our World**.
- retained our **Gold status for travel** with TfL - huge thanks to Mrs Kataruka for her work on this, organising, overseeing and collating all the evidence.
- celebrated **The Great Big Green Week** in June by holding our first ever Eco Fair (many thanks to Mrs Stott and all our adult and children helpers!)
- discussed in assembly the swaps we can make in our daily lives - **Let's Swap Together for Good**.
- **picked up litter** from our school grounds to make it a better environment for us all.
- made our own **bug hotels** and showed great **kindness to creatures** at break and lunchtimes.
- **developed the school garden** to encourage bees and butterflies along with bird feeders to encourage a greater variety of birds (huge thanks to Mrs Stott and Mrs Latter for all their work on this!)
- learnt about different **nature activities** we can do outdoors in all seasons (thanks to Mr Johnston!)



We have done such a lot as a whole school community and I am very proud of the changes we are helping each other to make! I look forward to continuing our journey next year.

Thank you all!

Message from our Family Support Worker - Miss Colley

Transition for Parents

Transitioning from primary to secondary school for Y6 is a big and important change for children. Not only does it impact children but parents too - The Young Minds website can support you with tips and resources on how to manage this important change and keep your children safe in preparation of this new chapter in their lives. Click on the links below for some useful information-

[Supporting school transitions](#)

[Tips for parents to help their child cope with change](#)

The rest of the school are also transitioning to their new year groups in September and will be well supported at school. By taking note and actioning the tips in the links above, this will help us all work together for the best possible outcomes for your child.

We look forward to seeing everyone in September and wish Y6 the very best at their new schools!

PHSA News...



It's been a wonderful year for PHSA. Thank you to everyone who has helped organise and run the events and thank you to all the families who have joined in and made these such a success.

In the last few weeks we have sold plenty of ice-creams, treated our loved ones with Father and Friends pizza kits, got mucky at the Colour Run and had an amazing time on the field at Taylor Mania.

These events, plus all the others throughout the year have helped PHSA to raise over... **£17,000!!!**



There has been a huge contribution from the Junior School Staff to help make all these fantastic events happen and the PHSA team would like to say a big thank you to them for helping to turn our ideas into reality.



The money will be shared between the two schools, to be used to provide extra resources and fun activities for our children.

Come and find out more at our Annual General Meeting on Friday 5th October, 9:15 until 10:15 in the Infant School Hall. Everyone is welcome. We will review the finances and plan for 2024/25.

Several members of the committee will be leaving the school so there are plenty of opportunities to get involved.

PS. sadly, due to maintenance work on the field there will be no Fireworks Display this year. What shall we do instead? Got an idea? Please email phsa.croydon@gmail.com



Hilary Bell
PHSA Secretary

REMINDER: New National Framework Changes - Attendance

The paragraph below is taken from the new attendance guidance **effective from August 2024** -

Two penalty notice limit and escalation in cases of repeat offences

190. A penalty notice is an out of court settlement which is intended to change behaviour without the need for criminal prosecution. If repeated penalty notices are being issued and they are not working to change behaviour they are unlikely to be the most appropriate tool. Therefore, from autumn term 2024, only 2 penalty notices can be issued to the same parent in respect of the same child within a 3 year rolling period and any second notice within that period is charged at a higher rate:

- *The first penalty notice issued to a parent in respect of a particular pupil will be charged at £160 if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days.*
- *A second penalty notice issued to the same parent in respect of the same pupil is charged at a flat rate of £160 if paid within 28 days.*
- *A third penalty notice cannot be issued to the same parent in respect of the same child within 3 years of the date of issue of the first.*

In a case where the national threshold is met for a third time (or subsequent times) within those 3 years, alternative action should be taken instead. This will often include considering prosecution, but may include other tools such as one of the other attendance legal interventions.

If you have any further questions, please contact our Education Welfare Officer, Mrs Nicci Wayne via email - nwayne@teamewo.com

Goodbye- But not forever!

As we end this academic year, we sadly say goodbye to a few members of staff who are furthering their journeys from Park Hill Junior School...

Miss Parkhouse

Miss Parkhouse has been a vital part to our teaching staff since 2018 and has inspired many children during her time at Park Hill Junior School. We thank you for your commitment over the last 6 years and wish nothing but the best for you in your new school!

Mrs Gilpin

Mrs Gilpin has been a part of our Park Hill Junior School team since 2021 and is now taking her new venture into teaching with her own class! We know she will be amazing and wish her well in her new school.

Ms Job

Since 2018 Ms Job has kept our front school office moving, welcoming everyone with a smile as they enter Park Hill Junior School. We wish her all the best with her next steps.

Ms Klokow

Thank you Ms Klokow for all your hardwork and dedication to PHJS over the years. Your PHJS family wishes you all the best on your move overseas!

Please join us in wishing Miss Parkhouse, Mrs Gilpin, Ms Job and Ms Klokow well with their future endeavours- From all at PHJS.



Thurs 5th Sept - First day of term

Fri 13th Sept - Parent Coffee Morning 9am

Tues 17th Sept - Yr 4 Parent Welcome Meeting
(2:15 - 3:15 pm)

Weds 18th Sept - Yr 5 & 6 Parent Welcome Meeting (2:15 - 3:15 pm)

Thurs 19th Sept - Yr 3 Parent Welcome Meeting
(2:15 - 3:15 pm)

Friday 27th Sept - Staff Training Day **School Closed**

w/b Mon 30th Sept - Book Fair in school daily

Weds 16th Oct - Parent Consultation afternoon

Thurs 17th Oct - Parent Consultation evening

Fri 18th Oct - Wear Red for Show Racism the Red Card

Mon 21st Oct - Weds 30th Oct - Half Term

MUSIC LESSONS

Our piano teacher, Mr Pratt, has some available spaces for the start of September! 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

Mr Oliver, our drum teacher, has some spaces for children to learn the drums.



Please contact him for further details via email.

Mattoliver08@yahoo.co.uk

If you would like guitar lessons, our guitar teacher, Mr Gibbard, can be contacted via email for further information




jimgibbard99@googlemail.com

Croydon Music and Arts also offer music lessons and opportunities on a range of instruments. Click [here](#) for details.



Sports Achievements

 **Amiera** took part in the Bromley L4 Junior Meet on the 30th June 2024. She was representing Croydon and competing against Dulwich, Sevenoaks, Bromley and SW. Amiera took part in many strokes in which she won medals- Well done Amiera!

50m backstroke - 4th place
25m breaststroke - 2nd place
50m breaststroke - 3rd place
25m Freestyle - 3rd place



Another massive well done to **Marcelo** with his tennis achievements! Esher Tennis Academy in the Surbiton open grass court- 9U team 1st place trophy. Congratulations!



***Parental consent has been given for the photos provided.**

teacher shout- outs

Mrs Iwin says...

Multicultural Day Celebrations

Park Hill Junior school took part in Multicultural day on Fri 28th June 2024. We had a wonderful time celebrating different cultures and participating in numerous activities. The children had the opportunity to use their calligraphy skills to write in mandarin. They also managed

to use their geography knowledge and go on a scavenger hunt answering questions about countries around the world. Year 3 and 4 had a wonderful experience dancing from different cultures and participated in a fun workshop. Years 5 and 6 took part in a USA style volleyball game and learnt the amazing history behind the sport. To end it all, the children all brought in delicious cuisines from their culture to school and an international feast with their class.

We also had an afterschool celebration with parents dancing, eating and taking part in arts and crafts. Thank you so much to the anti-bullying ambassadors who created the posters and helped create the workshops. It really was a wonderful day.

"It was a good day because we got to share our different cultures and the anti-bullying ambassadors got to try different cultural food"

-Angel-Rose 4U

"I was in charge of guessing the flag activity with the parents- We played a game where we had to guess different countries and it became very competitive"

-Genesis 6A

"I enjoyed all the different activities in class, such as Chinese calligraphy and I also enjoyed learning about different cultures. And I was impressed with myself selling food after school to raise money" -Adelina 5F

"It was a great experience as we got to try out different foods and learn about different cultures. We got to participate in so many fun activities"

-Emma 6A



Mrs Kataruka Says...

PHJS Celebrates Geography this Term

This term has been an exciting one for the young geographers of our school. Our Year 4, 5, and 6 students had the opportunity to engage in hands-on learning experiences that brought their geography lessons to life.

Year 5 and 6 Visit to Bough Beech Reservoir

Our Year 5 and 6 geographers took a trip to the Bough Beech Reservoir and water treatment plant (Sutton East Surrey Water). During their visit, they learned about the essential processes involved in water treatment and the critical importance of flood defence mechanisms in protecting communities.



Year 4 Visit to Sutton Ecology Centre

The able geographers of Year 4 visited Sutton Ecology Centre, where they honed their navigation skills using a compass. They also participated in pond dipping, exploring local aquatic ecosystems and discovering the diverse wildlife inhabiting them.





Special Assembly by the SES Tutors

To complement these field trips, SES tutors organized a special assembly for all the students. The assembly focused on the water cycle and the importance of saving water, providing valuable insights into how water is essential to both the environment and human life.



These enriching experiences have provided our students with a deeper understanding of geography and environmental science, sparking curiosity and a sense of responsibility towards our planet.

Thank you Ms Mazowe...

Let Your Feet Compete dance competition

We are thrilled to share the spectacular highlight from our recent 'Let Your Feet Compete' dance competition, a dazzling display of talent, creativity and community spirit. Held at the magnificent Trinity Hall, this event brought our school together in a vibrant celebration of dance, leaving us all inspired and incredibly proud of our young performers leading us to get an award for love and passion for dance.

The 'Let Your Feet Compete' dance competition was a radiant showcase of our students' hard work and passion. The group performance was a testament to the dedication and enthusiasm of our young dancers. The sheer energy, creativity and the effort put into the performance was truly commendable and it was a joy to see our young dancers and to watch our students light up the stage with a spirited routine. Their smiles and confident movements filled Trinity hall with an electric atmosphere that was both captivating and heartwarming.

Thank you Ms Mazowe and Alice for making this possible and for taking time out of their busy schedule just so that we could practice and enjoy dance.

We are delighted to share some of the enhancing photos from the competition, capturing the essence of the event.



Written by Anupama Arulkumar 5P

Cricket News from Mr Lindsey...

Boy's Croydon Dynamo Cricket competition winners!

Congratulations to the Boy's Park Hill cricket team for winning the Croydon Dynamo cricket competition for a fourth year in a row (Akash played in all three teams!)

There were some excellent individual performances from Arjun and Akash with both bat and ball and a special mention should go to Bosley 4D for hitting a number of huge 6's! All of the boys played brilliantly as a team and they held their nerve in a tense final against a good Gresham team to be crowned as Croydon champions and to represent Croydon in the London Youth Games.

<u>League matches:</u>				
Chipstead Valley	36	vs	80 Park Hill	Park Hill win
Smitham	51	vs	99 Park Hill	Park Hill win
Greenvale	72	vs	86 Park Hill	Park Hill win
<u>Final:</u>				
Gresham	67	vs	73 Park Hill	Park Hill win

Squad:

Year 6: Akash, Arjun, Shraavan, Vivan, Naitik.

Year 5: Nilan and Ayan.

Year 4: Ayaan, Bosley and Ranveer.

Park Hill represent Croydon in the London Youth Games.

On a lovely sunny day in Ealing, our Park Hill girl's and boy's cricket teams represented Croydon really well as the Croydon representatives. Mr Hassouna and Mr Lindsey were both extremely impressed by the sportspersonship that they all showed, especially when decisions went against them.

Whilst our girl's team did not win any of their five games they bowled well and tried their best in the field with Aratrika and Michaela taking some good catches. Unfortunately, we never quite scored enough runs and lost one game by only 5 runs and another by 11.

The boy's team won their opening two games. The first was an emphatic 58 run victory against Thomas Gamuel. The second game was a closer contest but the boys came out on top this time winning by 14 runs against St. Joan of Arc. The boys went on to lose their 3rd and 4th games in very close contests with both games being decided in the final over. The whole team were superb and all of the boys contributed with both the bat and the ball, scoring lots of boundaries and taking a number of wickets.



Girl's Squad:

Year 6: Aratrika, Tanishqa and Emma.

Year 5: Siona, Michaela, Adan, Zara and Keya.

Boy's Squad:

Year 6: Akash, Arjun, Shraavan, Vivan, Naitik, Kovid and Harsh.

Year 5: Nilan and Ayan.

Year 4 cricketers reach the Platform cricket finals in September!

Huge congratulations to our year 4 cricketers who represented Park Hill in the Platform cricket competition at St. James the Great School on Monday 8th July.

Many of these players had not played for Park Hill in a cricket competition before but you would not have known it! Everyone bowled well with a straight arm and there were some brilliant batting displays throughout the day from Prisha, Noah, Bosley, Arav, Reid, Ayaan and Ranveer with lots of 4's and 6's. Again, the players showed great team spirit and having won their first three games beat Ecclesbourne in the final 204 vs 240.

Well done to Prisha and Noah for winning the Most Valuable Player (MVP) awards for Park Hill!

Congratulations again!

The future looks very bright for Park Hill cricket!

Squad: Year 4: Prisha, Nikki, Vivi, Noah, Reid, Ayaan, Bosley, Ranveer. Year 3: Arav.

Maths Update from Mr Hassouna...

Primary Maths Challenge

Earlier this year children in year 5 and 6 took part in the bonus round of the primary maths challenge. The Challenge is extremely difficult and we are very proud of all the children that qualified for it and showed great resilience when taking part. A special mention to Tanishqa in 6M who achieved the gold certificate.



Bonus round results:

Gold - Tanishqa

Silver - Nikhil, Umar

Bronze - Shravan, Kovid, Akash, Aratrika, Akshaj

Participation - Aarush, Alex, Arjun, Diyaan, Harsh, Nikita, Ritisha, Sparsh, Srilola, Vihaana

Junior Maths Challenge



As well as taking part in the primary maths challenge, we also took part in the Junior Maths challenge. This is another extremely challenging test that children in year 7 and 8 can also take part in. We are so proud of how well our year 5 and 6 children did when completing this challenge and want to share their success with you.

Results:

Gold - Sparsh, Nikhil, Akash, Aarush and Tanishqa

Silver - Umar, Srilola, Kovid, Akshaj, Vihaana, Naitik, Shravan, Arnav, Nikita, Alex and Aratrika

Bronze - Arjun, Lateefa, Louis, Diyaan, Ritisha, Ashwant and Anantha

Participation - Jahanzaib, Vivan, Harsh and Siddhi

Junior Kangaroo Challenge

As a result of their amazing scores in the Junior maths challenge Tanishqa, Akash and Nikhil qualified for the Junior Kangaroo challenge. They worked really hard to prepare for this challenge and they made the school proud. Well done to Nikhil who achieved a certificate of qualification and a special mention to Tanishqa and Akash who achieved certificates of merit.

Well done to everyone involved!

Skills Builder Summer Challenge

Keep working on your essential skills this summer by seeing how many of the following challenges you can complete. In September, please come and share them with Miss Turner and the Skills Builder Champions!

Skills Builder Summer Challenge



Name:

Class:

During the summer holidays, how many of these essential skill challenges can you complete? Tick them off as you do them. You could take pictures and share them with your class teacher in September!



Play a team game or sport with family or friends <input type="checkbox"/>	Build a tall bridge or tower using items from your home <input type="checkbox"/>	Design and share a new chores rota for your house <input type="checkbox"/>	Listen to music, a podcast or audiobook <input type="checkbox"/>
Play a game like 'Simon Says' or 'Who am I?' <input type="checkbox"/>	Set yourself a goal or challenge to learn a new skill <input type="checkbox"/>	Design a new play area for your local park <input type="checkbox"/>	Create a positivity jar and add to it regularly <input type="checkbox"/>
Design a scavenger hunt and write clues for your family <input type="checkbox"/>	Create a picture using things you can find in nature <input type="checkbox"/>	Watch and listen to a video on a topic of your interest <input type="checkbox"/>	Research a culture or religion different to your own <input type="checkbox"/>
Draw a picture or write about something you enjoyed this summer <input type="checkbox"/>	Create a fact file about a famous leader <input type="checkbox"/>	Share three interesting facts about yourself <input type="checkbox"/>	Play a new board game with your family or friends <input type="checkbox"/>



Croydon Council's Family Hubs in Partnership with Surrey County Cricket Club will be delivering a free cricket programme over the summer holidays. Please can you cascade the information to your Parents and Carers.

Croydon Family Hubs would like to share an opportunity for children, aged 8 – 11 years, to participate in a short cricket programme during the school holidays. It will take place over 4 weeks - Tues 30/7/24, Tues 6/8/24, Tues 13/8/24, Tues 20/8/24.

We will be offering two sessions across the 4 weeks.

- Woodlands Family Hub, Farnborough Avenue, South Croydon CR2 8HD in the mornings. The morning session is from 10am – 11.15am
- Thornton Heath rec, Winterbourne Road, Thornton Heath CR7 7QG. The afternoon session is from 3.00pm – 4.15pm.

Places must be booked:

It would be beneficial if the children could attend all four sessions, either am or pm. Parents will need to drop off and pick up children (they do not need to stay but are welcome to if preferred) – please note that in the afternoons there will be no toilet facilities as it is being held in a public park.

The places are sponsored and run by Surrey County Cricket club and are free. The programme is predominantly aimed at low-income families although no families will be excluded.

Parents will need to complete their details on the link in the attachment (please note the parents need to complete their own personal details not the child's on the first step) – the next step is to add in the code on the attachment to make the course free. (Parents can add up to three children on one sign up).

If you have any queries, please contact familyhubs@croydon.gov.uk