

Peel Park Newsletter

Friday 23rd April 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been lovely to see all the children back in school following the national lockdown. It has been a very busy return for the children but it has been lovely to see them settling back into their learning so quickly. Lots of exciting things have been happening which you can see in this newsletter. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents/carers for their support during the lockdown. It was lovely to see so many children actively participating in their home learning and, without your support, this would not have been possible.

Important Notices

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTERS

The curriculum newsletters for this half term are now available to view on the school website and were emailed out to parents at the beginning of this half term. If anyone missed it, you can find them on the school website under the Letters and Curriculum Newsletters tabs or click here

https://peelpark.eschools.co.uk/website/curriculum_newsletters/162864

Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations started this week. These will be held via a telephone call due to the current Covid regulations. Telephone calls will be made between 3.15pm and 5.15pm on the following days for each year group:

Reception – Wednesday 28th April 2021

Year 1 – Tuesday 27th April 2021

Year 2 – Monday 26th April 2021

Year 3 – Completed Monday 19th April 2021

Year 4 – Completed Thursday 22nd April 2021

Year 5 – Completed Tuesday 20th April 2021

Year 6 – Completed Wednesday 21st April 2021

If you are unavailable during a specific time on your allocated date, please speak to your child's class teacher to arrange a convenient time.

Reading at Home

Reading is the most important thing that your child can learn to do. It is important that your child reads every day at home with you for at least 20 minutes. You can read with them or just listen to them or even ask questions about what they've been reading. You can also talk about what you enjoy reading. Your Child's reading book and reading record will come home every day. Please try and ensure this is completed every day. Even older children with longer books should be looking to finish a book and change them every week. Their books are changed frequently during the week.

Uniform

More and more families are asking if their children can wear school uniform. At the moment, we are currently not enforcing our school uniform policy, however, if you would like to send your child in uniform we would support this.

Covid Update

Reminder that if a member of your family feels ill with any Covid symptoms, then everyone in the house has to stay at home for 10 days and arrange a test for the person who is ill. Furthermore, if any children get a positive Covid test result, please contact school to let us know. If this is outside of school hours, please text the following number with your child's full name, date of birth, their class and the date they started to feel unwell – 07792402654.

Help us to keep our community safe by wearing your face mask whilst on the school grounds and by following the one way system.

Thank You

We would like to say a massive 'Thank you' to Manningham Concrete, who have very kindly donated a large amount of soil so we can top up our growing beds. All the children will be having time in our garden to start growing different fruit, vegetables and flowers.

Attendance

Please remember to make any appointments outside of the school day. Remember, every day counts for all the children. Our current whole school attendance is 91.7%. Our target is 96%. Well done to the following classes who have had the 'Best Class' attendance so far this term.

w/c 12 th April 2021 - Larch 98.8%	w/c 19 th April 2021 – Birch 97.3%
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What's been happening in school?

This week in Nursery we have been focusing on the story, The Very Hungry Caterpillar. We enjoyed tasting different fruits, including pomegranate and raspberries. The mango was very juicy and the grapefruit was very sour! The children all joined in the activity and told the adult their favourite choice of fruit.





Reception have been investigating shape in provision. The children made a rocket out of 3D shapes.

The children have also been learning about themselves and drawing skeletons.



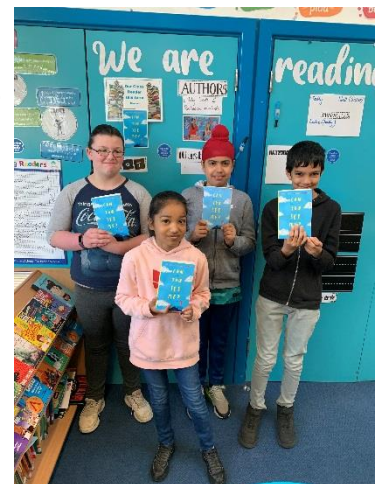
Year 3 have started to learn to play the Glockenspiel this term. Year 4 are continuing with their weekly violin lessons and Year 5 will be starting to learn how to play the Ukulele this term too. Look out for more pictures soon!

The Thrive room children have been preparing their outdoor growing area. They have planted sunflower and cosmos seeds.



Year 5 have started their new topic in science by dissecting a flower. They had to label all the different parts of the flower. Year 5 are also going to have a sunflower competition – watch this space to see how tall they grow!

In Year 6, they have been enjoying their class novel 'Can You See Me?' This is the story of a girl who tries to hide her autism as she starts secondary school. The book was co-authored by Libby Scott- a girl who has autism and includes moving diary entries by Libby explaining her own experiences. The book is helping us to empathise with people who face challenges and think about our own transition to secondary school. "I like the book because it is funny and it's interesting to learn about autism" (Malaikah)
"I've learnt a lot about what it's like to be autistic" (Arrondeep).



On Friday 16th April, we held a relaunch day for our house points scheme. We have four houses in school, Priestley, Fieldhouse, McMillan and Delius. Each child is allocated to a house and house points are awarded based on exceptional behaviour and work. To celebrate our relaunch day, we held sports events last Friday. This was well received by all children and staff and we are excited to see what fantastic work our children produce to receive their house points. Each week, house points will be added together and the winning house will be awarded the house cup. At the end of the term, the house with the most wins will receive an exciting prize! This is an exciting time for our children so please ask your child about the house points they have won in school.



What's coming up?

Year 6 Swimming

We have managed to secure some swimming sessions at Eccleshill Swimming Pool for this term. The Year 6 boys will start on Wednesday 28th April and continue until the end of this academic year. They will need to bring swimming trunks / shorts and a towel.

May Day

School will be closed for May Day on Monday 3rd May 2021.

Inset days

We only have one inset day left to take this school year. This will be on **Thursday 13th May 2021**. We will be finishing school for summer on **Thursday 22nd July 2021**.

Schools' Football Week

We are taking part in Schools' Football Week 2021. This starts on Monday 24th May. The main focus for Schools' Football Week 2021 is to provide an opportunity for all the children to get outside, have fun and enjoy being able to play sport with their school friends. There will be more details to follow closer to the time.

Spring Bank Holiday

We break up for the Spring Bank holiday on Friday 28th May at the normal times. This holiday is one week and the children return to school on Monday 7th June.

If you have any comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes
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