

Article 2: The convention applies to everyone whatever their race, religion or abilities, whatever they think or say, whatever type of family they come from.

French words of the month: Oui, non, très bien

Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the half term holiday, please be reminded that school is closed to children on Friday 20th October. (Professionals Training Day)

The last day for children, is Thursday 19th October at 3.30pm...and what a colourful day that will be!

It isDayglow Day, 2017!

Why not join your child(ren) and dress in bright colours that do not match! Crucially, this national initiative draws attention to personal safety for your child and you– be **hi-vis** to motorists and cyclists at all times.

BOOK FAIR

The travelling book fair came to Parkhill Junior in September and caused phenomenal excitement with its fabulous selection of books for all ages! Thanks to the number of books sold, the school was given **£848.93** towards books for the classrooms. So many happy readers!

JEANS FOR GENES DAY

An amazing **£214.50** was raised by our learners.

ROALD DAHL DAY

Everyone came to school dressed in yellow and raised **£203.33**.

AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

Breakfast club and all afterschool clubs are up and running. If you have any queries, please direct them to the Admin Team at the reception.

CHILDRENS UNIVERSITY

Please check the website for all updates on Children's University. Even during the summer there will be activities for you to complete! Have fun!

UNIFORM

Uniform rules remain the same... for very sensible reasons.

Please ensure that the correct uniform is worn by your child.

Jewellery: ear studs and watches are the only jewellery permitted. **Fitbits are not permitted.**

In the interests of health and safety, children's hair should be appropriately styled or tied back.

Head scarves: must be navy blue, white, black or grey.

Footwear: should be black, **sensible and safe.** **Ugg boots and trainers are not permitted.**

Sensible sandals that children can run and play in can be worn during good weather.

SAFETY AND SAFEGUARDING

Top of our list of priorities - safety of our pupils.

We encourage all our children to walk to school. Significantly reducing the volume of traffic around Parkhill Junior School and our feeder school Parkhill Infants' is our ongoing challenge. Support us by walking, cycling or simply park further away and walk.

Bicycles: Children in Years 3 to 5 are encouraged to cycle to school but must be accompanied by a parent/carer. All children **must** wear a protective cycling helmet.

During lunch hour, children are instructed to **stay clear of the outer fence.** This is to ensure that they do not speak to passers-by and vice versa. Please remind your child of this and, equally, expect to be challenged politely, by a member of staff.

Thinking of employing a private tutor? Important guidance for parents and carers.

Visit the website below for more information

http://www2.redbridge.gov.uk/cms/care_and_health/children_and_families/protecting_and_safeguarding/safeguarding_children_board/publications_policies_and_pro/private_tuition.aspx

Appointments with teachers. If you wish to meet with your child's teacher, to discuss a particular issue, please note that this can take place no earlier than 8:30 am and no later than 4:15pm, outside standard scheduled Parent Evenings.

HOT CHOCOLATE AND READING MORNINGS

Last year, our *hot chocolate and reading mornings* were a roaring success! They provided a wonderful opportunity for our learners to read with their parents/carers. After half term, they will begin again. Please see timetable below.

ATTENDANCE

‘A day away from Parkhill, is a day lost.’

4A, 4R, 5SP and 6U are our Attendance Champions for September and October!

PUNCTUALITY

‘A minute late for Parkhill, is a minute wasted.’

4F and 6C are our Punctuality Champions for September and October!

The *Welcome Bell* rings at 08.55. Children should be in class, ready for registration by 09:00, when the second early morning bell rings. A late mark will be recorded, any time after 09:00

REPORTING AN ABSENCE

Please ensure that you advise the school of your child’s absence on the same day of the absence. If the absence is reported by telephone, **please note** that a *written explanation or email* of the absence, must **also** be given to the school.

UNCOLLECTED CHILDREN

School must be notified immediately, if there is a delay in your child being collected at the end of the day. Failure to do so, may result in the school contacting The Emergency Duty Team (Social Services) Late collection can cause a child unnecessary distress. Please remember, we are here to help.

LEAVE REQUESTS DURING TERM TIME

There has been a significant amount of publicity regarding term time holidays this year. Holiday requests during term time remain unauthorised and subject to a fine. **PLEASE NOTE** that in keeping with local authority policy, a penalty fine has increased to £120.00 per child per parent, in Redbridge. If further information is required regarding this, a meeting with the Head teacher and Educational Welfare Officer can be arranged.

NEW WEBSITE : Please see below.

Our Website – www.parkhilljunior.com

Our new-look website was launched in June 2017.

Important dates, Information and so much more can be found on the website. Please pay regular visits. Updates are frequent and feature aspects of our school curriculum and school life. Please note, all our job vacancies are advertised on the school website.

www.parkhilljunior.com

To access Fronter please use the following details

Username: parkhill-pc

Password: guest

Note from the Headteacher

It has been a bustlingly busy first half term of the year, reflected only in part, by each year group page below. (There simply is not enough space!) Our school life and learning are also shared with you on our rapidly growing and developing new website. See our movies and marvel at the talent and creativity of our learners. The children of Parkhill Junior School understand and commit fully to their role as learners. They actively contribute to making themselves and their school the best it can be. Wonderful.

All at Parkhill Junior School wish you a safe and peaceful half term break.

Enjoy Learning!

Mrs D. Hughes-Mulhall
Headteacher

‘Hot Chocolate and Reading’ Morning Schedule Autumn 2017

Everyone welcome! Begins at 9:05 in the school hall.

Date	Year Group
2 nd November 2017	Three
9 th November 2017	Four
16 th November 2017	Five
23 rd November 2017	Six
30 th November 2017	Three and Four
HALF TERM	

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Event
2 nd October 2017	Culture month begins
18 th October 2017	Parents Evening (1)
19 th October 2017	Day Glow Day (Everyone to dress in bright colours)
20 th October 2017	Staff Training Day (School closed to children)
23 rd - 27 th October	Half Term (School closed to children)
1 st November 2017	Parents' Evening (2)
3 rd November 2017	Fairtrade Fayre for Years 3 and 4
13 th - 17 th November 2017	Anti-bullying Week
17 th November 2017	Children in Need - Dress spotty!
24 th November 2017	11 Million Takeover Day
Wednesday 20 th December 2017 (Last day of term)	Big Breakfast for Parents, Carers and Community
21 st December 2017 - 2 nd January 2018	Christmas Holidays
2 nd January 2018	Staff training day (School closed to children)
3 rd January 2018	Children's first day back to school
7 th February 2018	Parents Evening (1)
12 th - 16 th February 2018	Half Term Holidays
21 st February 2018	Parents' Evening (2)
26 th February - 2 nd March 2018	Book Week
30 th March - 13 th April 2018	Easter Holidays
28 th May - 1 st June 2018	Half Term Holidays
3 rd July 2018	Year 3 and 4 Parents Evening
4 th July 2018	Year 5 and 6 Parents Evening
20 th July 2018	Last Day of Term

YEAR 3 NEWS



English

Our book this term is 'Into the Forest'. Fairytales is one of the main themes in the story. We have planned a section of a fairy tale, unpicked different stories and recreated the story of Goldilocks through drama!



Science

Our topic for Science is 'Light'. So far, we have carried out investigations about reflection and learnt about light sources. We also looked at how light travels and being safe in the sun!



History

Our topic was introduced by a video of the Stone Age. We then created a timeline. Discovered where they lived and what food they like to eat! It has been fun!



Year 4

We have had a fantastic start to the Autumn term!

Culture Month

Some of the year 4 classes have completed their cultural dance session with our parent volunteer, Mrs Mirza. She has been teaching us Bollywood, Chinese and Greek dancing! We have also been reading a fantastic book called 'The Lost Happy Endings' in English.



'The year 4's have had a great start to the term; they are clearly enjoying their learning and we look forward to the next half term!' Miss Fykin, Year Group Leader



We also had some parents come in and talk to us about their culture and where they grew up! Mrs Greaves told us all about how Ilford had changed and showed us her amazing family tree! Wow!



Coming up:

The Great Cultural Bake Off at the end of October – we hope to see lots of entries!

Year 5 News

Welcome to the Year 5 News!

Year 5 have settled in very quickly to life in upper school, being "responsible, rights-respecting, ready-for-learning" learners!

"I'm really enjoying the challenging Year 5 maths – especially the mathletics!" Daniyal 5SP



We have already been experimenting in our science lessons, creating parachutes to help us learn about air resistance and using force meters to discover about friction.

"Our investigations into air resistance were really exciting – we really enjoyed making parachutes and using the stop watch to time them!" Dhasmetha 5B

We created our class charters too, making sure that we are respectful and considerate of everyone else, so that we can enjoy our rights.

"It's really important to use our class charter – it reminds us of our rights," Sam 5W



There is a lot to look forward to in Year 5, with plenty of exciting visits to ensure that we really do "Enjoy Learning!". Keep working hard Year 5.



Year 6

It has been a tremendous start to the Autumn term for Year 6! The children have impressed all the adults with how Rights Respecting they are and what autonomous learners they have shown to be! We have lots of exciting times ahead of us and are looking forward to making our last year here the best one yet!

PE – Health and Fitness

The children have been working with an expert coach from Little Runners.

"We've been learning core skills which has been interesting. We are also learning about how to keep healthy and foods are best to eat." - Deepy 6S



Computing

The children have been using Scratch to make their very own game.

"Scratch is really fun and challenging because we get to use our imagination to design and program our own games." - Kheiraan 6TC.

Cultural Month

Year 6 have been very excited to be reading stories from many other cultures and learning dances.

"We learnt a famous Greek dance. It was really fun when we had to get on our knees and clap. It was interesting learning about another culture." - Aaron 6U.



Coming up...

With another fun-filled month coming up ahead, we have lots of exciting visits to look forward to such as Imperial War Museum and Hargreaves Scout Camp. Watch this space!

Keep up the fantastic work Year 6.
Continue to Enjoy Learning and Grow Together!
Miss Uppal, Miss Spranger, Mrs Castellanos, Miss Chowdhury and Mrs Bunce.

