

Parkhill Junior School

September 2023

Newsletter 1

Article 29: Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full.

French Phrase: Je suis content(e) de te voir. I am pleased to see you.

HPL attitude: Empathetic



Dear Parents and Carers

Autumnal colours and temperatures, are silently slipping into our world, once again. *Beautiful.* New beginnings for our high performance learners, in all year groups. *Motivational.* Life at Parkhill Junior School is now fully underway! *Aspirational.*

Our High Performance Learning journey continues to inspire our learners in becoming autonomous and ambitious - hungry for learning as well as enjoying every achievement and, learning from every mistake. With resilience. Our school vision summarises what we set out to achieve.



The Parkhill Vision

At Parkhill Junior School, we passionately believe in the potential of our children, regardless of their starting point. They are at the heart of everything we do.

Everybody in our culturally diverse community is valued, celebrated and encouraged, in a positive, safe, happy and caring environment.



Through our rigorous, systematic and holistic approach, we aim to empower every child to recognise that there are no restrictions on learning and anything is possible. We constantly explore new approaches to teaching and learning, in order to encourage them to become global citizens.



Our goal is to ensure that children learn how to learn and barriers to success are overcome. Our vision is to equip each child with advanced cognitive skills and the essential values, attitudes and attributes that they will need for lifelong success. Every child can be a high performance learner.



We encourage everyone in the Parkhill community to make a positive contribution to our world class school.



Enjoy Learning!
Mrs D. Hughes-Mulhall

Headteacher

Safeguarding

If you have any concerns about a child's safety or wellbeing, please act on it. School is here to help and support. We all share the responsibility of safeguarding children.

Safeguarding Lead	Mrs D. Hughes-Mulhall Headteacher
Safeguarding Deputy	Ms G. Uppal Deputy Headteacher
Safeguarding Deputy	Mrs N. Tanner SENCO
Safeguarding Officer	Ms N. Reeves School Business Lead

After School Clubs

Afterschool clubs begin on, Monday 25th September 2023. If your child was unsuccessful in securing their preferred club, they will be placed on a waiting list.

Birthdays and all other Celebrations

We all love birthdays and want to share the joy of this special day with friends, at school! Should you wish your child to give a gift to members of their class, please ensure that it is not any type of food.



We have many children with severe nut allergies. Please ensure that any snacks and packed lunches do not contain nuts or nut products. (Always check the label)

Attendance and Punctuality

With your support, we work hard to ensure that our young learners hold high, the value and importance of both. Core values instilled at this stage of their education, remain with them as they grow into citizens of the world and of the future.

**‘A day away from Parkhill, is a day lost.’
Miss education... and you miss out!**

**‘A minute late for Parkhill, is a minute wasted!’
Every second counts!**

Absences before or after a school holiday

If your child is absent before or after a school holiday, you must provide evidence explaining the absence. This may be medical evidence if your child is unwell or evidence of flight delays or circumstances beyond your control. **Without this evidence, you risk being issued with a penalty notice.**



Health and Safety

We encourage all our children to walk, scoot or cycle to school. Minimising the volume of traffic around the school is our ongoing challenge. We need your continued support with this. Please do not park on the yellow zig zag lines **or across the driveways of our local residents.**

At the top of our list of priorities, is the safety of our children.

Pollution outside the school is increased by the number of vehicles bringing children to school. We receive daily notices, on behalf of the Mayor of London, reporting pollution levels in the area. This is a serious problem. Equally, speeding cars have put children's lives at risk too often. Thank you to all who do walk to school. **You make a difference.**

Communication with our Learning Community

It is crucial that we have your up-to-date contact details i.e. mobile number and email address. All letters and messages are sent via email. You risk missing important information if School has not been given accurate details. **We have added our Communication Policy to our website. Please take a moment to read it.**

<https://parkhilljunior.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Home-school-Communications-Policy.pdf>

Appointments

Dental appointments, optician appointments and GP appointments must be booked, outside school hours. **Appointments booked during school time will be unauthorised.** Hospital appointments, with supporting evidence, are routinely authorised.

Thinking of Employing a Private Tutor?

Please visit the website below for more information and guidance.

<https://www.redbridgescp.org.uk/parents-carers-and-the-public/private-tuition/>

Online Safety

On more than one occasion, it has come to our attention that, without their parents' knowledge, children are using chatrooms, social media platforms and other forums to communicate. We cannot emphasise enough, the danger of this or any unsupervised online activity. We send you a monthly online safety newsletter to advise you about the risks and dangers that our children face. Please ensure that you know what your child is doing at all times, when they are online.

PLEASE GO TO OUR WEBSITE TO SEE THE SUPPORT MECHANISMS AVAILABLE TO YOU, FOR THE ONLINE SAFETY OF YOUR CHILD

Our Website – www.parkhilljunior.com

Important dates, information and so much more can be found on our website. Please pay regular visits. Updates are frequent and feature aspects of our school curriculum and daily school life.

CALENDAR OF LEARNING AND CELEBRATION

(Additional dates are routinely added)

DATE	LEARNING and CELEBRATION
3 rd to 28 th October 2023	Black History Month
10 th October 2023	Photographer in for Children's Individual Photos.
10 th October 2023	World Mental Health Day
18 th October 2023	Parents Evening (1)
19 th October 2023	Pupil Voice Fayre
20 th October 2023	Day Glow Day
<i>23rd to 27th October 2023</i>	<i>Half Term Holiday</i>
1 st November 2023	Parent Evening (2)
2 nd November 2023	Outdoor Learning Day
8 th November 2023	No Pens Wednesday
13 th November 2023	World Kindness Day and Odd Sock Day
13 th to 17 th November 2023	Anti-bullying Week Road Safety Week
17 th November 2023	Children in Need Day
30 th November 2023	Festival of Light and Family <i>Crafternoon</i> (1)
1 st December 2023	Festival of Light and Family <i>Crafternoon</i> (2)
4 th December 2023	Last week of Clubs for this Term
8 th December 2023	Christmas Fayre for Children
20 th December 2023	Big Breakfast for Parents
<i>21st December 2023 to 3rd January 2024</i>	<i>Christmas Holidays</i>
<i>4th January 2024</i>	<i>Training Day 3 - School closed to children</i>
<i>5th January 2024</i>	<i>Training Day 4 - School closed to children</i>
8 th January 2024	First Day Back to School for Children. Hurrah!
15 January 2024	Afterschool Clubs Resume this Reek
29 th January 2024	No Pens Wednesday!
6 th February 2024	Safer Internet Day
11 th February 2024	International Women and Girls in Science Day
14 th February 2024	Parents Evening (1)
19 th to 23 rd February 2024	<i>Half Term Holiday</i>
28 th February 2024	Parents Evening (2)



Are you caring for a child who is not yours?

Private fostering is when someone who is not a close relative cares for another person's child under the age of 16 (18 if disabled) for 28 days or more.

A close relative is considered to be an aunt, uncle, grandparent, step parent or siblings. Friends of the family and other family members such as cousins or great aunts are not classed as close relatives for the purposes of Private Fostering, neither are families hosting overseas students who are being educated in the UK.

You need to legally notify us of any private fostering arrangements in Redbridge to ensure the child is safe.

Please contact Redbridge Children's Services on 020 8708 3885 or by email CPAT.Referrals@redbridge.gov.uk For more information please visit our website: <https://www.redbridge.gov.uk/private-fostering>