



**We have had a lovely week in school this week.**  
**All of the children have continued to work hard with their learning and have had fun in learning time too! They are enjoying playing with the lunch equipment too!**  
**I hope you enjoy reading about our week in school!**



## Weekly Attendance

Our school TEAM have worked hard this week to maintain a good attendance!

**As a TEAM we have managed to achieve 94.5%**

The top TEAMS who will receive their £5 rewards were:

**Team CH with 100%**

**Team LL with 99.1%**

Well done to the two Teams! You have £5 each to go towards your end of year treat!

## School events this week

### Assembly time to develop your child:

This Monday's 'Significant Person' assembly was all about:

**Laurie Cunningham.**

The children learnt about his life and his successes, as well as what his drivers were for becoming successful. They learnt about this as part of our work on 'Black History Month'.

They learnt about his early life and why we celebrate him today. They also learnt about why he was deemed to be a

great football player – his quickness and skill (a bit like our Jacob in Team LL and our Tyler in Team LF!). The children also learnt about his love of dance and how he loved to perform – how inspirational to everyone!



In our class collective worship time this last Tuesday, Teams were tasked with discussing together the 'think' below – please follow this up with your child at home and talk to them!

***'Why is it so important to celebrate Black History Month?'***

In Assemblies from this week onwards, we have/will be teaching the children about the 9 protected characteristics, which encompass everyone. These are the protected characteristics which encourage less discrimination. Our children at Park Street are already very tolerant of others and their beliefs, actions and abilities, but by teaching the children about these directly, we believe it takes their understanding about discrimination to a deeper level. Please do follow this up with your children at home. For your information, the 9 protected characteristics are as follows on the picture opposite...

We put these to the children as follows:



## 'Protected' Characteristics

At WSPSPS, we do **not** discriminate against anyone...**everyone** is **EQUAL**.

It doesn't matter if you are:

Married or not married

Whether you are male or female

Pregnant or on maternity leave

Whether you are growing up as a boy or a girl

Young or old...age

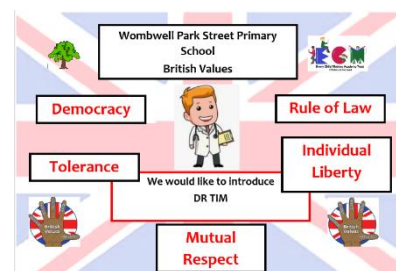
Where you are from...race

Whether you have a disability

What your religion or belief is

Whether you love boys, girls or both

The teaching of such characteristics is massively important to our staff team. They underpin our British Values in school, which we talk about all of the time!



We really want to be celebrating our Character Virtues and traits as much as possible...this next week we will send your child home with a blank Incredible Me! Certificate...please fill it in if they achieve anything which supports the character traits below, when outside of school!

Civic virtue	Intellectual virtue	Moral virtue	Performance virtue
Community awareness Citizenships	Reflection Creativity Curiosity Self-awareness	Honesty Respect Tolerance Compassion Empathy	Communication Perseverance and determination Resilience Confidence Team work Leadership Ambition

### Music Assembly:

This week Mrs Longden and Team Park Street learnt about the song 'Three Little Birds' by Bob Marley. This is definitely one of Park Street's favourite songs! The children always love to sing it and for those who have been to Young Voices before, it is a definite firm favourite for them too!



### Affirmations of the Day:



This week in school we have started our mornings with a positive affirmation, which is something we will continue throughout the year, each day.

This is to encourage the children to a positive mind set at the start of the day, so as they are as productive as possible during their learning time. We have been saying things like 'We are special' and 'We are amazing'. It definitely lifted my spirits when I walked through school on Tuesday morning and heard Team EO affirming how amazing they all were!

Our affirmations for this next week will be...

Monday – I am confident

Tuesday – I am strong

Wednesday – I am incredible

Thursday – I am accepted

Friday – I am appreciated

### Reading Together sessions begin again:

'Reading Together' will be starting back in school very soon with Miss McGinnes, now she has got her Early Years settled and feeling comfortable. Please watch out for the letter coming out ASAP!

### National Poetry Day:

This last week we celebrated National Poetry Day. Everyone is beginning to learn their Poem for this half term, ready to perform it back to the whole school at the end of the half term – we can't wait to hear them and see how the children's Oracy skills have developed!

### 'Ramp it up Bike and Scooter Sessions – Year 5:

Year 5 had an awesome opportunity this week to complete a 'Ramp Up' bikes and scooter session. They loved the opportunity as it was exciting and a different activity to do. The equipment was top class and they had half an hour on each.

This was a continuing part of the summer initiative in Barnsley when 'Ramp Up!' was launched:

<https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/news/cycling-and-wheeling-plans-rampup-in-barnsley-after-big-weekend-launch/>

Speaking of the launch and programme, Ed Clancy, Olympic Gold medallist and SY Active Travel Commissioner stated:

"Children make the benefits of cycling and scooting clear to see - it's fast, fun and brings the freedom to explore and connect with family and friends.

"The RampUp project will not only build confidence in active travel, but has the potential to support activity, creativity and inclusivity across the Borough. Because enabling more walking, wheeling and cycling benefits everyone, through cleaner air, healthier lives and a better future."

Thank you to our PE and Year 5 Team in school for organising this for the children of WSPS once again!

### **Park Street Shout-outs!**

I LOVE having children sent to me for all the right reasons! Our staff enjoy showing off their amazing children who achieve well because of their hard-working attitudes. I also LOVE having information sent from parents to celebrate successes outside of school – these are also very important! This week we celebrate:

- **Year 6 roles and responsibilities** - please find below a list of all of the final Prefects, Deputy Head Boys / Girls and our Head Boy and Girl for 2023 – please join me in celebrating them! They have gained these prestigious roles because they are Park Streeters through and through – always have been, always will be! Their behaviours for learning and dedication to the Team are what have got them these special roles. Well done Year 6!

#### **Prefects in Year 6**

<b>TEAM LL</b> Alexa Laila Jacob Evie Bronte Max	<b>TEAM AF</b> Eli Evie Maddy Lily Charlie William Isabella
<b>Deputy Head Boys and Girls in Year 6</b>	
<b>TEAM LL</b> <b>Head Girl:</b> Molly <b>Deputy Head Girl:</b> Winter <b>Deputy Head Boys:</b> Logan and Heath	<b>TEAM AF</b> <b>Head Boy:</b> Teddy <b>Deputy Head Girls:</b> Julia and Isabella <b>Deputy Head Boy:</b> William

- **Hunter, Ruby and Paisley in Team CH** – these three hard working children brought me their Writing books this week to show me the progress they have made so far this year! They are absolute superstars! I could not believe the difference in their handwriting...their letter sizes were accurate, their letter formation was strong and the size of their writing is also improving! Well done boys and girls and well done Mr Holmes and Team CH staff too! Brilliant progress!

## School Notices

### The Park Street drive:

We have an ever-growing number of families needing access through the gate at drop off and collection time. If you are applying, please think carefully as to whether you absolutely need a pass, in the first instance. If you definitely do and you or your family members have medical evidence then you can apply for a pass. However, if you do have a pass this should ONLY be used for that specific family member or the child. By this we mean that if one parent has access through the gate, if the other parent picks up then they should not be gaining access through the gate – it is for the particular person. Please also follow guidance and close the gate after entry and exit, even if others are trying to get through. Please only allow people through who have their pass clearly displayed as always advised by our Admin team. Your co-operation and support are appreciated.

### Punctuality Matters:

At WPSPS, we have a clear policy around attendance and punctuality and we are proud of this. It means children are in school, safe and learning when they should be and it is the law for children to attend school. We are having a huge push on lateness for the rest of this half term. If our staff were late to work, it would be a massive problem for us as we wouldn't be able to open the school; this is a life lesson which children MUST get used to ASAP. Again, thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

## Safeguarding

### **The Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) in school are as follows:**

Mrs C Lawson (Headteacher) and Mrs L Longden (Deputy Headteacher) – DSLs

Mrs C Mason (PSA) and Miss C McGinnes (AHT EYFS/KS1 and Reading Lead) – Deputy DSLs

### **Staff who are trained to DSL standard, who you could talk to if you have any concerns:**

Mrs C Turner (School Business Manager)

Mr A Fidment (AHT Inclusion)

Mrs L Fitchett (HLTA, Art Therapist, DSL for trips)

Mr R Smith (Sports Coach and DSL for sports trips)

**Should you have any concerns regarding the welfare of any of Park Street's children, please do not hesitate in speaking to a member of the team above. Safeguarding is our priority!**

## School Matters and Support

 <p>Mrs Mason is our school's Parent Support Advisor. Should you need any support with parenting, behaviour at home, clothing, food, money, bereavement or housing, for example, please do give her a call at school or see her on the drive daily!</p>	 <p>Mr Fidment is our school's Assistant Head for SEND and Inclusion. Should you need any support and advice, or just want to touch base with Mr Fidment, he is on the playground each Monday morning drop off time and can be reached by emailing <a href="mailto:WPSSendco@ecmtrust.co.uk">WPSSendco@ecmtrust.co.uk</a></p>
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Should you have any questions, queries or concerns, then your child's class teacher should be your first port of call.

Following this, you should consult a member of the Senior Leadership in School:

Mrs C Turner – School Business and H&S

Mr A Fidment – AHT for Inclusion, Behaviour and Transition

Miss C McGinnes – AHT for Reading, EYFS and KS1

Mrs L Longden – Curriculum, Pupil Premium and National Tutoring Programme

Mrs C Lawson – all school matters, safeguarding (including Child Protection and LAC), staffing and teaching and learning.

