



WPSPS INCREDIBLE NEWS



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We have enjoyed a happy week in school this week and Christmas has definitely started for us!

“YOU MUST NEVER
BE FEARFUL ABOUT
WHAT YOU ARE
DOING WHEN IT
IS RIGHT.”

~ Rosa Parks

Mrs Richardson and Mrs Gorst (SMSA team) kindly offered to decorate our tree in the entrance of school and each classroom is getting Christmassy! A few Elves have also joined the Park Street Team! Nursery children informed me though that I must NOT touch the Elf as it will spoil the magic...!



Who wouldn't work in a school at Christmas time!?

Weekly Attendance

Our school TEAM have worked hard this week to maintain a positive attendance, but holidays and illness has meant we have only achieved:

As a TEAM we have managed to achieve 92.3%.

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

Team JF with 97.6%

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 add to your child's personal development

This week in Assembly times and Collective Worship times we have focused on the life of **Rosa Parks**.



We have followed this up with our Rosa Parks Day in school, where Mrs Allen and Miss Clementson (History Leads) challenged all Teams to learn more about Rosa Parks, her early life, supportive family and what pushed her to bring about change and equality.

Many classes watched video clips, including the one you can view following the link below, to find out more, should you want to discuss it further with your child:

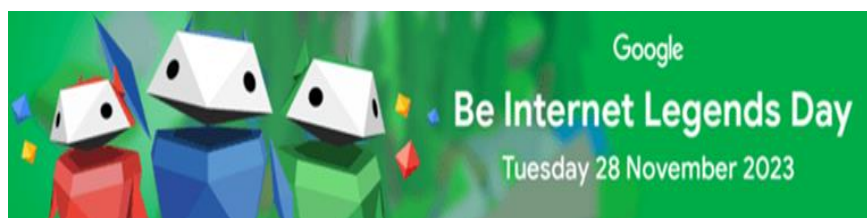
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/true-stories-rosa-parks/z7rtvk7>

Once again our Park Streeters were able to depict which Park Street 'characters' Rosa Parks showed...

WPSPS Characters...

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





On Tuesday our Key Stage 2 classes took part in the 'Be Internet Legends' national assembly. This focused on ways in which we should all be kind online. Thank you to Mrs Firth for getting us all organised with this!

Moving video to engage children and families in to being active

Mrs Firth attended Barnsley Local Authority's PE Conference this week and brought back lots of useful ideas. She asked if I would share the powerful video, which can be viewed following the link below. This certainly gets you thinking about making sure our children (and ourselves) are as active as possible.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BmOlzRQTabA>



Our Year 6 Teams AF and LL Visit Crucial Crew



On Friday this week, our Year 6s enjoyed a visit to Crucial Crew, at the Life Wise Centre in Rotherham. This is always a really popular trip amongst the boys and girls and we always make sure we go! This trip is excellent in teaching children about the many dangers that are out there in the community, helping to prepare them for life in the big, wide world. This covers aspects of learning from house fires, road safety and Court situations, to putting the children in tricky situations in areas like parks. Actors engage the children in role play for them to experience situations in real life and discuss the options children have in situations.

The children came back really excited! Mr Fidment and Mrs Longden spoke of how proud they were of the children, their behaviours, how well they listened and how 'impeccably well' they conducted themselves when out of school. Well done Year 6, I wouldn't expect anything less from you – well done! What a perfect example you set for our younger boys and girls at Park Street.

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:

- **Jaxon, Heath, Logan, Ellis and Molly** – I am once again astounded by some of our Year 6 children and how well they are already attaining. Once again, they have been to celebrate some of their Arithmetic scores in practise SATS tests. These amazing children are all either scoring 39 or 40 out of 40 – ALREADY! They are not even a third of the way through Year 6! We couldn't be prouder of your positive attitudes to learning...they really want to do well and it is a pleasure to see their smiles each week, enjoying success!
- **AJ in Team DB** – AJ is also coming on in leaps and bounds with his Arithmetic scores! He has begun to work methodically through his papers and is now scoring full marks! Well done AJ. I loved how you were so confident in sharing it with lots of staff through school too!
- **Harper in Team LL** – Harper has enjoyed more success out of school this week, in her 'Acrobatic Arts' examination! Harper is the most flexible human being you could wish to meet and the way she can express story through music and dance is breath taking. Her Assessor obviously agreed this week, as she was given a 'Distinction' and her front aerial was described as 'amazing'. What a super star we have! Well done Harps!

- **Elliott in Team CH** – a big well done to our little fish Elliott, who has achieved his Stage 1 swimming award this last week! Well done!
- **WPSPS Boys Football Team** – our boys did tremendously well in their efforts in the Boys Football Final! Mr Smith and Mrs Akyel, their school Coaches, were incredibly proud of their efforts and resilience! They said that the boys put 100% in to working well as a team and enjoyed lots of success, coming third overall! Well done boys!
- **Parents of the Boys Football Team** – a HUGE thank you to the parents of the boys who are in the football team above. Mr Smith and Mrs Akyel were truly touched by the lovely, kind gifts which they had clubbed together to buy both these members of staff, as thanks for the time they gave up and the support they offered the boys. What a wonderful thing to have done – thank you parents! It really helps to support staff morale when parents are so kind and thoughtful and teaches the children about appreciation and respect too, so thank you!
- **Molly, Evie and Lola in Year 6** – these amazingly kind girls have blown us all away this week! They spend a lot of their time looking after our younger children in school, especially at play and lunch time, teaching them to play and learn together...they are so going to work in a school when they are older! They know that two of our Reception children thrive when playing with sensory toys and as such, have taken it upon themselves to create sensory boxes for them! They filled them with fidgets and sensory toys, to help support them and make them happy! Oh wow! Staff were in tears of joy and the boys LOVED them! What kind individuals we have!



Thank you to the boys' parents too who have shown such thanks to the girls! What a TEAM Park Street!

- **Jake in Team DB** – as many of you will know, Jake in Team DB was diagnosed with Cancer two years ago when he was in Team CB. Our community was rocked by this news, but stuck together and were amazing, fund raising for the family. The family have continued to receive emotional support from so many of you over the years and are eternally thankful for this. We were overwhelmed with joy to hear in school this week that Jake was 'ringing the bell' to signify his last round of Chemotherapy! WHAT A SUPERSTAR HE HAS BEEN! We are so proud of Jake, the absolute resilience that he has shown throughout it all and the humble attitude he has shown too. Our Jake doesn't like a fuss, but we couldn't not celebrate this! Well done Jake and the wider family for getting through the toughest of times. You hold a place in all of our hearts!

School Notices

Presents for staff at Park Street

It is getting to that time of year again when we are all busy shopping for Christmas and finances can become even more stretched than normal. With this in mind, please do not be worrying about buying Christmas presents for our staff team. Please make sure this is not a worry for you! Focus all of your attention on your children and families! Instead, you could always write a card for your child's staff with a positive comment in – I know this always means the world to our staff team, knowing their hard work is appreciated.

Christmas Art Competition

Well done to all of the boys and girls who have entered the Art Competition recently, set up by our Arts Councillors in school. Entries have been coming in thick and fast and we are astounded by the quality of the Art work! Well done Team Park Street! The deadline is Friday 8th December 2023 and there will be a winner from each class – the theme is Winter!

Dates for 'Thinking Differently' and 'Sleep' Training

Watch out for the dates for 'Thinking Differently' and 'Sleep' training for parents, which will be advertised over the coming weeks, for a start in the New Year.

- If you suspect your child has barriers related to social communication and interaction then 'Thinking Differently' will engage you in thinking differently about their behaviours and triggers, allowing you to spot triggers earlier, for example and better support your child. This will be led by Mr Fidment (AHT for Inclusion).
- If your child struggles with sleep and sleep patterns, then the 'Sleep' training will offer you strategies for support and ideas to try at home, to improve this for your child. This will be led by Mrs Hitchens (Parent Support Advisor).

Feel Good Friday – 8th December 2023

On the 'Feel Good Friday' on 8th December 2023, we are welcoming children to bring donations in to school for the bottle tombola at the Christmas Coffee morning the following week. We welcome bottles of all sorts – bottles of water, Coke Zero, wine, bubble bath, hand sanitiser, shampoo etc! If it is of an alcoholic nature, please ensure this is handed in by an adult through the main entrance of school to our Admin team (same if it is made of glass), so as these can be stored safely and not present a danger to children. Your support is appreciated!

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

Supported by Mrs E Oliver (Safeguarding Link Governor and Chair of Governors)

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)

Mrs E Green (Business Support and Attendance Lead)

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



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!



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 WPSSendco@ecmtrust.co.uk

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 and Pupil Premium

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

