

# P.H.I.N.N

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## *A message from Ms Charman, Headteacher*

Dear Dads, Mums and Carers,

It has been another busy, exciting half term with so much going on! Your children, as always, have been delightful, excited to learn, using our superskills for learning and demonstrating our values every day.

The Queen's jubilee, as you know falls in half term. To mark the occasion, in the first week back after half term, Miss M, our Humanities leader has planned some fun activities for the whole school, linked to History. Please see the Humanities Week letter sent out today via email.

We are embarking on a new project - 'The Nest' which will be built during this half term break. The Nest will be a nurture retreat in the Cotelands area for children to use for peace, relaxation, talking, focussed group activities etc. It will be a calming, nurturing space that we will use in a variety of ways. In addition, it will be used as a 'parent drop in', an inviting space that we will use for parent meetings with the counsellor, nurture support mentor and other staff members. The school has funded the building and the associated costs, but we are now asking for donations from the school community for furnishings and finishing touches. Please see further details in this newsletter. You will be able to see The Nest in progress, when you return from half term. We are all looking forward to creating another lovely space that we can use to enhance our children's wellbeing, in addition to our 'magic room', which I'm sure many of you will have heard about!

As you know, good attendance is vital, to ensure that your child makes the very best progress possible. We expect at least 95% attendance or more. We will now be resuming our special attendance celebratory assemblies in order to promote the importance of ensuring good attendance. Please see further details in the 'Rewarding Good Attendance' letter.

I wish you all a very happy and hopefully sunny half term and I thank you as always for your support, love and partnership working.

Very best wishes, Ms Charman

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## Who's Who?

Many Parents and Carers now know their child's class teachers/ learning support but you still may not know who's who around the school. Every issue, we will focus on a member of the team who is working hard 'behind the scenes' so you can put a name to their face!

Who's Who?  
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Hello, my name is Miss Symms.

I have worked for Park Hill Infant School for two and a half years. I support all of the classes across the school. I enjoy working with children in small groups and I also enjoy leading bucket time, creating activities, running intervention groups and providing classroom support. My hobbies are hairdressing and going to the gym.

### OUR 5 SCHOOL VALUES

**Honesty, Kindness, Positivity, Respect and Courage**

### OUR 10 LEARNING SUPER SKILLS

An effective learner:

**makes connections, collaborates, communicates, perseveres, is reflective, is confident, is creative, is a risk taker, is resourceful, is curious.**

### HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS



Every half term, we celebrate children who have consistently displayed one or more of our **10 Learning Super Skills** or one of our School's 5 Values for Life—or both!



Congratulations to the following Key Stage One children for earning a Headteachers' Award for this half term:

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| ⇒ Julietta Class 9 | ⇒ Joslyn Class 6 | ⇒ Aarush Class 5  |
| ⇒ Indigo Class 8   | ⇒ Junior Class 6 | ⇒ Rohan Class 4   |
| ⇒ Yaseen Class 7   | ⇒ Eliana Class 5 | ⇒ Grayson Class 4 |

These children's achievements were recognised in special awards assemblies led by Ms Charman on Thursday 26th May 2022

*Congratulations and well done!*





## SUMMER HALF-TERM 1

We have had the following After School Activities this half-term: Musical Theatre, Art Club, Multi-Sports, Football, Modern Dance, Yoga and Science Club.

Children in Reception had a special visit from Mitcham Zoo as part of their Creepy Crawlies topic.

Year One took part in a Pirate Workshop to learn all about the life of Pirates and Explorers of the Seven Seas.

KSI took part in an Active Outdoor Discovery Workshop as part of their Geography learning. They participated in a 'Map Skills' session which involved constructing a huge map of ropes on the playground to look at compass directions and learning to measure distance by counting paces.

Thank you to all of the parents and carers that joined us for our Family Curriculum Workshops this half-term. We really enjoyed welcoming you into the school to work with your children—making and flying kites!

## The Nest



Work will begin in the May half-term for an exciting new project – The Nest.

The Nest will be a log cabin built on the Cotelands gardening area. It will be the perfect place for children to have nurture support groups and for parents/ carers to have a drop-in meetings.

We will be fundraising for furnishings for The Nest and we ask that any parents/ carers who wish to contribute towards the cost of furnishings do so via ParentPay. Please go to [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com) and select [The Nest Contribution](#) from the list of items to make a donation. We thank you for your support.

Our aim is for The Nest to be ready by September 2022.

# Mitcham Zoo

## Creepy Crawlies



# PROTEST!



## ENDANGERED ANIMALS

At the end of the last half term, Year 2 took part in a protest to raise awareness of the effects of climate change on our planet as part of their topic 'Endangered Animals'.

We encourage the children to think about the changes we can all make to keep our Earth healthy.





# POSTER COMPETITION WINNER!



We are pleased to congratulate Advita on her winning entry for our attendance poster competition. Brilliant work, Advita!

Our school gates open at 09:00am. Children need to be in class and ready to learn by 09:10am each day. We expect 95% and above attendance.

# ROAD SAFETY

## BANNER COMPETITION!

We have an **exciting** competition open to all pupils from Park Hill Infant School to design a banner that will be displayed outside our school.

The winning entries will have:

- ⇒ **Road safety information**
- ⇒ **Parking information (no cars should be parked on the pavement or zig zags outside our school)**
- ⇒ **Bright, eye-catching designs**



**Deadline:** All submissions should be returned to the school office by 09:30am on Friday 17th June 2022—Please ensure your child's name and class are on the back of the submission.

### Our panel of judges:

1. **Inspector Cathy Thomas of Metropolitan Police Service**
2. **Reverend Simon Foster**
3. **Local Councillor Jade Appleton**



There will be a winner for each Year Group and an overall winner for the banner display. **Prizes will be awarded!**



### REMINDER

If you need to drive to school, please make sure that you park in a designated parking bay and take extra care when driving around the school site.

There are lots of little people around who have learned about road safety and are trying to keep themselves safe!

# Attendance and Punctuality

Our school gates open at **9:00am**. Children need to be in class and ready to learn by **9:10am** each day, when the register is called.

If you arrive after the gates have closed, please bring your child to the school office and sign them in on our EntrySign system.



To report your child's absence from school, please call the School Office on **020 8680 0747** or email [attendance@parkhill-inf.croydon.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@parkhill-inf.croydon.sch.uk)

## What Can You Do to Improve Your Child's Attendance and Punctuality?

-  **Schedule all non-urgent medical appointments (i.e. GP and dental) out of school hours and during school holidays**
-  **Set a consistent, regular bed time and morning routine**
-  **Prepare clothes and pack school bags the night before**
-  **Don't let your child stay home unless they are too unwell to attend school. If you are unsure of the recommended period for children to be kept away from school for an illness, please call the school office on 020 8680 0747**
-  **If your child seems anxious about attending school, talk to their class teacher or a member of the Headship Team for advice and support about how to make your child feel comfortable and excited about learning**
-  **Develop 'back-up plans' for getting to school in case of an emergency in the morning. Call on a family member, a neighbour or another parent/ carer**
-  **Ensure that your child has a good breakfast to set them up for the day ahead - there is a Breakfast Club at Park Hill Junior School if you need to be at work early**

### Leave of Absence Requests

We endeavour to support all families in times of crisis and all requests for leave during term time will be considered on an individual basis.

There is no automatic entitlement for any child to be granted leave of absence from school for the purpose of a family holiday. It is not acceptable to take your child out of school, during term-time, for family holidays as they interrupt a child's learning. We place a high priority on children acquiring a sense of commitment towards regular attendance at school.

We understand that during the Covid-19 pandemic, travel restrictions may have caused families plans to travel abroad for to visit family to be delayed or cancelled.

The **Education Regulations 2013** make clear that headteachers may not grant **any** leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Please book holidays and visits abroad to visit family during the school holidays. Please be aware that requests for leave to visit family abroad during term-time will not be authorised.



## Dates for your Diary



**The following dates are provisional as they will depend on Government guidelines at the time:**

### June 2022

6th	School opens for Summer half-term 2
6th— 10th	Humanities Week
13th—17th	Science Week
17th	Race for Life
20th	Summer-Time Dance Family Event
27th	Arts Week

### July 2022

1st	Talent Show
2nd	Summer Fair
11th	Get Active Week
13th	Open Classroom
15th	Sports Day
21st	Headteacher's Awards—By invitation only
21st	Last day of Summer term— <b>Finish at 1.30pm</b>
22nd	INSET Day

## SUMMER SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please ensure your child arrives at school in the correct uniform each day.

As the weather gets warmer, you may wish to send your child to school in summer uniform. Please provide a sun hat and ensure that your child is wearing sunscreen.

Summer dresses should be **blue check** and shorts should be **school grey**.



## P.E KITS

P.E is a mandatory and vital part of the curriculum. Please make sure your child has their P.E kit in school every day so they can take part in this lesson.

As with all uniform items, please ensure that all items are clearly named! Thank you.

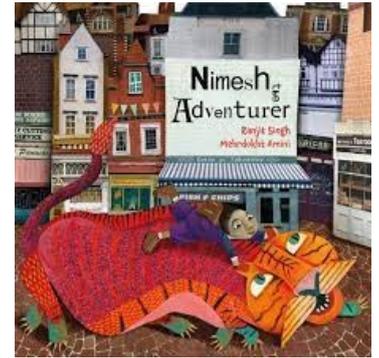
## Our Recommended Reads

Please find Mrs Newell's recommended reads for the next half-term:

### Nimesh the Adventurer

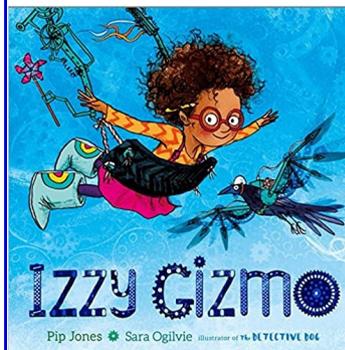
by Ranjit Singh

Nimesh is walking home from school. Except... there happens to be a shark in the corridor. And a dragon in the library! And why would crossing the road lead to the



North Pole? A fun-filled

story about a little boy with a BIG imagination, Nimesh the Adventurer will surely make even the dullest journey a dazzling adventure.



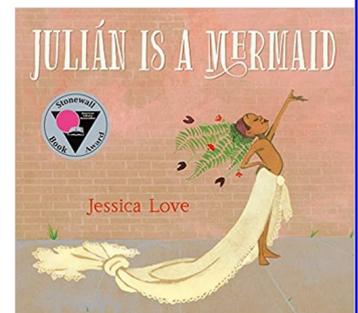
### Izzy Gizmo by Pip Jones

Izabelle Gizmo just loves to invent, but her inventions never seem to work the way she wants them to. And that makes her really CROSS! When she finds a crow with a broken wing she just has to help.

But will she be able to put her frustrations to one side and help her new friend to fly again?

### Julian is a Mermaid by Jessica Love

In an exuberant picture book, a glimpse of costumed mermaids leaves one boy flooded with wonder and ready to dazzle the world. Mesmerizing and full of heart, Jessica Love's author-illustrator debut is a jubilant picture of self-love and a radiant celebration of individuality.



## PARENTPAY

**If you do not have a login for ParentPay, please contact the school office on 020 8680 0747 or by emailing [enquiries@parkhill-inf.croydon.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@parkhill-inf.croydon.sch.uk)**

**If you are returning any consent slips or paperwork to the school, please send it in your child's book bag, email a copy to us or post it in the drop box by the school office.**