"When we read books, they can help us understand more about the world... we can be inspired to want to build a better world and a brighter future. So keep reading and change the world."

CHRISTOPHER EDGE

Parents@Park 14/01/22.

Covid-19 Updates.

• From Monday 17 January, students who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to school on day 6. Please note the first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be reported to the NHS Test and Trace and to school on Report student Covid home testing results to school

• Please see the following message from our Area Immunisation Coordinator for East Lancashire, Blackburn with Darwen:

"Public Health England/NHS will be texting all parents on Monday 17th January 2022, to advise that they can still book their child in for a flu vaccination. This is in response to recent media activity about health impacts of flu on children. The text will direct parents to contact 119 service should they have missed the flu sessions in schools. Intrahealth is commissioned by Public Health to deliver the School flu immunisation programme. The team has prepared external clinic catch up sessions to deliver additional flu vaccines within the LEA, outside of School hours. Parents can contact the Intrahealth flu vaccination team on the email below for general advice/appointment booking (ideally giving school name/borough and a contact number in the email).

 People who are fully vaccinated, or children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months, identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, should take an LFD test every day for seven days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms at any time."

• COVID-19 lateral flow testing at home will continue twice weekly until further notice.

Report student Covid home testing results to school

As per the guidance please continue to log the results with both the NHS and school log.



IntraHealth

Work: 03333 583397 - Option 3: Lancashire, Option 2: East Lancs/Bwd

Email: Kimberley.allsop@intrahealth.co.uk

• If you need more Lateral Flow Tests to any point, these are available from reception in school.

• The wearing of face coverings for all (unless medically exempt) continues until further notice.

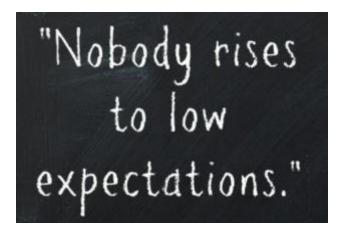
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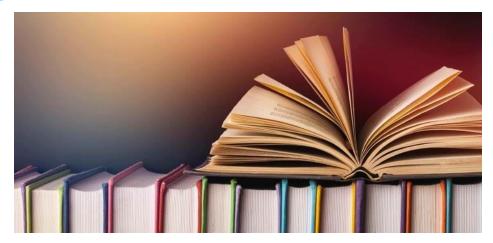
• Thank you to all the students who have met the Park High Expectations this week. You will be aware of the misdemeanour policy that we use at Park High School. To make sure that expectations are consistently met by all students, we now have the policy that 4 misdemeanours in one week will result in a day in our Turning Point Facility.



Forthcoming External Examinations dates:

Monday 17th January - Animal Care

Reading@Park



• As 2022 begins, we hope this reading focus can help you help your children to kick start the year with a great selection of books, covering a wide range of interests and reading accessibility.

Scan the QR code (emailed to parents due to copyrights) for a super 5 minute watch from award winning author of many books for young people Phil Earle.

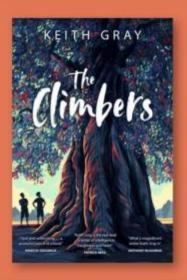
Now a parent himself understanding the difficulties reading can present, and having struggled with reading himself when he was younger, this watch is an honest and realistic reflection on reading and encouraging children to read from a parent's prospective.

The Reluctant Reader we all know one or two I am sure!

Struggling to encourage your child to read more? Consider some of the tips below:

- Research by the National Literacy Trust showed that **reading for pleasure increased during the 2020-2021 lockdowns**; one of the reasons young people gave for this was having the **time to read** and **having fewer distractions**. This would suggest that **helping your child to balance their time** and factor **reading into their schedule** in a quiet environment would be beneficial.
- Avoid reading becoming a chore through requests such as 'if you read for 15 minutes, you can...'. Whilst this may work for some, it's unlikely to lead to reading being seen as an enjoyable activity.

• Help your child to be proactive in their wider reading . For example, if they are covering World War II, explore age-appropriate texts on this through poetry, online articles or novels.
• Often, younger children enjoy reading with their parents and their interest wanes when it becomes an independent activity and they no longer share a connection with someone over a book. Read with them or listen to audiobooks if you don't feel confident enough to read yourself.
 Suggested fiction and non fiction reads for students:



The Climbers

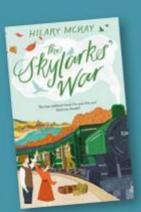
KEITH GRAY (13+)

Sully is the best climber in the village. He can scale Twisted Sisters and clamber up Double Trunker with ease. But when new kid Nottingham shows up and astonishes everyone with his climbing skills, Sully's status is under threat and there's only one way to prove who is best. They must race to climb the last unnamed tree. Whoever makes it to the top will become a legend. But something spiteful and ugly has reared its head in Sully... Is it worth losing everything just to reach the top?

The Skylark's War

HILARY McKAY

The Skylark's War follows a family growing up against the harsh backdrop of WW1. Clarry and her older brother Peter live for their summers in Cornwall, staying with grandparents. But normal life resumes each September. When Rupert goes off to fight at the front, can their family survive the feart.



The Swallow's Flight

HILARY McKAY

The Swallow's Flight is a story of family and friendship on opposite sides of the devastating conflict during WW2. Erik and Hans are German boys. Ruby and Kate are English girls. They grow up in worlds that would never meet, until war tumbles their lives together and one September afternoon there are choices to be a



The Bird Singers eve wersocki morris

£7.99 9781444963328

Strange things have been happening to Layah and her younger sister, Izzie, ever since their mother dragged them to a rain-soaked cottage miles from anywhere: there is a peculiar whistling at night, a handful of unusual feathers appear on their doorstep and there are murmurings of a shadowed woman in the forest. And their mother is behaving very oddly. Layah is mourning the loss of her dear grandmother in Poland

 and can almost hear her Babcia's voice telling her the old myths and fairy tales from that magical place. And as the holiday takes on a dark twist, Layah begins to wonder if the myths might just be real.





Diary of a Confused Feminist: Must Do Better (Book 2)

KATE WESTON £7.99 9781444955064

Meet Kat Evans: Feminist. Overthinker. A hilarious antidote to our Insta-perfect world, for girls who want to do it right, but always feel they're getting it wrong.

16-year-old Kat has suffered through mortifying incidents, muddling moments and Instagram hell – but her extreme teenage confusion isn't over yet. It's a new term and Kat is determined to spread the word about doing good feminism to all her fellow students. But her new Feminist Society does not exactly go to plan and she's left feeling more of a failure than ever...









What is politics? Why should we care? And other big questions

MICHAEL ROSEN AND ANNEMARIE YOUNG

£9.99 9781526309068

This book is a highly topical look at how politics affects everyone in society. It looks at the whole political spectrum, in countries around the world and examines what politics means in different contexts and situations. There are contributions from a range of writers who, along with the authors, discuss how their ideas of what politics is and can do have been shaped by their life experiences.



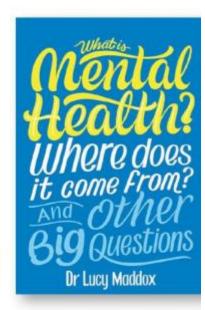
What is mental health? Where does it come from? And other big questions

DR LUCY MADDOX £9.99 9781526311146

This book explains what mental health is, considering how it relates to lots of different experiences, from how we manage really big feelings, to how we get on with each other, how we make choices and how we handle stressful situations. The book thoughtfully examines the things that can help us look after our mental health and the things that might make it feel worse. It has suggestions for the support on offer, if we feel we're struggling.

It includes specially-written contributions from Chamique Holdsclaw, US gold medallist-basketballer, as well as a range of academics, artists and other professionals.



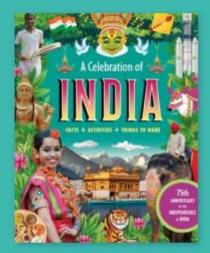


A Celebration of India

ANITA GANERI £12.99 9781445181448

This book charts the history of India, from the extraordinary Indus Civilisation of 2500BC to the present day, interspersed with glimpses of Indian life and culture in its people, places, food, clothing, religions, festivals, languages and stories. It includes some activities, a mixture of photos and artwork.





Legendborn

TRACY DEONN (14+)



After her mother dies in an accident, sixteen-year-old Bree Matthews wants to escape A residential programme for bright high-schoolers seems like the perfect opportunity - until she witnesses

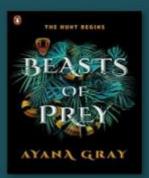
- until she witnesses a magical attack her very first night on campus...

A flying demon feeding on human energies...
A secret society of so-called 'Legendborn'
that hunt the creatures down... A mysterious
mage who calls himself a 'Merlin' and who
attempts, and fails, to wipe Bree's memory of
everything she saw.

The mage's failure unlocks Bree's own unique magic and a buried memory about her mother. Now she will do whatever it takes to discover the truth

Beasts of Prey

AYANA GRAY (13+)



Magic doesn't exist in the broken city of Lkossa anymore, especially for girls like sixteen-year-old Koffi. Indentured to the notorious Night Zoo, she cares for its fearsome mythical creatures to pay off her family's

debts. But when they are threatened by the Zoo's cruel master, Koffi unleashes a power she doesn't fully understand.

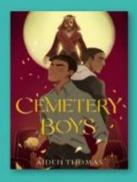
As the son of a decorated hero, Ekon is destined to become an elite warrior, until a fire at the Night Zoo upends his future and, on the brink of his final rite of passage, Ekon is cast out - his reputation left in tatters.

For Koffi and Ekon, the outlook is bleak – unless they can capture the Shetani, the vicious monster that plagues their city. As they enter the Greater Jungle, a world steeped in wild magic and danger, the tentative alliance between them is tested to the extreme...

So Many Beginnings BETHANY C MORROW (13+)



Cemetery Boys



Spark MITCH JOHNSON £7.99 9781510107632

PRE-ORDER FOR RELEASE ON JRD FEB



Ash has always lived in Last Village, lonely since the day his father left and never came back. The world is unbearably hot, water is drying up and life is hard. After a vicious thunderstorm. Ash wakes to find that the

village's water has completely run out and all the other villagers have mysteriously disappeared. Accompanied by the outcast Bronwyn, Ash sets off in search of water, for answers about what happened to the villagers, with hope they might find 'The Kingdom' – a rumoured land to the north where life still flourishes. Ash and Bronwyn have to survive a journey across an arid landscape. Lying in wait are the answers Ash

is searching for, and maybe even the truth about what happened to his father. If only he could get past The Wall



When the War Came

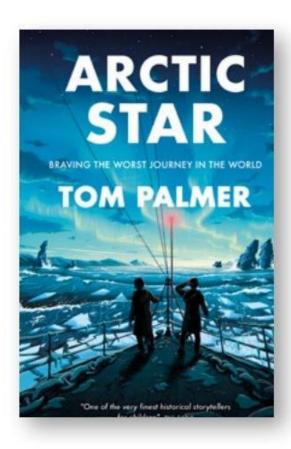
The First World War has ended but it hasn't gone away. When Natty has to move to a new village, she meets two young soldiers who are still battling the effects of war. Huw can't forget the terrible things



he's seen, but Johnny doesn't even remember who he is. As Natty tries to keep a secret and unravel a mystery, she finds her own way to fight for what she believes in - and learns that some things should never be forgotten.

Arctic Star

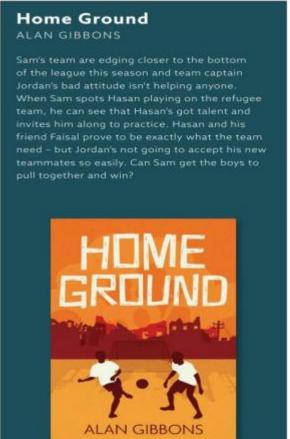
TOM PALMER



Teenagers Frank,
Joseph and Stephen
are Royal Navy recruits
on their first mission
at sea, during WW2.
Their ship is part of an
Arctic Convoy sailing
to Russia to deliver
supplies to the Soviets.
The convoys have to
navigate treacherous
waters, sailing through
a narrow channel

between the Arctic ice pack and German bases on the Norwegian coast. Faced with terrifying enemy attacks from both air and sea, as well as life threatening cold and storms, will all three boys make it home again?





Please note that unless otherwise stated, the texts are suitable from Year 7 and up, but please do research the books before selecting them to ensure that they are appropriate for your child, as these are just a publisher's guide.

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New Year, New Park Point Winners!

The Park Point Award: 5th-7th January 2022

The Park Point winners received the Park Point award for promoting and demonstrating the Park Family values. For example, students are aware of others and how they can support them, going the extra mile and being involved in all things Park.

Huge congratulations to this week's Park Point award winners:

Lucas Proud, Leo Perry, Jacob Boothman, Felix Chew, Amarah Khan, Jordan Lord, Logan Philpott, Riley Dickinson, Elizabeth Smaldon.





PARK HIGH SCHOOL RAISING ASPIRATIONS



Pupil of the Week

Week 5th - 7th January 2022

Congratulations to the Pupils of the Week! Each week students from each of the four Houses and the Seniors are awarded the Pupil of the Week award. **This award is achieved by receiving the most credits that week in their House.**

This week the top spots go to the following pupils:

Alfie Brett, Henry Robinson, Harry Purcell, Alfie Hartley, Nicole Singleton, Ruby Whitehead, Harry Grice and Millie Craig



































Don't forget all certificates are uploaded to MCAS...



Dates for diary and looking ahead...

- Monday 17th January Animal Care External Examination
- Thursday 20th January 4:30-7:30pm Year 7 Parents Evening
- Friday 21st January Year 11 PRP's distributed to students
- Monday 31st January Year 10 Mock examinations commence

Please note the following term and training day dates below:

Spring Term 2022

• Half Term: Monday 14 February - Friday 18 February 2022

• Spring Term ends: Friday 1 April 2022

• Summer Term 2022 Starts on: Tuesday 19 April 2022

• May Day Holiday: Monday 2 May 2022

• Staff Training Day: Tuesday 3 May 2022

• Many Half Term: Monday 30 May -Friday 3 June 2022

• Summer term end: Friday 22 July 2022 @12:05pm

Contact Us@

Website Contact Us page can be found here

School Holiday dates 2021-22

Please click here to find the school holiday dates for 2012-22