



# Parents@Park 03/12/21

## Covid-19 Updates

As per communicated on Sunday 28th November, the Prime Minister made an announcement in response to the emerging new variant. As such, the following is now in place:

- Face coverings are now compulsory communal areas by staff, visitors and all students Years 7-11 unless they are exempt and wearing the exempt lanyard.
- Students (Yrs 7-11) should continue to wear face coverings on public and dedicated school transport unless exempt in which case a badge or lanyard must be worn.

We thank you for your support in ensuring students have face coverings every day so that together we can continue to keep our school community safe.



**A message from CEO John Tarbox:**

*"At time of writing, there is a great deal of uncertainty about the threat posed by the Omicron variant of the Coronavirus. As a group of schools within the Pennine Trust, we are monitoring the situation daily and assessing the level of risk posed by activities in school and by planned end of term Christmas events. We intend to review developments at the weekend and make decisions early next week about key events in the last fortnight of term. Any updates will follow.*

*In making decisions we will prioritise the health of all concerned and sustaining full provision in school up to the end of term. We are also mindful of the need for a proportionate approach and a strong desire to stage events that are valued by the whole schools community. Please appreciate that in an ever-changing situation, particularly in response to local infection rates, decisions may well be made at short notice".*

**John Tarbox**

## **Broadening Student Horizons: What are we reading?**

Christmas has arrived early in school - our new books have arrived and been shared!

**Selected Novel: House Dragon**  
**No Fixed Address**  
**Author: Susin Nielsen**  
**Publisher: Andersen Press**

Interest age: 11-16  
Reading age: 11+



"This story celebrates the notion of 'borderless' homelessness. The author effectively makes the genre contemporary, issue with sensitivity and genre age appropriate humor. Her characters are not caricatures and the story presents underlying messages about not being judgemental, the redemptive power of kindness and the need to understand differing people's needs and circumstances."



**Selected Novel: House Pegasus**  
**The Other Side of Truth**  
**Author: Beverley Naidoo**  
**Publisher: Puffin**

Interest age: 11-16  
Reading age: 11+



"I have found several of family who get on the wrong side of the Nigerian authorities with devastating consequences. This book was the Carnegie Medal book in 2006 but the praise included its title (which is the novel) - their experience of living the practice as human refugees in an alien country, is more so than ever relevant and pertinent in the world we live in today. Even though the story is set there, the emotional, children, she is a story of terror, loss and humanity. The author writes about issues that are exploring complex situations."



**Selected Novel: House Griffin**  
**How High the Moon**  
**Author: Karyn Parsons**  
**Publisher: Puffin**

Interest age: 9-14  
Reading age: 9+



"Inspired by the true story of George Elshoff, the teenage star astronaut to be launched How High the Moon is an ambitious novel, weaving together family drama with a misadventure of justice and the terrifying reality of the pros and cons faced by black and mixed race people. told from three different perspectives, it's not always an easy read, reading it perfect on a shared read - a depiction of violence a feature - but author Karyn Parsons writes with sensitivity and love to show us how the world will love."



**Selected Novel: House Phoenix**  
**The Supreme Lie**  
**Author: Geraldine McCaughrean**  
**Publisher: Usborne**

Interest age: 11-16  
Reading age: 12+



"Classic fantasy, sword and sorcery. The Supreme Lie is a thrilling look at political corruption and media manipulation through the eyes of a teenage girl's best friend's parent. The novel is full of interesting moments, inspiring the reader to think about what they might do in their own place, and encourages to continue to read critically of media news and check the facts. There is also a chapter presented in the form of a newspaper starting with simple black and white characters and 'colossal' 'hated' language - "After presenting the news of the previous chapter in a very different way to how they've just been read. The opening section of each chapter is followed by your brilliant fiction of James and a beautifully made chapter about the last days of 2020, in particular one who is desperately searching for the little boy he's been separated from."



- This week's Words of the Week:

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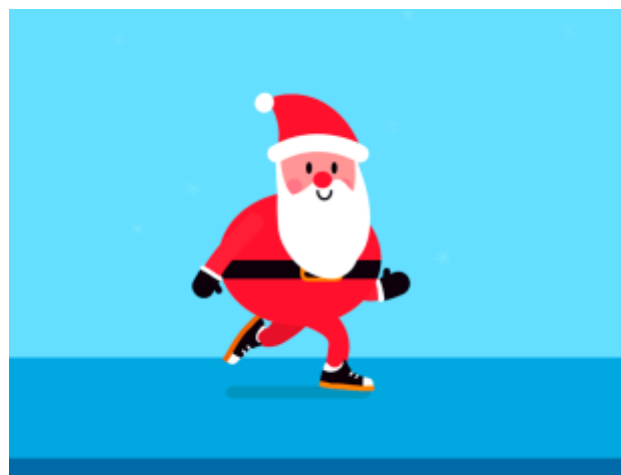
perspective

dehumanise



PARK HIGH SCHOOL  
'RAISING ASPIRATIONS'

- Please see below for details of our Christmas inter house event - raising money for **Pendleside Hospice** - a charity at the very heart of our community who will have, and will continue to, touch the lives of many of us.



**PE department Santa Fun Run**  
**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December @ 3pm**

- Buy a ticket for £1 from the PE office.
- Come to the sports hall at 3pm on Wednesday 15 December.
- Wear Santa hat/costume/something Christmassy.
- Run as far as you want!
- Proceeds will be used for new equipment for school and donated to Pendleside hospice.




## Park Point Winners

Park Point Award 22nd-25th November

This week's Prestigious Park Point winners are Daria Stan, Isaac Bradshaw, Josh Holt-Edwards and Lewis Stevens.

**#parkfamilyvalues #supportingothers #goingtheextramile #involved.**



### **Students of the Week 22nd - 26th November.**

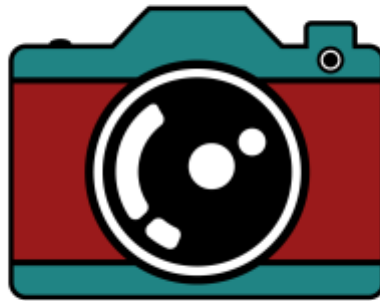
Congratulations to last week's Students of the Week! This award is achieved by receiving the most credits that week in their House.

This week's pupils of the week are,

Julie Stovold, Brandon Brearley, Phoebe Martin, Cadeyrn Jones, Sophie Cockshott, Elizabeth Smaldon, Connor Denton, Dillon Hey and Elliot Disley



Further notices



Parents of Year 11 please note a change to calendared final school photographs. These will now be taking place on Thursday 16th December rather than Friday 17th as previously communicated.

- [An invitation to Year 11 Parents Evening Thursday 9th December](#) and to support you in booking appointments please see [instructions for booking appointments](#) and [a guide to accessing video calls see here](#)



- We are delighted to confirm that in response to student panels and parental feedback, the black V necked (with gold trim) school jumper has been restocked and ready to purchase as we continue to brave winter temperatures. Jumpers can be purchased from the following suppliers:

Hera 01282 691451

Shafi's 01282 617505

Jean Junction 01282 616442

Pendle Village Mill 01282 442424J.3





- **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.

And finally....



Huge congratulations to Mrs Pearson (our librarian and careers adviser) and her husband Adam as they welcome their little girl Lily Joanne into the world. Obviously Lily did not want to miss out on the festive season so arrived a little earlier and speedier than planned but she new Mummy are doing really well and looking forward to getting home!

### Dates for diary -December

- **Wednesday 15th December** - Inter house Sport

- **Thursday 16th December** - Year 7-10 PRP distributed to students
- **Thursday 16th December** - Year 7-11 Trackers distributed to parents
- **Thursday 16th December** - Year 11 photographs
- **End of Autumn term 2 Friday 17th December @3.15pm** and Spring term 1 starts on **Wednesday 5th January 2022.**

## Contact Us@

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## School Holiday dates 2021-22

[Please click here to find the school holiday dates for 2012-22](#)