



# The PARK PUBLISHER

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## YEAR 8 SAYS GOODBYE IN STYLE

After many months of preparations that saw numerous cake sales; sponsored unicycle rides and beetroot-juice cocktail fountains in the staff room, the Year 8s finally had their chance to shine. They strutted their stuff in their finest togs at the Leavers' Prom on 13th July. A fine farewell.



HAVING A LITTLE FLUTTER...



GIVE US A TWIRL!



ENJOYING THE CHOCOLATE FOUNTAIN...



MINE'S A CRANBERRY ON THE ROCKS PLEASE BAR TENDER ....

## YEAR 5 EVACUATED



(L-R) SAMANTHA O'CONNOR, MEGAN LONDON, KIRSTY CHADWICK, CONNIE ANDERSON, JOAN JACKSON, KATE JOHNSON, MADDIE ECCLESTONE AND MONIQUE EATON ENJOY THE STEAM TRAIN RIDE.

### BY GEORGIA WOOD,

Year 5 went on a trip to Severn Valley.

We were all dressed up and really excited.

We all got on the coach ready to go and it took 2 hours to get there.

When we arrived we had to line up and listen to what the soldier said.

We went in and had to get

out identity cards so the man could stamp them.

When he had stamped it we walked into the station and on one side there was a 1940's living room and kitchen, on the other side there was a garden with an air-raid shelter in.

We all sat in the air-raid shelter it was really cool.

Then we went into the 1940's house which seemed really old fashioned and we

listened to one of the men playing an electric piano.

After that we had some dinner and went on a steam train. Half way along the tracks there was a black out and all the lights went off.

We saw a man walk passed in the dark.

It happened twice.

Once we had been on the steam train we went home it was a great day out.

## UNDER CANVAS AT SHUGBOROUGH BY LEE MAHAN

**On a rainy Monday 28th June, 29 intrepid Year 8s — accompanied by Miss Coates and Mr Shields - set off on the coach to Shugborough. Little did they know that the rain would never stop...**

On arrival, the young adventurers put up

their tents in pouring rain where all of the grass was sludgy. Things didn't improve from there...by the second day the brave group got their canoes out, but no, not on a river—on a field! The field was so flooded by the rain that the water came over our knees.

Despite the horrific

weather, a good time was had by all. Pupils enjoyed walking, orienteering, archery and even hiding in a forest wearing camouflage; two people even met an adder.

All involved would recommend this trip to next year's Year 8s.



CANVAS AND RAIN—IT'S NOT THE BEST MIX!



KATHRYN (ABOVE) AND CHLOE (BELOW) CLEAN OVENS



## YOU WILL DO AS I TELL YOU. BY PAUL TOLLEY.

**IT WOULD BE TRUE TO SAY THAT TEACHERS ARE USED TO (MOST) PUPILS DOING WHAT THEY TELL THEM TO, BUT SLAVE DAY CAME AS A BIT OF A SHOCK AS YEAR 8s BECAME TEACHERS' SLAVES FOR THE DAY.**

Underlining dates and titles and picking up bits from the floor gave way to oven

cleaning and car washing as the Teachers really got their money's worth—all in the name of the Prom. There were about 35 Year 8s that volunteered to be slaves. The Science Department and three slaves and two of them were Josh Hill and Leighton Reed. Mrs Worthington and Mrs Finch had Paul Tolley and Ben O' Conner. They had them cleaning cars and

cleaning the Literacy resource room along with the Music Practice Room. Mrs Simcock had Tim who did a lot of laminating and cutting stuff up for the Maths and English S.E.N. Department. The Cookery Department had Chloe Brookes and Kathryn Fern. They had them cleaning dirty ovens. The Year 8s have never worked so hard!

## YEAR 4 INVASION

By Kayleigh Proctor and Jordan Leonard

**On Tuesday 3rd July all the up-coming Year 4 students came to spend a day here at Park Middle.** We helped them throughout the day. Firstly we helped by giving out equipment for the art in which they were designing cut out hands for a new WELCOME display for the Year 5 corridor. Then we went out to break.

When we came in we were studying snails with Mrs. Abbotts. We gave each person a snail and a magnifying glass and they began to study the snails' eyes and feelers. After that they had a piece of black paper to make snail trails. When the Year 4s finished with the snails they washed their hands and went to lunch. It was a wet lunchtime so we

played games and drew in the classroom.

After lunch we gave the Year 4s a tour around the school. By the time we came back it was nearly time to go so they put their coats on and collected their bags and went.

We had a great day with the Year 4s.



MRS ABBOTTS HELPS JAMES AND WILLIAM AS THEY INVESTIGATE THE SNAILS.



# PARK PREDICTIONS

WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD FOR YOU?

## Cancer



23rd June—23rd July

Do not smell plants because hay fever is flowing around and you will catch it! If you are honest all the time then you will get a surprise!!

## Leo



24th July—23rd August

Do something kind for someone and you always get a surprise just for you!

If you lie to someone you don't get a special treat and you will be grounded for 1 week!

## Aries



21st March—21st April

Watch out for the man in a black top because he may come up behind you or he will follow you and he might eat you all up.

## Sagittarius



23rd Nov—22nd Dec

It is a sunny morning but you have fell out with your friends which turns the weather dull but you make up with them and the sun comes back out .

## Gemini



22nd May—22nd June

All the Gemini better watch out because you will get rich very soon.

## Libra



24<sup>th</sup> - Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>

Your luck is about to change this month as there is a big surprise in store. Have a go at the lottery - you will be pleased with the results! Your love life has been on the down fall for a while now but Venus is coming your way. The person you meet is very fiery and gives you butterflies in your stomach-DON'T let them escape or you may regret it for the rest of your life! School is a blast and everything is exactly how you want it to be. Just take it easy for a while and don't get stressed. Some nasty gossip has hit a raw nerve with some close friends but don't let it get you down- lay low for a while and let it blow over and things will sort themselves out.

## Scorpio



Oct. 24th—Nov. 22nd

You may feel like everyone is against you but it is soon going to change. People will start to listen to you. Your family will support you in anything you do but watch out, if you get too big headed then you will loose everything you have being working for.

## Virgo



24th Aug—23rd Sept

You wake up as happy as rain but when you go to work or school you find out that the place has been burned down .

## Pisces



20th February - 20th March

Friendships can go bad and funny. Take care of your friends or you might find that you end the Summer Term on your own.

Summer Holidays promise some fun though.

## Taurus



21st April—21st May

If you are lucky enough you may find your dream job.

## Capricorn



23rd Dec—19th Jan

Do something kind for someone and you always get a surprise just for you!

If you lie to someone you don't get a special treat and you will be grounded for 1 week!

## Aquarius



20th Jan—19th Feb

You go on holiday where there is lovely weather and you find true love.

Who praises all his Kindred? Expects his friends to praise him too, but cannot see their senseless view?

**TODAY'S PREDICTIONS HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO YOU BY VANESSA BAILEY, JESS BENN, AMBER BOON, EMILY BARBER AND CAITLIN RUSHTON.**

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## COME ON DOWN! PRIZES A-PLenty AT THE 2007 PRESENTATION EVENING



CHARLOTTE ATKINS, THE STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS MP, WAS GUEST AT THE ANNUAL PRESENTATION EVENING.

**Wednesday 10th of July saw the School hall looking as smart as the children who entered it. Accompanied by their parents, they had all come to collect Awards for achievement and effort in their lessons and forms throughout the year. Charlotte Atkins, local MP presided over the proceedings. She presented the Certificates and vouchers to the winners and at the end she made a speech in which she praised Park for being such a good school.**

**It was a fantastic evening and it was great to see so many of Park's pupils being rewarded in this way.**

### And the winners were:

#### Year 5

Kalim Blandford Effort in German; Josh Bowery Effort in German; Liam Carter Form Based Effort, 100% Attendance; Kirsty Chadwick Effort in Geography; Lauren Davies Form Based Effort; Maddie Ecclestone Effort in RE; James Green Effort in History, 100% Attendance; Chantay Hancock Music Achievement; Michael Haslam Effort in Maths; Martha Holland Effort in Geography, Form Based Effort, Achievement in Science, 100% Attendance; Jessica Ingram Effort in Music; Kate Johnson Form Based Effort, Achievement in English, Achievement in D & T, 100% Attendance; Nicola Jones Effort and Achievement in PE; Thomas Mann Effort and Achievement in PE; Oliver Marks Effort in ICT; Georgia Merrit Achievement in RE; Billy Moses Effort in English; Danielle Scarlett Achievement in ICT, 100% Attendance; Ben Simpson Form Based Effort; Ellie Staton Achievement in History, Achievement in Art; Chloe Taylor Effort in Art, 100% Attendance; Kerry Tweats Form Based Effort; Rhiannon Wayman Effort and Achievement in PE, 100% Attendance; Joe Weston Effort in D & T, Achievement in Maths; Connor Williams Form Based Effort, Effort in Science;

Georgia Wood Form Based Effort; Liam Wood 100% Attendance.

#### Year 6

Michael Baddeley Effort in ICT; Matthew Ball Achievement in ICT, Achievement in Science; Jessica Benn Effort in History, Effort in English, Effort in RE; Shianne Bennion Effort in Music; Molly Bostock Effort and Achievement in PE; Eleanor Bradshaw Achievement in Music; Matthew Brass Form Based Achievement; Joe Brough Form Based Achievement; Todd Cartlidge Effort in D & T; Tyler Collinson Form Based Effort; Michael Edwards Achievement in D & T, Achievement ; Laura Emery Effort in Geography; Kelsey Ford Form Based Effort; Charlotte Fryer Form Based Effort; Natasha Gidman 100% Attendance; Amanda Gregory Form Based Achievement; Matthew Hancock Effort in Science; Callum Hanson Achievement in History, Achievement in Geography; Daniel Jones 100% Attendance; Mark Manley Achievement in German; Marie Mountford Achievement in RE; Sam Pemberton Achievement in English; George Shufflebottom Effort in Maths; Jordan Skelding Effort in Art; Wendy Taplin Achievement in Art; Robert Vaughan 100% Attendance; Josh Walley Effort in German; Alicia White Form Based Achievement; James Wilson Form Based Achievement, Effort and Achievement in PE.

#### Year 7

Katie Alcock Effort in English, 100% Attendance; Alex Amison Effort in Art, Achievement in German; Alicia Berry Form Based Effort; Martha Brough Achievement in Music; Natasha Davenport Effort in Science; Danielle Dutton Effort in ICT;

Steph Evans Form Based Achievement; Jake Faulkner Effort and Achievement in PE; Amber Forster Form Based Achievement; Rebecca Fox 100% Attendance; Jordan Goldstraw Effort in Food Technology; Thomas Goodwin Form Based Effort; Billy Horton Form Based Effort; Amy Jones Achievement in Art; Holly Jukes Effort and Achievement in PE, Achievement in ICT; Kelsey Knapper Form Based Effort; Jasmin Manley Form Based Effort; Jordan Mason Effort in German; James McDonald Achievement in Geography; Bethany Nixon Achievement in History, Achievement in English, Achievement in Maths; Andrew Pemberton Effort in Geography; Daniel Poole Achievement in Food Technology; Jonathan Senn Achievement in Science; Hannah Silverwood 100% Attendance; Sadie Steadman Effort in History; Grant Stevens Effort in D & T, Achievement in RE, Form Based Effort; Elizabeth Tarris Effort in Music; Kirsty Totton Effort in RE; Elliott Wilson 100% Attendance; Leona Woodcock Effort in Maths;

## Year 8

Vanessa Bailey Achievement in German; Emily Barber Achievement in Music, Achievement in English; Sam Barber 100% Attendance; Ryan Bedson Form Based Effort;

Hayley Bond Achievement in Food Technology; Amber Boon Achievement in Art, Effort and Achievement in PE; Chloe Brookes Effort in Music, Effort in D & T; Abigail Burton 100% Attendance; Stephanie Butler Achievement in RE; Rosie Carter D & T Achievement; James Cummings Effort in Art; Chelsea Davies Form Based Effort; Lucy Fox Achievement in Science; Thomas Fryer Form Based Effort; Ryan Gittins Effort in Maths; Abigail Green 100% Attendance; Christopher Hancock 100% Attendance; Keeley Holley Effort in RE; Robert Jackson Effort in English, Effort in ICT, Effort and Achievement in PE and 100% Attendance; Heather James Effort in Science, Form Based Effort; Nicki Jukes Achievement in ICT; Ryan Lloyd Form Based Achievement; Lauren Metcalf Form Based Effort; Laura Morris Achievement in Maths; Robert Moss 100% Attendance; Sophie Nellist Achievement in History, Achievement in Geography, Form Based Effort; Ellie Owens Effort in German; Lauren Perry Form Based Effort. Mark Swinnerton Effort in Food Technology; Katie Taylor Effort in Geography; Paul Tolley 100% Attendance; Natasha Whyatt Effort in History.

## Sports Colours

Amber Boon Netball  
Grant Boulton Athletics and Cross Country  
Rosie Carter Athletics and Netball  
Josh Cucyck Soccer  
Ilisha Dowdeswell Athletics  
Jordan Goldstraw Cross Country  
Thomas Goodwin Athletics  
Kirsty Harper Netball  
Billy Horton Cross Country  
Ryan Leake Cross Country  
Jamie Leonard Soccer  
Amy Mahan Netball  
Danielle McLean Athletics  
Scott McMillan Athletics  
Fran Rigby Netball  
James Wilson Athletics  
Elliott Wilson Athletics and Soccer

## Special Awards

Girls PE Award Katie McDonald  
Boys PE Award Elliot Wilson  
Maggie Jukes PE Award Rob Moss  
Maggie Jukes Music Award Hayley Bond  
Sue Hindhaugh Maths Award Rosie Carter  
Peggy Elsemore Handwriting Award  
Chris Butters  
Carthy Cup for Arts Amber Boon  
Headteacher's Award Sophie Nellist

## GEORGIA WOOD WON AN AWARD FOR FORM BASED EFFORT:

It was on the 11th of July and we were all nervous because it was Awards Evening. I felt really scared because it was my first time receiving an award to Park Middle.

When we got there we had to sit in our seats.

At first the School Band played and then Mr Hart did a speech and presented the visitor who had come. She was Charlotte Atkins, MP.

Then Mrs Forster came up and said, 'I would like all the Year 5 children to collect their Awards'. So we all stood up and lined up in alphabetical

order to receive our certificates.

I got mine for Form Based Effort and I got a £5 Stationary Shop voucher.

Once they had presented everyone's certificates there were a few speeches and the Special Awards were presented.

It was then time to go home.

It was fun but nerve wracking!

## BEN SIMPSON WAS AWARDED FOR FORM BASED EFFORT:

On Wednesday 11th July I had to go to attend the Awards Evening at School. I was getting nervous as Mrs Forster was calling up Year 5 I got my Award for Form Based Effort and I won a £5 voucher for the Stationary Shop.

## ALICIA WHITE WAS AWARDED FOR HER FORM BASED EFFORT AND ACHIEVEMENT:

It was great yesterday at Awards Evening. I got an Award for Form Based Effort and Achievement. It felt great getting an Award and shaking hands with Charlotte Atkins.

Mr Hart said that Mr Shields was retiring. We will all miss him.

Then Charlotte Atkins made a speech. She said how good Park Middle is.

It was a magnificent night.

## AND THE SPECIAL AWARD FOR LONGEVITY GOES TO ...



A FAMILIAR FACE,-  
A FAMILIAR POSE.

**After 30 years of hard work at Park, Mr Shields finally swaps his Park sweatshirt for the Pringle Jumper of golfing retirement.**

During his introduction to the Awards Evening Mr Hart paid tribute to

Mr Shields in a fashion that highly embarrassed Mr Shields! He praised his Deputy for his years of hard work in, and dedication to, Park.

He listed the many roles that Mr Shields had had during his time at the School and made it clear how much he would be missed.

Many of the children present were totally unaware of Mr Shields imminent departure and seemed surprised.



BEING LET OUT  
FOR GOOD  
BEHAVIOUR

### SOME PUPILS REMEMBER MR SHIELDS..

I had Mr Shields for English on Fridays. He read to us or put on a video of the book we were reading. He did great voices when he was reading. I will miss having him for English on Fridays.

#### KATE JOHNSON

I had Mr Shields for Maths when the Year 4s came to visit. He was very funny and made Maths enjoyable to learn. We will all miss him.

#### MADDIE ECCLESTONE

It is very sad that Mr Shields is leaving as he is a really nice, kind and funny man. He makes lessons fun and very interesting. It will be really sad to see him go. We will all miss him, especially 5/1 English. I hope Mr Shields has had a great time here at Park Middle.

#### VICTORIA STUBBS

I have enjoyed doing PE with Mr Shields.

#### JORDAN PEMBERTON

I enjoyed Mr Shields teaching us PE. He is mint at training us at everything.

#### JORDAN CLAUGHAN

My experience at Park of PE is that PE is great. Mr Shields is a great Sports teacher and I think he is one of the best teachers in the School and we learn a lot from him.

#### JOSH BOWERY

Mr Shields is a good PE Teacher and he taught me how to High Jump and Long Jump. He is the best PE Teacher I have ever had. I also had him for English a few times.

#### JAMES GREEN

Mr Shields is a great teacher and it is sad to see

him leave Park. He read *Carrie's War* to us in my English set. Mr Shields is really kind and very funny. He makes lessons very interesting and good.

#### CHELSEA ANDERSON

Mr Shields is a great Deputy Head but it appears to be time for him to leave us. He has been here for 30 years and we will really miss his great personality.

Good Luck in the future Mr Shields.

#### GEORGIA WOOD AND EMILY BILLINGS

Mr Shields is a kind, helpful teacher who is the Deputy Headteacher. He always directed people in the right direction and understood people. He taught PE and is very experienced. Mr Shields did a lot of assemblies and as

he always says many hearts make a School and we should always look out for each other. We will always remember Mr Shields as a thoughtful teacher.

#### CHLOE CUCYK AND NICOLE SHUFFLEBOT- TOM

Mr Shields is an amazing PE teacher. He taught us a load of cool sports. Mr Shields was really cool and we will never have a better PE lesson than his, or a better teacher.

#### JOE WESTON

Mr Shields has been an excellent teacher and is a great trainer. I go to PE happy as it's my favourite lesson but now he is going I am a bit sad.

#### JOSH MEYRICK

Did you know that if you Google "Ian Shields" you will get 15,000 results?

# BEST FEET FORWARD

BY PAUL TOLLEY AND CALLUM YOUNG

**They say charity begins at home but in the case of the Edinburgh Moonwalk charity began at The Meadows and ended 26 miles later back at The Meadows. We're thinking that you would have to mad to do that.....but totally certifiable to do it at night and with your underwear on show! But, this is exactly what Mrs Baggageley, Mrs Marsh and Mrs Worthington did to raise money for a cancer charity.**

On the 17<sup>th</sup> June Mrs Worthington, Mrs Marsh and Mrs Baggageley started a 26 mile walk in Edinburgh to raise money for Breast Cancer Research. It was raining so they were very wet. They finished at 3:40am and Mrs Worthington said *'I am glad I have finished and it was very tiring'*. They had a cup of

tea and went to bed. They have raised about £100 so far but that isn't the final figure.



MRS MARSH, MRS WORTHINGTON AND MRS BAGGLEY ARE ALL VERY PROUD OF THEIR FUND-RAISING ACHIEVEMENT



MISS CLARE AND MRS HOLDFORD WERE PLEASED TO BE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE TO A WORTHY CAUSE.

**Meanwhile, Miss Clare and Mrs Holdsworth were quite sane in comparison. Running 5km for Cancer Research is by no means easy either, but it was in daylight and they were fully clothed!**

They raised a magnificent £80 and completed the course in just 41 minutes. Miss Clare told us *'I was very pleased to finish. It felt good to raise money for a very worthy charity.'*



OVER 10,000 PEOPLE TOOK PART IN THE MOONWALK, THERE'S A PRIZE IF YOU CAN SPOT OUR 3 BLISTER-FOOTED PARTICIPANTS AMONGST THIS LOT OF UNDRRESSED WALKERS!

LOTS OF PEOPLES LIVES ARE TOUCHED BY CANCER, MAYBE EVEN YOURS, BUT THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT EVERY ONE CAN GET INVOLVED IN HELPING TO RAISE VITAL FUNDS FOR CANCER RESEARCH. GIRLS WHY NOT ASK MUM OR NANAR OR AUNTY IF YOU CAN BOTH JOIN IN WITH NEXT YEARS RACE FOR LIFE (YOU CAN WALK IT!)? VISIT [WWW.CANCERRESEARCHUK.ORG](http://WWW.CANCERRESEARCHUK.ORG) FOR DETAILS. YOU CAN ALL DONATE YOUR OLD-CLOTHES AND UNWANTED BOOKS AND BRIC-A-BRAC TO ONE OF MANY CANCER RESEARCH SHOPS ACROSS THE COUNTY.

GO ON, MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Like reading?  
*Borrow a book then!*



BOOKS ARE ACE!  
LIBRARIES ARE FREE

## I GET NO KICKS FROM CHAMPAGNE... I GET A KICK OUT OF ME!

BY JESSICA BENN AND SOPHIE STUBBS



YEARS 5 AND 6 ENJOY THE ROAD SHOW

**THE ALL-SINGING, ALL-DANCING, COMPETITION HOLDING, INFORMATION GIVING 'NATURAL HIGH' ROAD SHOW CAPTIVATED THE PUPILS OF YEAR 5 AND 6 THANKS TO ITS ENERGY-FILLED PRESENTER, DAVID GRAHAM, AND ITS IMPORTANT MESSAGE—YOU DON'T NEED DRUGS TO GET HIGH.**

David Graham explained the dangers of drugs and smoking. He held competitions where he picked

pupils from the audience to participate in activities. They were all designed to be things that give a natural high without taking drugs or smoking.

For one of the competitions James Wilson, Laura Emery and Scott Merron were asked to go up on stage for a 'keepy-uppy' contest. It was very exciting for the contestants and the audience. All those who took part performed fantastically and the crowd cheered them all, but in the end the winner was James with an amazing total of 68.

The fun continued when David invited more pupils onto the stage. This time Lance Birchill, Liam Hill, Nicole Shufflebottom, Jordan Leonard, Jordan Farr and Mark Manley were asked to motivate different sections of the audience to sing as loud as possi-

ble. Mark Manley and Jordan Leonard won the prizes this time.

David sang the Take That hit 'Shine' and it was brilliant and everyone was clapping. He also sang 'Natural High' which is a song that he wrote himself especially for the Road Show. David was once a contestant on the X Factor and he told us how he had met Ronan Keating and Girls Aloud.

In order to help the audience to remember his message he gave out leaflets with contact numbers for various people to call about problems with smoking and drugs.

It was a very enjoyable afternoon but it had a serious message too. A great way to learn important things to help people lead more successful and positive lives.

The phone numbers that David gave to the audience were:

FRANK: Free confidential drugs information and advice line—0800 77 66 00 or [talktofrank.com](http://talktofrank.com)

CHILDLINE: the free and confidential helpline for children and young people—0800 11 11

QUIT: A friendly and confidential advice line for those who want to stop smoking—0800 00 22 00

DRINK LINE: A confidential advice line for those who are concerned about alcohol—0800 917 8282

## ROLL UP, ROLL UP...

BY DANIEL PLANT AND MONIQUE EATON



MONIQUE EATON PRACTICES HER CIRCUS SKILLS

**Who would have thought that learning to balance and spin plates could help improve handwriting? It does though—just ask the group of Year 5 and 6s who have been attending Circus Skills workshops.**

The point of the Circus Skills workshops is to help those who attend to make their handwriting neater. To do this the instructor

has them learn juggling and plate spinning amongst others things. He also make them practice their letters by copying from sheets. It's not all work though as the children are provided with drink and biscuits to fuel their hard working brains.

The children that go to the Workshops really think that it has helped them to write more neatly.



## PARK GOES SPORT AND HEALTH MAD

**HERE AT PARK WE ARE USED TO A PRETTY TIGHT TIME-TABLE AND EVERYONE KNOWS WHERE THEY SHOULD BE, WHAT THEY SHOULD BE DOING THERE AND WHEN THEY SHOULD**



**SOME YEAR 8S LEARN ABOUT THE WORK OF THE FIRE BRIGADE**

**BE THERE.**

That all changed last week, though, as we took part in a Sports and Health Promotion Week organised by Miss Meland, the Sports Co-ordinator for the area schools.

**MATTHEW HANCOCK OF Year 6 was one of our reporters taking part:**

Ryan Worthington and a few

other people won in our form. I only did about 10 skips and I felt it was easier to skip without my shoes on than with my shoes on.

One day last week we played golf with Mr Sadler. At the start he explained what we had to do: we had to get 1 hockey stick and 2 soft toy balls and use the hockey stick like a golf club to hit the balls.

After we had some time to practice we had a competition to see who could hit the ball the furthest and Lance was the winner.

The next day we did dancing. A woman came in especially to teach us and she had feathers all over her top. It was really funny because we had to dance to the song '*The Lion Sleeps Tonight*'. It was really funny and I enjoyed it a lot.



**5KB THOROUGHLY ENJOY A LESSON IN TROUPE DANCING FROM MRS LEESE**

**LIAM BOOTH in Year 6 tells us about his experience of this unusual week:**

On Monday 9th July all of Year 6 took part in Tribal Dancing in the Gym. We danced to songs such as '*In the Jungle*' and songs by Gwen Stefani. The dancing involved a lot of shuffling about and waving your arms around! We all had a great time.

**For Year 5 VICTORIA STUBBS has this to say:**

We have been having a healthy week at School and have done lots of different activities. I have enjoyed *Morning Fresh* the best. It was a fruit tasting session. We got to try lots of different fruits that some of us had never had or seen before. My favourite was the Sharon Fruit. I also tasted Star Fruit, grapes, pineapple, strawberry and kiwi. It was very enjoyable.



**MRS CARRABINE TEACHES SOME YEAR 6S BELLY DANCING.**

### Y E A R 4 S C A N N O T K E E P A W A Y . .

Thursday 6th July saw 200 Year 4s from various first Schools in the Area converge on Park for a Team Building Day. Our very own 8/1 helped out.

It was a very successful day and good fun was had by all.



**EMILY BARBER HELPS 2 OF THE YEAR 4s WITH THEIR TASK.**

# OH THE AGONY OF PARK... LET US HELP YOU WITH YOUR PROBLEMS..

Dear Agony Aunt & Uncle  
I'm not fat or anything but I do want to be healthy and fit. On the telly they say you should have 5 fruit and veg a day. I tried to tell my mum but she keeps just putting crisps and that in my lunch box. She says fruit isn't real food. Any ideas how I could change her mind?  
Anonymous.

**Aunty & Uncle say...**  
**Dear Anonymous,**  
You could go shopping with your mum or have a banana sandwich for your lunch. Show your mum the adverts on the telly.

Hello,  
I keep getting yellow slips because I don't do my homework on time. It's really noisy at my house and I share a room and my brother who keeps on messing my stuff and I can't concentrate. What can I do? I hate detentions because I like playing out.  
T.

**Aunty and Uncle Agony write:**  
**Dear T,**  
You could do your homework in the library or you can go to your mate's or your Nana's house. Or speak to your parents about your brother.

Dear Aunty and Uncle,  
I have got a real problem and I hope you can help me. I have got a best friend but we keep on arguing all the time and falling out and every thing. My Mum says I should find a new friend but I just want to learn how to get on with the one I have. Can you help?  
A.C.

**Aunty and Uncle Agony say:**  
**Dear A.C.**  
There are lots of things you could do to fix this. One really cool idea is to go and ask a Buddy for help on the Yard, or you could go to the Mediators. They are ace. Try and remember that you don't have to agree all the time but if you do disagree it does not mean you are not friends anymore.

If you'd like some help or advice about a problem you are having, no matter how small or large, write to **AUNTY AND UNCLE AGONY** at The Park Publisher.  
We're here to help!

## RAIN STOPS PLAY...AGAIN AND AGAIN AND AGAIN!!!!



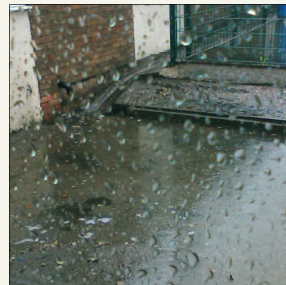
FLOOD WATER POURS THROUGH BIDDULPH VALLEY PARK ON WEDNESDAY 5TH JULY.

Whilst all over the country homes and businesses have suffered from the torrential rain of the past few weeks, Park Middle did not escape the effects

of the unseasonably wet weather either.

Our eager athletes in Years 5 and 6 only managed to complete in one of the years 4 planned fixtures as those due on the 14th June, 21st June and 28th June, were all cancelled due to the rain. Wet fields do not a happy sportsman make!

The School Sports Day, that was due to take place on 4th July, was also postponed as the meadows was



A FAMILIAR VIEW OUT OF THE LONG CORRIDOR WINDOWS.

'only fit for planting rice in', at the time!

Add to this the numerous

lunch times and everyone has spent far more time inside than they would have hoped to. Here at The Publisher we are hoping that Summer itself has not been cancelled and are doing a sun-dance as we



## SUMMER FAIR NOT HINDERED BY THE LACK OF SUMMER!

**FRIDAY 7TH JULY SAW ANOTHER OF PARK'S ANNUAL EVENTS TAKE PLACE. WITH TREMENDOUS INPUT FROM THE PTFA AND THE PUPILS THE SCHOOL HELD**

**THEIR SUMMER FAIR.**  
From Coconut Shy to Face Painting the children showed their true organisational skills and put together an extravaganza of entertainment for the 100s that attended. With sausages homemade by Mr Wood, what more could you want?



LYNDSLEY TOTTON, GEORGIA WOOD AND GEORGIA MERRIT ENJOY RUNNING THEIR FORM'S STALL.

# MERCURY JUMPS, RUNS, HOPS, SKIPSTHROWS AND DRIBBLES ITS WAY TO VICTORY AT FUN SPORTS DAY 2007

BY CALLUM YOUNG AND ZARA KIMBERLEY



MR SHIELDS PRSIDES MASTERFULLY OVER A HEAT IN THE INTER-HOUSE TUG-OF-WAR WHICH WAS EVENTUALL WON BY A JUBILLANT JUPITER

It was as if the Rain Gods had taken pity on Park Middle on 10th July as the clouds parted and the sun shone on the Astro-turf for the first time in weeks, enabling the School's Fun Sports Day to go ahead as planned.

Everyone in the School took part in Fun Sports Day.

The start of the activities was the



AND FUN WAS HAD BY ALL.

Tug-of-War. Mercury showed themselves to be the strongest team in the first round.

The whole School was split into



ROBERT MOSS, SPORTS CAPTAIN FOR MERCURY, PROUDLY RECIEVES THE FUN SPORTS DAY WINNERS TROPHY FROM MR HART

teams and we went round different activities.

We had lots of fun and not all of the activities were hard so people who are not so good at sport could still take part and do well.

The afternoon ended with the final Tug-of-War between Jupiter and Neptune. Jupiter won and all the pupils in Jupiter stood up and cheered.

Mr Hart read out the final scores and presented Rob Moss with the trophy for Mercury.

FINAL SCORES	
1ST MERCURY	—4679
2ND NEPTUNE	—4386
3RD MARS	—4333
4TH JUPITER	—3881

TEACHERS TAXED THEIR MATHS SKILLS ADDING SCORES TO FIND THE WINNERS



The day ended at 3pm and we all went to our form rooms to relax.

### A Poem for Fun Sports Day

Sports Day is easy but it might make you wheezy,  
Sports Day is hard so you better play your part,  
Try and stay cool so you don't look a fool,  
Above all have fun whether you hop, skip or run!



### FROM A PERSONAL POINT OF VIEW:

Our reporter on the spot, MATTHEW HANCOCK, tells us what it was like for him:

On the day it was very warm for a change. I came first in 2 events - Long Jump and Step Ups. The Step Ups were where we had to

see how many times we could step up onto a bench in 30 seconds. I did 29 step ups. In the Long Jump it was very close. I was very happy. It was a great day.



(L-R) Madison Clowes, Adam Bourne, Callum Young, Kirsty Archer, Danielle Mountford, Hayley Rigby and Kelsy Ford take a little break form their exhausting activities.

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### There's no news like Park Publisher news so GET INVOLVED!

We are already on the lookout for next term's team of writers, photographers and editors. If you think you've got what it takes and would like to be part of the Park Publisher, let us know.

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## ATHLETES DO PARK PROUD

**The 1<sup>st</sup> Athletics Meeting was held at St Edwards's Middle School on the 6<sup>th</sup> June 2007.** Park Middle took a mixture of Year 7 and Year 8 athletes, about 50 people in total went to the Athletics match. Park Year 7 Boys were 4<sup>th</sup> as a result of this first meeting: the Year 8 Boys were 1<sup>st</sup> on 112 points - 3 points ahead of St Edward's. The Year 8 girls were 4<sup>th</sup> out of 7. The Year 8 boys came 1<sup>st</sup> in the following events: 100m, 200m, Hurdles, High Jump, Long Jump, Triple Jump, Discus and Relay. They came 2<sup>nd</sup> in 800m

and 400m. In Shot we came 5<sup>th</sup> and in Javelin we were 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our Long Distance runners managed 5<sup>th</sup> place in the 1500m. By the end of this first meeting the Year 8 Boys were feeling hopeful in their mission to retain the title they won last year.

**Park Middle went to Northwood on 27th June 2007 and they took about 60 people a mixture of Year 7 and year 8.**

They did really well in the League fixtures. The Year 7s were 2<sup>nd</sup> in the League and

Year 8 were 1<sup>st</sup>. They were hoping to come first in this meeting. The Year 7 Girls came 8<sup>th</sup> and the Year 7 Boys came 2<sup>nd</sup>.

A good time was had by every one and they were all proud of their achievements.



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