

NEWSLETTER



An egg-cellent East Park Easter!

East Park children—you really are fantastic! A big thank you to everyone who entered our Nursery Easter bonnet and Easter egg competitions and who have sent in photographs of all of your exciting Easter activities—we have loved hearing from you. Here are some of our favourite photographs from across our school.



And in Year 6 Daniels has created the whole alphabet using Google maps! Here is O:

O – Wolverhampton, England



New ways to keep in touch

As shared by Ms Guest during her fantastic Easter video, all of our East Park staff have a virtual meeting each week to talk about all of you because we are missing you so much! We have come up with some new ideas on how to keep in touch with you whilst we are not able to be together at school. The next page of this newsletter shares with you two of our new ideas including a weekly year group storyteller video competition and a virtual assembly with a star and learner announced each week. Read on to find out more....



Weekly Youtube video challenge

Our East Park Youtube channel now has nearly 200 subscribers and new learning and stories will keep being added each week. Now it's your turn! On Monday 20th April, Mrs Sargent is launching our Youtube 'storytelling' competition (look out for her video on our Youtube channel or our social media pages). You can send in a video of you reading a story or just the audio. It can just be you in the video or you can read with a member of your family. Please send any storyteller videos to your year group emails each week — we will then choose a selection of videos to be shared on our Youtube channel each week and they may even feature in our weekly Praise assembly.



Praise assembly

Next week, East Park Praise assemblies are starting again. They will feature our learner and stars of the week for each class, a story or poem and also a chance for you to sing along to some of our favourite East Park songs. Our year group assemblies will be launched each week on our Youtube channel on the following days:

Monday am: Year 5

Monday pm: Year 6

Tuesday am: Year 4

Tuesday pm: Year 3

Wednesday am: Year 2

Wednesday pm: Year 1

Thursday am: Reception

(children who access learning in Roots and Shoots should watch their year group assembly to see if they are chosen to be learner or star).

Learners and stars of the week will be chosen using work sent in on our year group emails, Times Tables Rock Stars results and any entries to our weekly Youtube storytelling competition.



Top tips on how to create your video

At East Park, we have been developing our oracy skills at school—this means we have been learning how to speak confidently and with fantastic expression in our voices. With the launch of our Youtube storytelling competition on Monday, here are a few top tips to think about when you are creating your video:

- Record your video in landscape as it looks so much better on Youtube
- Speak in a clear voice so that everybody watching your video will be able to hear you
- Read your story at a steady pace—don't rush and take a little pause between each sentence—you want to make sure that your audience hear every word
- Change your tone of voice as you read—try adding expression or changing your voice when reading as different characters as this will entertain your audience
- If you are appearing in your video, try to give eye contact to the camera throughout your reading as this will make your storytelling more interesting
- You can also use facial expressions and hand actions to make your reading more exciting to your audience

