



much more than just a school



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Dear Parent/Carer

As part of our Wellbeing Day activities, Park students have an exciting opportunity to help support the development of a memorial woodland in collaboration with Portsmouth Water and Havant Borough. With 3,000 new trees already planted at the site, between Warren Park and Staunton Country Park. The woodland now needs a name ahead of it being officially opened in April 2021.

Park Community School has been offered the privilege of choosing the name. We are asking students, either on their own or as a group of up to three, to come up with suggestions for what the woodland should be called and the reasons for their ideas. The winning suggestion will be picked by a panel of judges from Portsmouth Water and Havant Borough Council, with a publicity campaign to tell people what the woodland will be called and why.

There will be a prize of a £30 Amazon voucher for each member of the winning team (up to a maximum of three people), and 10 House points for every entry.

The original idea to create a memorial woodland came from Councillor Prad Bains, who is currently Mayor of Havant. Councillor Bains wanted to find a further way of commemorating those who served in the two World Wars and other conflicts. So, the memorial woodland is intended to do this, as well as give local people a place to visit for quiet reflection, in particular, to remember family, friends and others who have passed away. At the same time, the additional trees will create a valuable new wildlife habitat for birds and mammals, such as dormice and bats, by providing connection between other areas of woodland nearby to the proposed site.

This opportunity gives students a further chance to explore their local area, its wildlife, history and people and to contribute to its future development. Students should use the links provided at the end of this letter to carry out further research into the area and proposal. Then they need to come up with a name for the memorial woodland. Students should explain why they selected this name using up to a maximum of 300 words. Ideas should consider the reasons why the memorial woodland is being created, including the local area's connection to the military, a place of reflection and remembrance, particularly for those who have lost loved ones, and to support local wildlife. Entries will be judged on the suggested name and the quality of their explanation for the choice.



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**Students should email suggestions and reasons to Mr May (c.may@pcs.hants.sch.uk) and Mrs Last (m.last@pcs.hants.sch.uk) by Friday, 26 February at the latest.**

We look forward to hearing your creative and thoughtful responses to this opportunity to make a mark on the future development of the local environment and community.

Yours faithfully

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Mr May and Mrs Last  
Heads of Humanities

**Links to further information about the project and history of the area:**

- <http://thespring.co.uk/media/3021/e-no-75-the-naval-camps-of-bedhampton-and-leigh-park.pdf>
- [A Brief History of Havant \(thespring.co.uk\)](#)
- [Some Childhood Memories of the Second World War \(thespring.co.uk\)](#)
- [Thousands of new trees to create memorial woodland for Havant | Portsmouth Water](#)
- [Volunteers brave the cold to plant trees for memorial woodland | Portsmouth Water](#)
- [www.portsmouthwater.co.uk/havant-thicket-reservoir](http://www.portsmouthwater.co.uk/havant-thicket-reservoir)
- [Take a virtual tour of Havant Thicket Reservoir - YouTube](#)
- [Havant Thicket Reservoir Planning Applications - YouTube](#)