

Brunswick Park Primary School

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This month's Focus Value is Courtesy

Dear Parents and Carers

I wish you and your children a warm welcome back after the Half Term break, and hope you were able to enjoy it together. We are straight back into the swing of things at school and have introduced a new approach to questioning the children in lessons. Teachers assess children's progress throughout lessons so they can gauge how much the children understand. This is called formative assessment, or Assessment for Learning (AfL), and one of the best and most common ways of doing it is by asking children questions. Research shows that when children are asked to put their hands up to answer questions, there is always a number of children who choose not to, so they do not get the chance to answer. This means the teacher does not get a true picture of how well every child in the class understands the lesson, and this can mean that some children do not make the progress they should. At Brunswick, we now have a 'No Hands Up' approach to asking questions in lessons. A variety of different ways of answering will be used instead, including asking children directly. If a child does not know the answer, the teacher will ask the child additional follow up questions to gauge his/her understanding, and not knowing the answer is absolutely fine; it gives the teacher a true picture of what the child needs next to make good progress. Dylan Williams, the academic who has carried out a lot of this research, says this in his book 'The Right Questions, The Right Way':

'The fundamental flaw in the traditional questioning model [hands up] is that it makes participation voluntary. The confident students engage by raising their hands - and by engaging in classroom discussion, they become smarter. But others decline the invitation to participate and thus miss out on the chance to get smarter.'

Everyone at Brunswick must have an equal chance to 'get smarter', so no hands up for questioning in lessons. Our Focus Values of Respect, Tolerance and Courtesy teach children to respect others' answers and wait for others whilst they think of their answer before responding to the teacher.

Parents' Evenings are scheduled for 6 and 7 November for all classes apart from 2A, 3A and 5B, where parents and carers have been contacted separately. Please make every effort to attend, as children make the best progress when their parents, carers and teachers work together to support each other. We look forward to welcoming you.

Wish best wishes for a peaceful and enjoyable weekend.

Susannah Bellingham

Head Teacher

A Grand Opening of The House Kitchen!

On Thursday 19 October Brunswick Park hosted a celebratory opening of our newly named House Kitchen. The name was chosen from a wealth of suggestions taken from all over the school, and we would like to congratulate Tashni and Joseph A from Year 3 for their winning idea. Parents and governors were welcomed to the House Kitchen with delicious breakfast treats provided by our School Caterers and we enjoyed looking in on Jonny and group of pupils rustling up a green tortilla. We are delighted that our new working space is complete, and look forward to more delicious food to come!



School Photograph Reminder

Vancol Photographers will be coming in to take individual photos of the children on Wednesday 15 November from 09:00. Children are expected to wear correct school uniform for their photographs, and we look forward to seeing everyone looking super smart on that day.

Opportunities for Parents

Brunswick Park Primary School will be running a free 5 week Maths and ESOL course for parents and carers who want to improve their skills and help their child with their homework.

Classes will start after the October half-term. Please sign up at the Office if you are interested in this course.

On Wednesday 8 November from 9am we will be hosting an Employment Skills Workshop with volunteers from Sidley Austin law firm. This session will support parents in creating a CV from scratch or updating/improving their current CV. Additionally, volunteers will support attendees with other skills necessary in their journey to finding work. Please sign up at the Office if you are interested in attending this workshop.

Anti Bullying Week 2017



We're celebrating what makes us
All Different, All Equal for Anti-Bullying
Week this year **from Monday 13th -
Friday 17th November 2017.**

School Council will be making regular sales of Official Anti
Bullying Week merchandise throughout the week:

Wristbands - £1 Stickers - 20p each

All proceeds go back to funding Anti - Bullying week 2018.

ODD SOCK DAY!
Friday 17th November

**Wear a wacky pair of odd socks and raise money for the
Anti - Bullying Alliance!**

A £1 donation is suggested for every child taking part.

Anti Bullying Week will take place from 13 -
17 November. The theme this year is 'All
Different, All Equal'. This is to help children
celebrate what makes them, and others,
unique, and help them understand why it's
important that every child feels included in our
school. Please note from the poster above the
events we have planned, and support your
children to take part.

The Poppy Appeal 2017

Throughout November poppies will be
available to purchase in Our School. A
minimum donation of £1 is suggested.
All proceeds will go to the Royal British
Legion's Poppy Appeal 2017.

Class Teaching Staff

Charlotte Bullar

**Reception
Crimson**

Sacha Patrick

**Reception
Scarlet**

1A: Hannah Williams

1B: Anna Newbold

2A: Fiona Wright

2B: Dina Achilleos

2C: Joya Roychoudhury

3A: Alex Radman

3B: Brooke Murphy

3C: Edel Fallon

4A: Juliette Woods

4B: Rachel Levine

5A: Tobi Akinlade

5B: Eleanor Brown

5C: Tyler Barry

6A: Christina Huszar

6B: Gwen Cook

Reminders to all Parents and Carers

Correct School Uniform:

Please ensure your child comes to school in the correct uniform. All children must wear black shoes, black or grey school trousers or skirts and socks and Hijabs should be plain white, black or grey.

Punctuality:

Please ensure your child arrives to school on time every day; arriving late is embarrassing and missed learning time affects achievement and stops your child from reaching his or her potential.

Parking:

Cars must NOT be parked in the Ambulance bay on Picton Street. Parking carelessly puts children at risk.

Safeguarding Information

The designated team for Safeguarding at Brunswick Park Primary is Susannah Bellingham, Fiona O'Malley, Andrea Inniss-Griffith and Karen Smith. If you have any concerns about any child, please contact us.

We are committed to Safeguarding all children and members of our school community and take all concerns seriously.

For your information, key school policies are available on request from the School Office and can be downloaded from the school Website under the 'Our School' tab.

Please check the website for further details about what children have been doing and learning in school.

Missed a newsletter? All newsletters are available for download from the School Website under the 'News' tab.

<http://www.brunswickparkprimary.co.uk>

Attendance Update

16/10/2017 to 20/10/2017:

98.1%

WELL DONE!

Whole School Attendance Target = 97%

Right to Reply:

03/11/17: Please use this to give us constructive suggestions or comments, including your name and your child's class and hand it to the School Office Staff. Thank you.