

# Brunswick Park Primary School

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**This month's Focus Value is POSITIVITY**

Dear Parents and Carers

In this Newsletter we have information about Sharing Assemblies, a visiting culinary VIP and Year 5's visit today to the Tower of London, during which the children learned all about life at the Tower both currently and in years gone by and about rather gruesome punishments dealt out when it was a prison. Its main focus, however, is on the importance of reading.

Learning to read fluently and well is key to a child's success, and reading skills take lots of regular practice over time to develop. Children who read daily both at school and at home, and who are asked questions about what they are reading and why they have chosen or like particular stories or books, are the children who are most likely to develop a lifelong love of reading because they get into good reading habits early. They know adults are interested in what they are reading, and understand how they can use reading to activate their imaginations and give them ideas for their own stories and writing. We all lead busy lives, but finding just a few minutes a day to read with your child (see the Bug Club box) or to tell a bedtime story pays dividends. All we can do is try our best: good luck!

With best wishes for a peaceful and enjoyable weekend.

Susannah Bellingham

Head Teacher

### Levi Roots is visiting on Tuesday!



On 23 January, Levi Roots will visit Brunswick Park to give an assembly to Years 5 and 6, visit our House Kitchen and learn more about all the growing and cooking we do at the school. We invited him to the Kitchen House opening but he was not able to come on that day. However, he was so interested in our children's involvement and learning in gardening, food and cooking that he felt he had to come and find out more. We can't wait!



## YEAR 5 AT THE TOWER OF LONDON



On Friday 19 January, Year 5 took part in an exciting educational visit to the Tower of London.

The children enjoyed workshops on Crime and Punishment and Royal Responsibility, and also explored the Tower grounds and the riverside.

As always, the behaviour and engagement of the children was impeccable – they were a credit to their parents, carers and their school.

The visit was made possible by a grant from the Historic Royal Palaces Access Fund, to whom we send grateful thanks

**Have you got the reading bug?**

Every child from Year 1 to Year 6 has a login to Bug Club for use at home. Bug Club is an amazing online reading resource that supports your children to learn to read fluently and to understand (comprehend) what they read. Teachers suggest activities and books for the children, and monitor the children's Bug Club activity to support them. Please ask your child to show you how it works, and read along with him/her. If your child has lost or forgotten his/her login, please speak to your child's teacher.

# Reciprocal Reading

At Brunswick Park, we recognise the importance of learning to read fluently and well, and of fostering a lifelong love of reading. Being literate is key to being a successful learner across the curriculum and is an essential life skill. Reading fluently and well means understanding – or comprehending – plots, motives, characterisation, setting and the vocabulary the author has chosen to use. Comprehension is a skill that needs regular practice to develop. At Brunswick Park, as part of our Reading Strategy, we have introduced Reciprocal Reading, which is designed to develop and improve children's reading comprehension skills through structuring reading sessions like this:

Predict	Read	Clarify	Ask Questions and Discuss	Sum up
 I predict ..... (title/ subheading/ chapter) will be about .....  Would anyone like to add to my prediction or ask any questions?	 Let's read to check the prediction/s and find out more.	 Is there anything you need to clarify, such as tricky words, phrases or ideas?	 What did we learn?  What else are you wondering about?	 ..... (Title/sub heading/ chapter) was about .....  Would anyone like to add to my summary?

Reciprocal Reading is undertaken by trained pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6, who use it to run reading sessions for younger pupils. You will see our Reciprocal Readers wearing identification badges to show they are trained, and other pupils in Key Stage 2 wearing Reading Buddy badges. Reciprocal Readers and Reading Buddies are doing excellent work to encourage all our pupils to read and develop their comprehension skills. Thanks go to Miss Huszar, who leads Reading at Brunswick Park, and Mr Mitchell for introducing Reciprocal Reading, which is already having a very positive impact upon the children's comprehension.

**Come and join us in the Middle Hall to watch your child's Year Group Sharing Assembly!**

## Spring Sharing Assembly Dates

Reception: 29 March

Year 1: 8 March

Year 2: 7 February

Year 3: 22 February

Year 4: 21 March

Year 5: 28 February

## Code of Conduct for Parents and Carers

Our Code of Conduct for Parents and Carers is available on the School Website under the 'Our Parents' tab (BPPS Code of Conduct).

It exists to help everyone work together productively and positively, which the vast majority of our School Community does, for the benefit of the children.

## **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. Wardens patrol for the children's safety and welfare.**

## **Safeguarding Information**

**The designated team for Safeguarding at Brunswick Park Primary is Susannah Bellingham Fiona O'Malley and Andrea Inniss-Griffith.**

**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.

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## **Attendance Update**

**Congratulations to 4B for 99% attendance  
for week ending 12.1.18!**

**Whole school Attendance that week = 95.3%**

**Whole School Attendance Target = 97%**

### **Right to Reply:**

**19/1/18: 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.**