

Brunswick Park Primary School

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This month's Focus Value is *Peace*
Next month's Focus Value is *Positivity*

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the final Newsletter of 2018. The children have worked extremely hard and achieved a great deal, and the staff have worked tirelessly for their benefit. I am extremely grateful for their commitment and dedication and for everything they do.

The last two weeks have seen an outpouring of generosity and kindness from the school community in its support of Festive Friday, coming to watch Baubles, the Key Stage 1 production, supporting the Book Bonanza and supporting Christmas Jumper/Celebration Clothes Day. The number of donations of money, food, nappies and wipes was testament to the value we place on all people being treated with dignity, care and fairness, and contrasts sharply with the current political agenda on which people being treated humanely is not nearly high enough. School and education funding continues to be insufficient and as a result we continue to try our best for the children using ever-dwindling resources, which is an ever-increasing challenge. And who knows what will happen after March.... Clearly we all need a rest, and this Christmas/Winter holiday provides a great opportunity for spending time with family and friends. On behalf of everyone in school, I wish you the happiest of Christmases if you celebrate, a peaceful and enjoyable holiday, and a happy, successful and prosperous New Year.

Susannah Bellingham

Head Teacher

Upcoming Dates

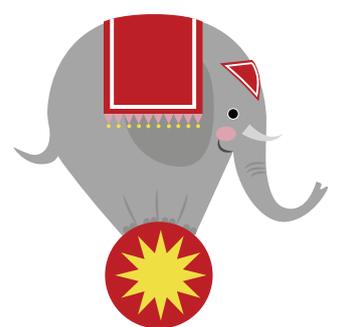
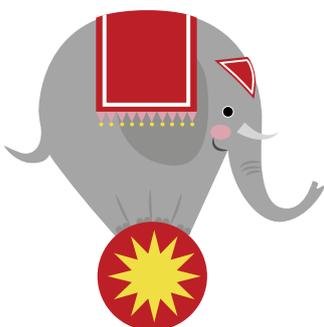
All children in Reception to Year 6 return to school on Monday 7 January 2019

Nursery reopens on Tuesday 8 January 2019

Half Term: 18-22 February 2019

Parents' Evenings: 1 and 2 March 2019

Don't forget!
All dates and News are on the
school's website - address at the top
of this page.



Brunswick Park's winning Year 6 Young Writers have been published! Their Superhero Adventure short stories are found in the book shown on the left; if you would like to order a copy please inquire using the following email address: info@youngwriters.co.uk



Wonder Girl's Adventures

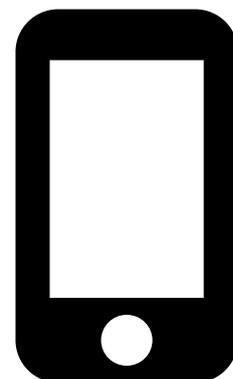
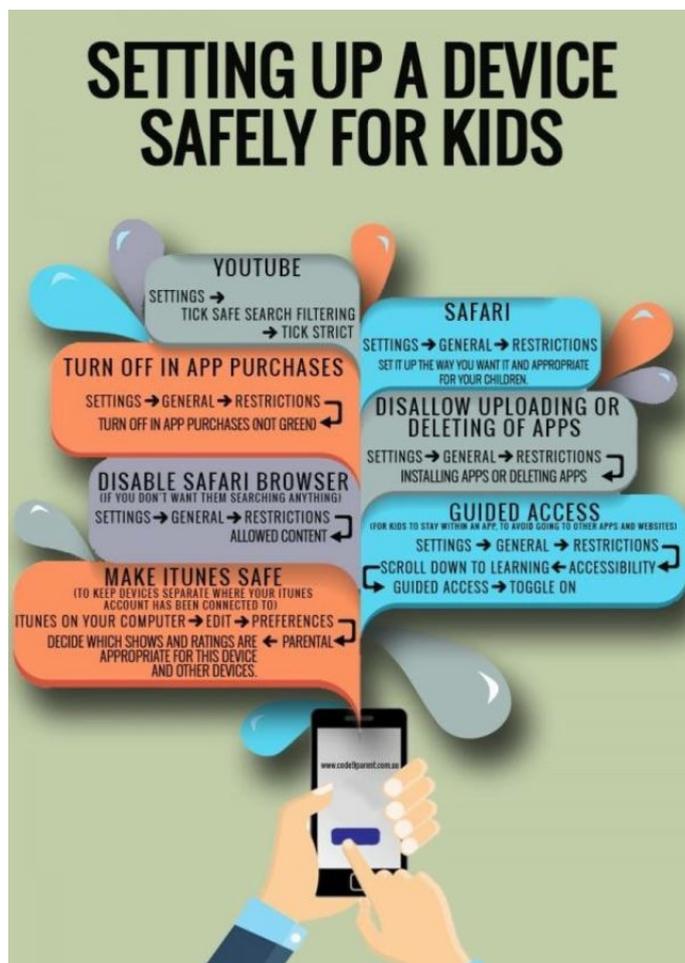
The Moon shone down on the shimmering sea. Everything was calm. There was silence. For once in her life, Cherry felt happy to be alone. *Crash!* Cherry looked up. Her silence had been disturbed by an abnormally large lightning bolt plummeting down in front of her. Transforming into Wonder Girl, she slapped Superman's knife out of the way.

"You fight fire with water, not fire with fire!" she screamed. "The same way you fight evil with good, not evil with evil!"

Her sidekick, Wonderburst, thrust her microphone to her. She sang with emotion, might and strength, turning the world good.

By Ayisha Lamha Puthiyottil and Zoe Turton-Forecast

An invaluable guide for parents and carers at this time of year, when new tech devices are given as presents:



Book Bonanza!



Congratulations to all the children who challenged themselves and took part in the month long **'Book Bonanza @ Brunswick'**.

Children were found reading in book nooks all over the school and many even chose to read in the playgrounds during their breaks from lessons! The enthusiasm for reading shown across the whole school has been amazing as children read, reviewed and discussed their books with friends, parents and staff.

Reading with competence and enthusiasm are skills needed in all walks of life so reading is in itself its own reward. In order to reinforce this for our children, all pupils who took part were rewarded with a certificate for their efforts. This week, those who met the challenge were entered into a prize draw. Two children from each class can be seen above proudly displaying their prizes. Massive thanks go to all the children who took part and to the parents, carers, friends and teachers who helped to keep the momentum going. Our Autumn reading challenge was, as one year six child said, "A booktastic bonanza!"

Look out for the next reading initiative starting in January- 'W.H.I.C.H Book?'- our new approach to choosing books to ensure they are enjoyable and at the right level for all readers.

Carols with the Organ at the Royal Festival Hall



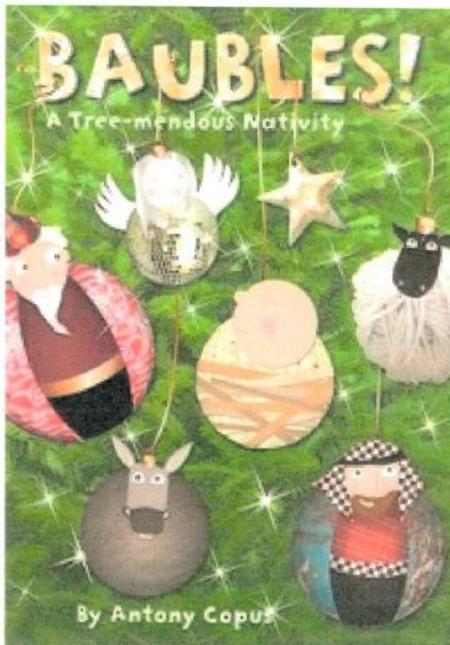


Music and the Arts are valued highly at Brunswick Park, and children are extremely enthusiastic and able learners in their excellent music lessons with Mrs Hales. On Thursday 6 December a group of children from across the school that has made particularly good contributions to music lessons had the opportunity to sing along with and learn about the 7844 pipes of the spectacular Royal Festival Hall Organ. After they had sung carols and learned that whilst the tiniest organ pipe is as small as a little finger, the whole organ is as big as 2 double decker buses and loud enough to pin back your ears, they made collage Christmas decorations in the Festival Hall's ballroom with the artist Clare Youngs. Children's behaviour and attitudes were exemplary, and they were a joy to take out.

<https://www.clareyoungs.co.uk/collage>

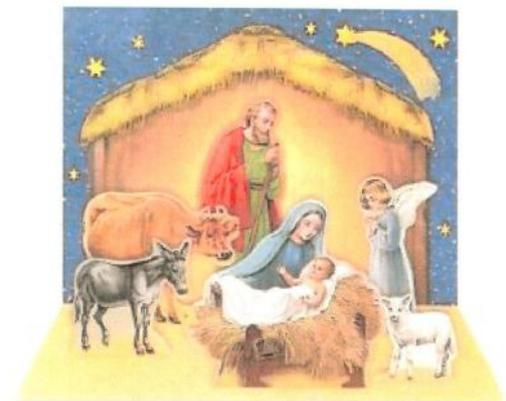
Key Stage 1 Production - Baubles

BRUNSWICK PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS



On 12 and 13 December parents and carers were treated to 4 fantastic performances of our Key Stage 1 seasonal production, Baubles.

The children were phenomenal; aged between 5 and 7 they spoke confidently, powerfully and clearly, remembered a huge number of lines, sang with accuracy and enthusiasm, sometimes on their own which takes great courage, and performed synchronised actions to bring the songs to life. It was a great success, as you can see....



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December 2018.

With thanks to all Year 1 and 2 staff and students.





FoBS Festive Friday

The Friends of Brunswick School organised the most successful Festive Friday yet on 14 December. Warm thanks go to those who put everything together on the day, MC'd and distributed biscuits and panettone amongst the crowd, to the staff who helped the children make their beautiful baubles for the Tree of Wishes and to the children for thinking of others so generously in their heartfelt wishes for the future (and to the Staff Choir for singing with such enthusiasm without breaking the stage and Father Christmas for the snow!).

At this joyful yet often stressful and challenging time of year, special thanks go to the community and families of Brunswick Park who donated so generously to the local Food Bank, to the local Salvation Army's Baby Bank and to Save the Children. Your kindness, decency and generosity are humbling, and as you can see from the note received below, are very well received.



Dear Ms Bellingham
Baby Bank Donation

Please could you pass on a huge thank you to the wonderful children, parents, carers and staff for your amazing donation of nappies and wipes.

They will really allow us to help local families.

Very Best Wishes

Claire Rooney

Baby Bank Coordinator

Salvation Army

Lomond Grove





Save the Children
**CHRISTMAS
JUMPER DAY**

An impressive
£74.35

was raised by wearing our festive jumpers and celebration clothes, in addition to the generous donations to the Food and Baby Banks.

Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children



Discos



Air guitar and a packed dancefloor at the Years 3 and 4 Disco on Tuesday 18 December



Christmas Lunch at Brunswick Park: Thursday 20 December



Brunswick's children settled down to a great Christmas lunch yesterday, complete with crackers and fancy tablecloths and accompanied by seasonal music. ISS, our catering provider, did a fantastic job to serve such good quality food in such large numbers using waiter service; the children were brought their food ready-plated as if they were in a restaurant. Many children asked if they could have the dinner every day!



Happy New Year!



May 2019 be peaceful and safe, and bring you happiness and fulfillment.

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. Grey or black shorts or purple checked summer dresses can be worn in warm weather.

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:

Please park carefully when dropping off and collecting your children. 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.

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

Attendance Update

Congratulations to Class 6B with 100% and Class 4A with 99.6%.

Well done!

Whole School Attendance for W/B 17.12.18: 95%



Whole School Attendance Target = 97%

Right to Reply:

21/12/18: Please email the address below to give us constructive suggestions or comments, including your name and your child's class.

Thank you.

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