

Brunswick Park Primary School

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

Dear Parents and Carers

I signed off my last newsletter with a response to the Prime Minister's announcement about school 'reopening' on 1 June. What a lot has happened since then! After many changes to the initial announcement we now have a clearer picture: that **FROM** 1 June schools **CAN BEGIN** to welcome **MORE** children back to school, **BEGINNING** with **SOME** pupils from the EYFS, Year 1 and Year 6, **ONLY** if schools have sufficient staff and **ONLY** if schools are able to put appropriate safety measures in place in accordance with guidance, and then **ONLY** if the 5 tests set out by Government for the safe 'reopening' of schools have been met. This will be decided by Cabinet later this week on Thursday 28 May. If its decision changes anything for Brunswick, rest assured I will let you know at the earliest opportunity.

Thanks to the large number of parents and carers of children in those Year Groups identified by Mr Johnson who completed our online survey, which showed that the majority of you remain concerned about the prospect of children returning. Please remember that at the moment it is entirely your choice if you return your child or not, and that Home Learning will continue to be provided for ALL children who remain at home.

The first children we will begin to welcome back will be some in Reception from Wednesday 3 June. We have had to move 2 of our INSET days from the end of the Summer Term to accommodate this, so later in this Newsletter you will find revised Term Dates.

Like many schools, Brunswick Park has been open throughout lockdown to children of Key and Critical workers and those for whom a place has been allocated for other specific reasons, and during the Summer Half Term Holiday it is operating as a Designated Childcare Hub. This week Brunswick will welcome additional small numbers of children with their staff from 4 Southwark Primary Schools that have had to close completely. We are very pleased to be able to do this to support our colleagues and their school communities. We believe in the values of kindness and care, and that we are all in this together.

I have chosen to leave this piece of news until last, and for good reason, as it is about a person you know well and who is held in high esteem by all of us in our school community. Fiona O'Malley came to Brunswick 9 years ago as Assistant Head Teacher for Early Years and Key Stage 1. For over 6 of those years she led those Key Stages with great skill and expertise, and was to many of you the person you talked to and confided in as your tiny children bravely took the plunge and started school for the very first time. After passing that baton to Anna Newbold, from 2018 as Assistant Head Teacher (Inclusion) she has championed Inclusion and Safeguarding, doing her level best to ensure that everyone in the school community has equitable access to appropriate education. Of all people she knows full well that school does not begin and end at the gate, and that for children to fulfil their potential, they and families need support. Some of the decisions she makes are firm by necessity, but everything she does is for the benefit of the children and families in the school's care. Whilst I tell her that she doesn't look half bad for 75 and has years in her yet (she's actually 60 in August), having got married and bought a house on the Kent coast she has decided that Friday 19 June will be the day she retires from Brunswick, a school she loves. She is sad that she cannot spend time with you, the staff and the children in the way she planned before 20 March, but together we will make up for it, as I know how much she will be missed. Please keep your eyes peeled for messages about what we will all do to give her the send-off she deserves. With best wishes for a peaceful, safe and healthy Half Term Break.

Susannah Bellingham
Head Teacher



Revised Summer Term Dates

Half Term Monday 25 May 2020 - Friday 29 May 2020

INSET DAYS: Monday 1 June and Tuesday 2 June 2020

SOME CHILDREN IN RECEPTION RETURN TO SCHOOL ON
WEDNESDAY 3 JUNE 2020

SOME CHILDREN IN YEAR 6 RETURN ON **MONDAY 15 JUNE 2020**

SOME CHILDREN IN YEAR 1 RETURN ON **MONDAY 22 JUNE 2020**

Final day of Summer Term for children:

MONDAY 20 JULY 2020 - children finish at 2pm

INSET DAY: Tuesday 21 July 2020

Please note that whilst every effort will be made to adhere to them, these dates remain subject to change.

Class Emails

Feedback has been positive about Class Emails - they speed up communication and you receive messages and feedback quicker, so your child's teacher will continue to send home learning via a Class Email address.

For example, if your child is in Class 5A, home learning will come from 5A@brunswickpark.southwark.sch.uk. Please look out for this, and use the email address to respond to the teacher directly.

If your child has a place in the Resource Base, home learning will still come via the office@ email address.

Message from the Southwark and Lambeth Immunisation Team

Are you a nurse looking for flexible / casual / term time hours?

HRCH are recruiting bank nurses to their school immunisation team locally.

Training and revalidation support are offered as part of this role.

Please visit

www.jobs.nhs.uk

Job reference: 779-BANK-2424615



Website Updates

www.brunswickparkprimary.co.uk

We have put lots more resources and links on the school website to help to support you and your children at home, including information about safeguarding, managing anxiety in adults and children and staying fit, healthy, happy and busy during restrictions.

Do please check it regularly - we hope you find it helpful.



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Are you in unexpected financial hardship because of COVID-19 restrictions?

Have you lost your job?

On a Zero Hours Contract with no work?

Been furloughed so you have less money?

Do you have No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) and your vouchers haven't come through?

If the answer to any of these questions is YES, and your child or children are not eligible for Free School Meals or you are waiting for your claim to be processed, then you can take advantage of our FREE

Grab Bag Scheme

**Long life food items
such as tinned
tomatoes, rice,
pasta and lentils**

**Available for
collection at school
from the
Key Stage 2
Playground**

**PLEASE TAKE
WHAT YOU
NEED**

**Every Thursday
from
10:00-12:00**

**See our Free School Meals FAQs
on the school website homepage**

www.brunswickparkprimary.co.uk

Half Term Activities

A link to these was sent out to parents and carers by email last week.

Click on your email link to be taken to descriptions of the activities.



30 Creative Activities for Kids

1
Personify
something



2
Capture a
time-lapse
video

3
Make coloring
sheets

4
Picture
your
name



5
Go on a
photo walk

6
See color
in slo-mo

7
Emojify
your
mood



8
Storyboard your
daily routine

9
Calendar
together



10
Find
shapes
in nature



11
Make a
simple
book



12
Tell a story
with shapes

13
Record
news
interviews



14
Create a
comic strip

15
Get your
questions
answered



16
Go back
in time

17
Write a love
letter to the
planet



18
Make skip
counting fun

19
Make patterns



20
Go on a
scavenger
hunt

21
Concentration



22
Leaning tower
of pillows

23
Strike
a pose,
twice



24
Send
flowers



25
Have a
laugh



26
Reach for
the stars



27
Become
an artist



28
Use your voice

29
Put things
in order

30
Personalize a
portrait



These activities are great for children ages 4-8+.

Access to Support and Home Learning



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Everything you need for home learning, and everything else relating to COVID-19 restrictions including gaining access to benefits, is on www.brunswickparkprimary.co.uk



BBC Bitesize can be accessed here:
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>



More information can be found here:
<https://www.thenational.academy/>

Thank you for doing your best to help your children learn at home. Many of us have children at home ourselves, so we understand just how challenging it is to encourage and help them and keep them entertained whilst doing our own jobs and organising our lives.

Everything you need for your child's home learning is available on our website www.brunswickparkprimary.co.uk and is being sent to you weekly **via email from your child's teacher** on Mondays with check-ins on Wednesdays and Fridays. There are Bug Club, MyMaths and TTRockstars. There are also BBC Bitesize Daily Lessons and lessons from the National Oak Academy.

If your device does not support home learning, we can send paper copies to you. Please contact the School Office on 020 7525 9033 or **office@brunswickpark.southwark.sch.uk** to request these.

Home Learning and Learning in Reduced Provision

In school last week Ms Rock led the children to create a piece of wall art inspired by Matisse's cutouts. At home, thoughts in Year 6 turned to VE day and personal history of life during the Second World War.

The Snail;
Henri Matisse
1953



Henri Matisse The Snail 1953

Stay Home,
Stay Safe;
Reduced
Provision at
BPPS, 2020



Great Grandad Illy's story

By Florence Swann



Peter Ilston, my Great Grandad

In 1943, my great grandad, Peter Ilston, followed in the footsteps of his older brother, George, and joined the navy at aged 15 (he lied about his age and told them he was 16!).

He was stationed on HMS Prompt (which was a minesweeper). On the 9th May, 1945, the day after VE day, his ship hit a mine and he was temporarily paralysed. He was taken to hospital in Ostend, Belgium, where he made full recovery.

He was awarded four medals. He lived happily until 2004.



George Ilston, Peter's brother.

Extract from Captain W/O Brown's Log 11th May 1945.
The first check occurred when M.M.S. 115 reported an engine-room defect. As there was obviously no time for a cruise to make up with me I made my own trip. My O.I. 1152 returns,
All went well until at 1700, possibly to wind as the sea was not too heavy as a form of embankment for 3000 tons, 1152000 tons up a mine under her stern. I reported the incident and asked O.I. 1152 for a tug. My O.I. 1152 returns,
An extract from the Captain's log describing the incident



A picture of his ship, HMS Prompt

HMS Prompt (J 378)

Minesweeper of the Algerine class

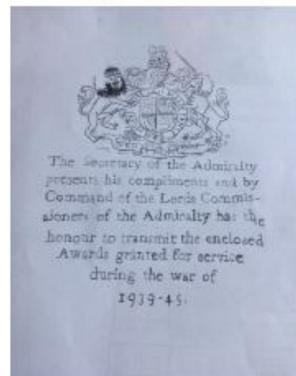
Name	The Royal Navy
Type	Minesweeper
Class	Algerine
Number	J 378
Work	Reciprocating engine
Made by	Radburn Construction Ltd (Toronto, Ontario, Canada)
Ordered	25 Nov 1942
Cost down	25 Nov 1943
Launched	30 Mar 1944
Commissioned	28 Sep 1944
End service	
History	

At 1705 hours on 9 May 1945 HMS Prompt (T/A.L.Cdr. R.K. Hart, RANVR) was mined 12 nautical miles north-west of Ostend, Belgium. She was towed to Southend and declared a constructive total loss, not being worth repairing.

HMS Prompt is not listed as active unit in the October 1945 Navy List
Sold to be broken up for scrap on 16 January 1947.

Information about what happened on the day

Drawings of Grandad Illy's medals: The Defence Medal; The Atlantic Star; The 1939-1945 Star and The War 1939-1945 Medal.



Campaigns, Bars, Clasp and Medals

Name	Service	Medals
Peter Ilston	1943-1945	Defence Medal, Atlantic Star, 1939-1945 Star, War 1939-1945 Medal
George Ilston	1943-1945	Defence Medal, Atlantic Star, 1939-1945 Star, War 1939-1945 Medal



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>

Please look at our website www.brunswickparkprimary.co.uk for links to home learning and our updated Safeguarding Policy in light of the Coronavirus Restrictions.

Our Inclusion Team will continue to make welfare calls and visits throughout the school closure period, and Marjorie Damah, School Home Support Worker, continues to work 4 days per week as usual.

Please contact the school in the usual way.

Right to Reply:

25/05/20: 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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