

# Brunswick Park Primary School

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This month's Focus Value is *Tolerance*

Dear Parents and Carers

Your children have now been at school for half a term – 32 school days – and the time has come for their first break of this academic year. I hope you are able to have an enjoyable week with your children, and perhaps even a bit of a rest (!) over the Half Term Break. A reminder that tomorrow is an INSET day, so school is closed to pupils whilst the staff receive training.

A big thank you to all who came along today to the Official Opening of Brunswick's newest teaching space: **THE HOUSE KITCHEN**. Tashni and Joseph A in Year 3 are responsible for its name, after sifting through nearly 200 suggestions from Brunswick's children. The name was chosen for its simplicity, its obvious description and because it will not date. Thanks also go to our catering partners ISS for providing refreshments, and to our invited guests and governors who have been so supportive of the project. I believe firmly that children's education should be as broad as possible and that powerful opportunities for learning exist outside the classroom and in practical and outdoor activities. The House Kitchen provides these opportunities, and the children are understandably very excited about learning there.

Much of this newsletter is dedicated to the fabulous FoBs International Event last Wednesday where so many of Brunswick's families danced, ate and played music to celebrate the fact that our school community comes from almost every country in the World. Ethan and his family's Bolivian dancing was a particular treat; please check the website over the holiday for a short video reminder.

Finally, Parents Evenings are scheduled for 6 and 7 November, and Victoria from the School Office has contacted you to make an appointment via ParentMail to see your child's teacher. Please make every effort to attend, as children make the best progress when their parents, carers and teachers work together to support each other.

I wish you all the best for a peaceful and enjoyable week, and look forward to seeing you again on Monday 30 October.

Susannah Bellingham  
Head Teacher

## International Day 2017!

Last week Brunswick Park came together to celebrate our annual International Event. Our playground became an explosion of colour and music thanks to the Friends of Brunswick Park School. There was food from all over the world, face painting, and a wonderful song and dance display from some of our pupils and parents.



"I got a Henna tattoo and tasted food from India. I also got to play the heartbeat drum with my class which was scary but really fun!"  
Chloe, Y5.



"International day was so exciting! My class sang a song about the world and I got to try food from all over the place. My favourite snack was the Somalian food."  
Safaa, Y4.



**A big thank you from the FOBs to everyone who came to the International Event. Thank you for wearing colourful and fabulous clothes, cooking delicious food, dancing and for bringing a great atmosphere of sharing and fun to the occasion!**

## Congratulations to the Brilliant Club!

Last week the Brunswick Park Brilliant Club travelled to Sussex University to attend their Graduation Ceremony. All Club members had completed a 1000 word essay and we are delighted that all of our students received top marks! Congratulations to Gibril, Zoe, Housamatu, Nicole, Sharon and Sarah from Year 6. The Brilliant Club is a charity set up to increase the number of pupils from under-represented groups progressing to highly selective universities.



## PE News

Spaces are available after Half Term for the following PE Clubs: Monday Football (Y5/6), Thursday Gymnastics (Y1/2 and 3) Friday Gym Fit (Y3, 4, 5 and 6).

We have launched our Y5 and 6 School Football Team which trains at Burgess Park on Friday evenings and will play matches against other local clubs and schools. The training and matches are run by coaches from United All Stars FC and will give both boys and girls a great opportunity to improve their football skills.

## Secondary School Applications

Southwark Secondary School's deadline for completing online applications is **31 October**. Missing this deadline means your application will not be considered until 2 March 2018. If you need support please call the technical support team on 020 8255 5555.

## A note to parents of children in Class 3C:

Our sharing assembly will now take place on Thursday 30 November at 12:10.

## The House Kitchen

This week Jonny and a group of Year 3 pupils used our newly opened House Kitchen for the first time! The students cooked up a delicious green tortilla using chard picked from the school allotments, and enjoyed the more spacious work area.



## Reading over Half Term

We encourage all children to continue their reading throughout the holidays with the support of parents and carers. This will enhance their enjoyment and motivation as they progress in their reading.

## School Photographs

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.

## 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.

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## Attendance Update

Whole school Attendance for week 09/10 - 13/10:

**98.2%**

**Whole School Attendance Target = 97%**

### Right to Reply:

19/10/17: 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.