

# Brunswick Park Primary School

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This month's Focus Value is *Loyalty*

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been an extremely busy fortnight since the last Newsletter, beginning with Levi Roots' visit on 23 January. As a local man – he still lives in Brixton – he is keen to make links in his local area, and as a boy growing up in Jamaica without access to school (his older brothers went but he stayed at home watching his Grandmother cook and make relish that was so hot it 'burned off yo' mout'), he believes strongly in the importance of education. He thought the Kitchen House was amazing and really enjoyed the children's cooking, which he said was well spiced and balanced. He even played us out of the hall on his guitar!

He brought with him a very important message that he shared in assembly with Years 5 and 6: that everyone has their own Unique Selling Point (USP), and when you find it, the best person to be is yourself. Although he made mistakes and got his numbers wrong when he went to the Dragons for investment on Dragon's Den, two of the Dragons did not care; they believed in him because of who he was – the whole package – not just because he could make hot sauce. All of them have benefited from that belief as a result.

Self-belief and perseverance are so important in learning; the belief that you can, even though it doesn't always go right, is key, and is a great message for our children to hear.

With best wishes for a peaceful and enjoyable weekend.

Susannah Bellingham, Head Teacher

### Employment Skills Workshop

There is a one day Employment Skills Workshop for parents and carers with volunteers from the City firm Blackrock Investment on Wednesday 21 February 2018 from 9:30am-11:00am.

If you need help to write a CV, need your CV updated/improved or need to develop other skills to help you along your journey to find work, please sign up at the school Office or speak to Marjorie Damah, our School Home Support Practitioner. Come along – you are very welcome!

### FoBs Valentine's Cake Sale

In the spirit of spreading love and happiness, and of course to raise funds for the school, the Friends of Brunswick are holding their annual Valentine's Cake Sale on Thursday 8 February at 3.30pm in both playgrounds. The children will have decorated many of the cakes on offer; please come prepared with some money and a hearty appetite! Thank you for your support.

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...then Levi Roots went to the Middle Hall where Years 5 and 6 were waiting for him to do an assembly all about how he found his Unique Selling Point (USP) – and that it was him! Be yourself and have faith in your abilities; the best person to be is yourself.





## Values Education

In its press release on 27 November 2014, the Department for Education told all schools to promote 'British Values'.

What are they?

According to Ofsted, British values are:

democracy; the rule of law; individual liberty; mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith.

Brunswick Park is a values based school where great emphasis is placed upon SMSC: children's Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural development. Our British Values Statement, available on our website under Our School, explains the values we promote, teach and celebrate at Brunswick, which include those that the DfE refer to as 'British'. We believe that through promoting British values, our children will become responsible citizens for the future who show mutual respect and tolerance of others, value their own liberty and understand the rules of law and democracy, whilst demonstrating care and compassion for all. Whilst we recognise that these values are fundamental to life in Britain, we believe that they are fundamental to life anywhere in the World.

# Steel Pans

On Tuesday, pupils from Years 4 and 5 experienced some Caribbean musical culture through a Steel Pan workshop. The steel pan originated in the late 1930s in Trinidad and Tobago. The pans are made from industrial drums that used to contained chemicals. We started the day by being treated to an exciting performance of Three Little Birds, Sorry and Feelin' Hot Hot Hot before classes began their workshops. The children learned a variety of tunes ranging from Classical to Calypso. And they loved it!



# Year 1 is going to London Zoo!

On Thursday 8 February Year 1 is going to London Zoo to learn about animals as part their topic this term. If your child is in Year 1, please ensure your permission slips and contributions are returned to Anna, Hannah or the School Office by Tuesday 6 February.



## Year 4 at Wonderlab in the Science Museum

On Thursday 1 February Year 4 spent the day at Wonderlab in the Science Museum to learn more about Electricity. They took part in problem solving activities and saw a science show and demonstrations. The children showed great perseverance and focus, and really enjoyed the spectacle in the Wonderlab itself, which is an excellent, high quality resource.

It is highly recommended; if you have the opportunity, do go along.

### Inclusion and Diversity at Brunswick Park

Brunswick Park Primary School is Resource Based for children with Autism, so its number of pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) is higher than average. We pride ourselves in our inclusive ethos and strive to enable **every** child in the school to fulfill his or her potential. Autism affects every child who has it differently, but it commonly causes anxiety as it affects the ability to understand social situations and to communicate. This can be shown in lots of ways, which although may sometimes appear alarming or distressing, staff are trained to manage. British Values include mutual respect, which we are pleased that the vast majority of our school community shows towards everyone.

## **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 2A for 99.5% attendance for week ending**

**26.01.18**

**Whole School Attendance for that week: 95.55%**

**Whole School Attendance Target = 97%**

### **Right to Reply:**

**02/02/18: 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.**

