

# Brunswick Park Primary School

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This month's Focus Value is *Gratitude*

Dear Parents and Carers

A very warm welcome back after a fortnight of rain! I hope you had a great break with your children, and it is lovely to see them back in school so ready and willing to learn. It does not seem fair that we are now basking in 27 degree heat, but we are coping. During this heatwave, please ensure your child is dressed for the weather - white, grey or black ankle socks, grey shorts and purple checked dresses are all hot weather school uniform options - and that your child has a named bottle of plain water to drink in class. Drinking water is available to everyone in all the playgrounds. Whilst the Sun is this strong, sunscreen and a hat are also advised.

The Summer Term is action packed, with trips and visits, performances, Sports Week and assessments. This newsletter and our website contains all the main diary dates you need for the rest of this school year; please make a note of them so you are prepared, as time does fly.

Our children in Years 6, 2 and 1 take Statutory Assessments this term. Most Year 6 pupils take tests (SATs) over 4 days in the week beginning 14 May, most Year 1 pupils and some Year 2 pupils take part in a Phonics Screening Check and Year 2 pupils are assessed by their teachers in reading, writing and mathematics during May. Updated 2018 guides for parents and carers about Year 2 and Year 6 assessments are available on our website under the Our Parents Tab. Our staff work tirelessly to ensure our children are well prepared both academically and emotionally, and we are very careful to approach the assessments sensibly, without putting undue pressure on the children involved. We encourage them to take pride in all their work and to try their best in everything they attempt, so our children take the same approach to assessments. You may hear stories in the media about tests causing children concern and fear; I am pleased to say that our work to minimise these is very effective and that children's attitudes towards them are positive. Please take time to support and encourage your children at home, and to ensure they complete their homework. Children achieve best when school and home work in partnership.

Finally, some very happy news: Mrs Fallon, 3C's Class Teacher and Learning Leader for Years 3 and 4 (and Mr Bump during World Book Day) had a baby girl on 5 April. Her arrival was a surprise to all of us as she was not due until 15 May, but she is home safe and sound and mother and baby are doing well. Mrs Fallon has named her Eireann, and will bring her in to meet the children later this term. We welcome Miss Ella Folkard who has arrived from New Zealand to join our staff team in Year 3 to cover Mrs Fallon's Maternity Leave, and I know you will make her welcome too.

With best wishes for a peaceful and enjoyable warm weekend.

Susannah Bellingham  
Head Teacher



## Breakfast Club Charge Increase

As the school's finances continue to be squeezed by Government cuts to Education Funding, sadly we are no longer able to subsidise the cost of Breakfast Club to the same extent as we have done up until now. As of 16 April the weekly charge for Breakfast Club is £2.50 per child, payable on Mondays and Tuesdays at the Office.

Please do not give payment to the Breakfast Club Staff, as they are not able to take it. Thank you.



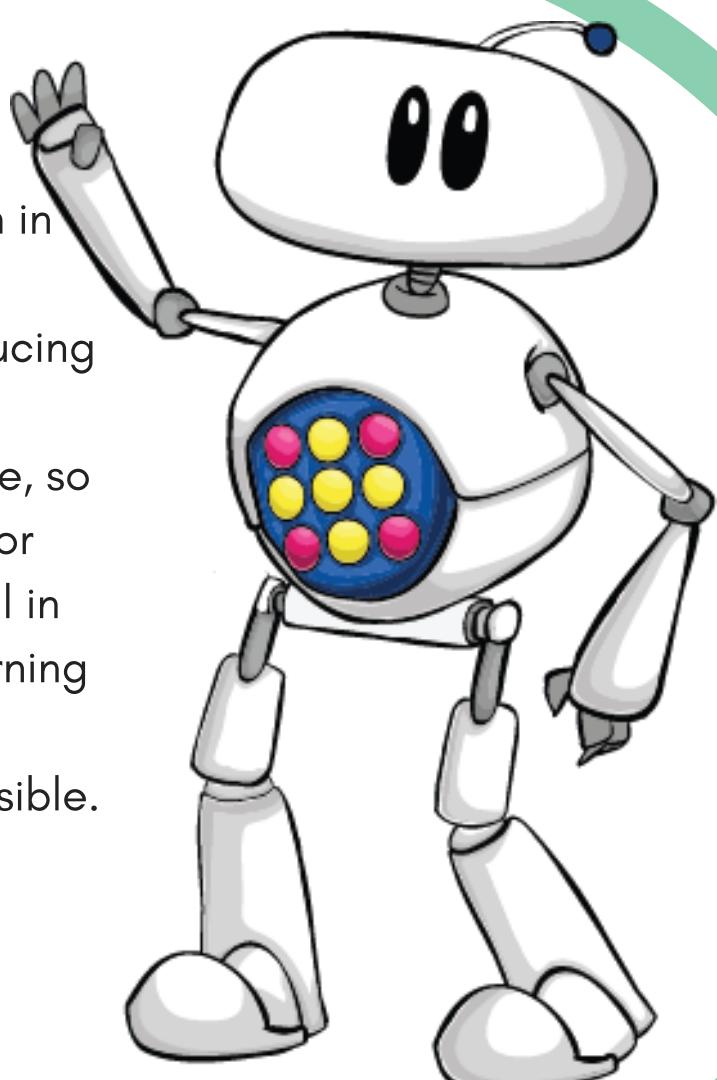
# MyMaths.co.uk

Bringing maths alive

Teaching staff had training last term in our new online Maths resource, **MyMaths.co.uk**, which we are introducing to the children this term.

It is for use both at school and at home, so please look out for our workshops for parents and carers run by Mr Mitchell in how to use it to support children's learning at home in maths.

We hope to see as many of you as possible.



# Homework Expectations at Brunswick Park

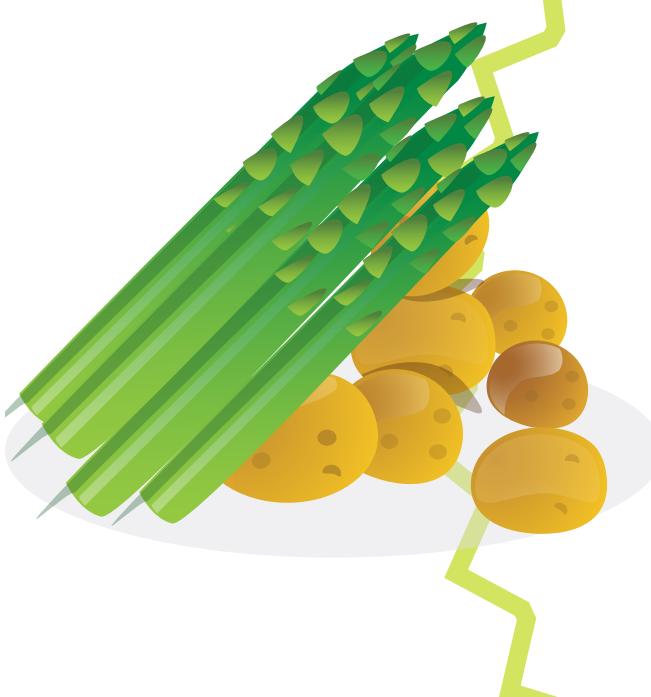
Year Group	Task	Time Allocation
Reception	Daily reading (banded books) Learn High Frequency words	10-15 minutes each day 5-10 minutes each day
Y1	Daily reading (banded books) Weekly spellings (Y1 National Curriculum statutory requirements) Open ended task related to either the year group topic, writing or maths	10-15 minutes each day 5-10 minutes each day 20-30 mins per week
Y2	Daily reading (banded books) Weekly spellings (Y2 National Curriculum statutory requirements) Writing <u>or</u> Maths task Times Tables (x2, x5, x10)	10-15 minutes each day 5-10 minutes each day 20-30 mins per week 5-10 minutes each day
Y3/4	Daily reading (banded books/chapter books) Weekly spellings (Y3/4 National Curriculum word list) Writing task Maths task Times Tables (up to 12 x 12)	10-15 minutes each day 5-10 minutes each day 20-30 minutes per week 20-30 minutes per week 5-10 minutes per day
Y5/6	Daily reading (chapter books) 10-15 minutes each day Weekly spellings (Y5/6 National Curriculum word list) Writing task Maths task Times Tables (x and ÷ facts)	10-15 minutes each day 5-10 minutes each day 20-30 minutes per week 20-30 minutes per week 5-10 minutes per day

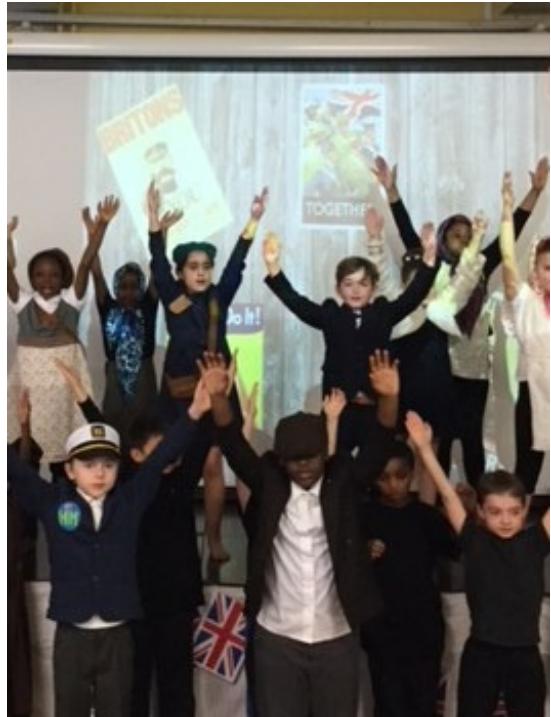
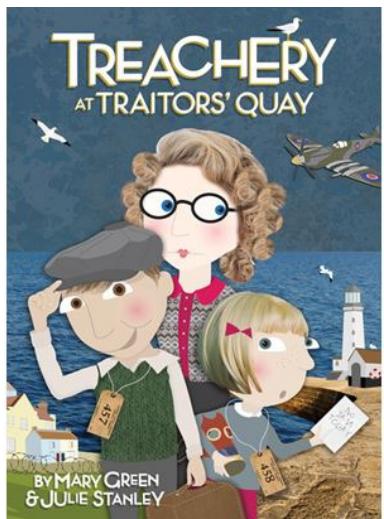
## School Meal Tasting for Parents and Carers

Parents and Carers are warmly invited to taste food from the new School Lunch Menu, devised in association with ISS and helped by the children, and approved by nutritionists and dietitians, on:

**Tuesday 1 May at 2.30pm in the Brunswick Bistro.**

Please report to the School Office at 2.20pm to sign in and collect a Visitor's badge. The new menu began for the children on 16 April, and you will receive a copy this term.





On 28 March Years 3 and 4 presented the gripping World War II Spy Musical Drama Treachery at Traitors' Quay. Thanks to all those parents, carers, friends and family members who came along to support the children, who did an absolutely EXCELLENT job ably assisted by our fabulous Specialist Music Teacher Paula Hales and the Years 3 and 4 Staff Teams.

It is important that we remember that education is so much more than the 3 Rs. We have to enable children to be creative, to sing, play musical instruments, dance, perform, draw and paint, discuss, think about the World and its citizens and play games and sport, as without these children cannot grow into well-rounded, considerate people. Brunswick's ethos is inclusive, and every child took part, from the most confident to speak clearly in front of a crowd to those with autism who find communication challenging. It was the highest quality performance by children of that age that has ever been seen at Brunswick, and we should all be proud of what all our children can do when we work together.

## Diary Dates

<b>16 April:</b>	<b>Summer Term Begins</b>
<b>01-31 May:</b>	<b>KS1 Assessment Period</b>
<b>14-17 May:</b>	<b>Year 6 End of KS2 SATs</b>
<b>25 May:</b>	<b>Break up for Half Term at 3.30pm</b>
<b>28 May - 1 June:</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
<b>04 June:</b>	<b>Return to School</b>
<b>11-15 June:</b>	<b>Year 1 Phonics Screening Check</b>
<b>18-22 June:</b>	<b>Sports Week</b>
<b>4-5 July:</b>	<b>Early Years Production</b>
<b>6 July:</b>	<b>Carnival</b>
<b>9-10 July:</b>	<b>Parents' Evenings and End of Year Reports</b>
<b>11-12 July:</b>	<b>Year 6 Production</b>
<b>13 July:</b>	<b>Year 6 Trip to Adventure Island</b>
<b>20 July:</b>	<b>Graduation - Year 6 Leavers</b>
<b>20 July:</b>	<b>Break up for the Summer Holidays at 2.00pm</b>

### Sharing Assemblies:

**Year 1: Wednesday 23 May at 11.30am**

**Year 2: 27 and 28 June End of Year Celebration**

**Year 3: Wednesday 13 June at 12 Noon**

**Year 4: Thursday 7 June at 12 Noon**

**Year 5: Thursday 17 May at 12.30pm**

**Reception and Year 6 are presenting Productions - dates above**



On Friday 20 April Years 1-6 were visited by Chris and Dan of Explorer Dome.

They set up an inflatable Planetarium in the Hall to give the children an interactive scientific experience linked to their learning in school.

Years 1 and 2 learned about ENVIRONMENT

Years 3 and 4 learned about FORCES

Years 5 and 6 learned about the EARTH

These images are of Year 1 learning about Rainforest animals and habitats, complete with sounds, light and water!

As you can see, the children really enjoyed their experiences and were incredibly enthusiastic.

We thank Miss Juliette Woods, our Science Leader, for organising them.



## **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.

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## **Attendance Update**

**Congratulations to Class 5C with 100%**

**Well done!**

**Whole School Attendance for W/B 26.03.18: 95.71%**

**Whole School Attendance Target = 97%**

### **Right to Reply:**

**20/04/18: 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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