

# Brunswick Park Primary School

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This month's Focus Value is *Democracy*

Dear Parents and Carers

It is almost unheard of that the weather improves before a Bank Holiday, but it is about time, as it has been challenging coping with the strange and unseasonal huge changes in temperature over the last fortnight. We all deserve a sunny weekend.

Our pupils in Year 6 are the first to take statutory tests (SATs) of the 3 Year Groups involved. They begin on Monday 14 May with Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar, otherwise known as SPAG, and end on Thursday 17 May with maths. Parents and carers of our Year 6 pupils have been written to separately about the testing arrangements, which include a daily warm-up breakfast during that week. If you are a parent or carer of a pupil in Year 6, it is especially important your child arrives promptly for breakfast on those days, as staff use this time to coach and reassure children who might find the testing process stressful to enable everyone to do their best. If you have not been watching already, I urge you to watch the Channel 4 series 'The Class of Mum and Dad', in which a group of parents and carers in Bolton go back to primary school to be taught as Year 6 children and then sit their SATs. Needless to say, they find it extremely hard, and their children do better than them in all but reading. It is a timely reminder of just how high expectations are of 11-year olds in England today, and of how well Brunswick's children do to meet them. I thank you as always for your support in helping us and in helping your children.

In other news, Jonny White and Fiona O'Malley have taken our latest batch of budding farmers to School Food Matters in Borough Market to start the process of growing this year's vegetable crop. Our allotments and garden will soon be full of seedlings ready for the children to tend and harvest in October, when they will sell the produce in Borough Market, with any luck for a handsome profit for charity. Watch this space to find out just how big a Caspian Street pumpkin can be.

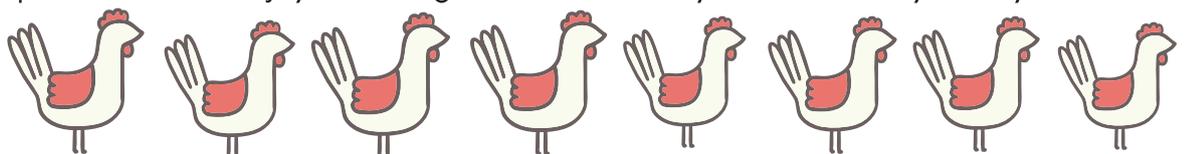
Finally, we have two new additions at Brunswick Park in the form of chickens - named by our Nursery children using a democratic vote - Fi Fi and Coo Coo. They are beautiful Gingernut Rangers who are placid and calm and like nothing better than a scratch around the Nursery garden. The children love them and their company and cannot wait until they start laying the finest eggs available in Camberwell, which will be used in Jonny's cooking groups. The hens teach our children about how to care for animals, what living things need to grow and develop, where food comes from, responsibility and how to read and interpret behaviour. Understanding how to look after animals well makes us better people - kinder and with more capacity for empathy - and never has there been a time when we have needed these more. May the foxes spare them!

With best wishes for a peaceful and enjoyable long weekend. See you on Tuesday 8 May.

Best wishes

Susannah Bellingham

Head Teacher



# 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**

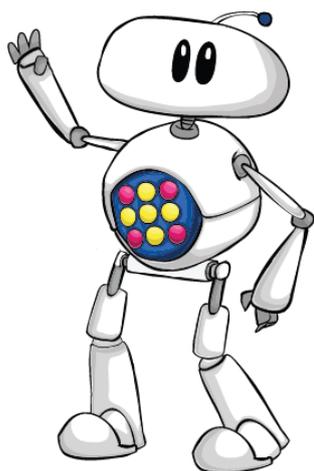
**Year 2: 27 and 28 June End of Year Celebration**

**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**



**MyMaths.co.uk**  
Bringing maths alive

**The MyMaths Information Meeting for Parents and Carers is on Wednesday 9 May at 9.00am in the Middle Hall with Mr Mitchell.**

**Your child was given a letter this week with further details and a login. If you have not seen it yet please search his/her Book Bag!**

The population of Brunswick Park Nursery increased by two this week, when the children and staff welcomed our beautiful Gingernut Ranger hens.

The hens are about 16 weeks old, and have settled in beautifully to Nursery life. They should begin to lay eggs in the next week or two, and are busy exploring their special corner of the Nursery and making friends with the children.

In keeping with the local elections, the children voted for the names and by popular vote, the girls are now known as Fi Fi and Coo Coo!



## Introducing our new hens!



## School Meal Tasting for Parents and Carers - NEW DATE

We apologise for the supply issues that caused the postponement of this week's ISS Food Tasting event. We are delighted to announce we have a new date, and that this time the tasting WILL happen!

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 8 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.

## 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.

## New Bike Shelter

We are delighted to announce that on Thursday 10 May a brand new bike shelter will be installed in the Key Stage 2 Playground.

This will enable children to cycle or scoot to school. We really want to get all of the Brunswick Park School Community moving and as the lovely weather approaches it gives us a fabulous opportunity to make that happen.

In a recent survey the children reported that they wanted to cycle and scoot more.

We really want to make that easier for everyone, so we will be launching our new bike shelter in early June, when it is finished!

Moving forward, we are considering how to make our air cleaner and improve our environment. Brunswick Park is one of only 12 schools in Southwark to hold Healthy Schools Silver Award status because of our focus and excellent work on healthy food and diet, cooking and nutrition, exercise, PE and Sport. It was reported in the press this week that Camberwell Green's children are the most overweight in the country. We will continue to teach our pupils to make healthy choices and to enjoy physical activity.

Let's get Brunswick moving!

Together we can,

Alex Louis and Brunswick's 'Team Travel'

HEALTHY  
SCHOOLS  
LONDON

SILVER AWARD





## Year 3/4 Gymnastics Competition

On Monday 30 April a team of pupils in Years 3 and 4 from Brunswick participated in an Inter-Schools Gymnastics Competition in our Sports Hall, organised by our fantastic specialist PE teacher Andrew Payne.

The children competed against pupils from other Southwark primary schools, including Charles Dickens and St Joseph's, and they won!

We are very proud of them, their talent and their perseverance, and wish them many congratulations.

The competition for Years 5 and 6 is coming up in June.

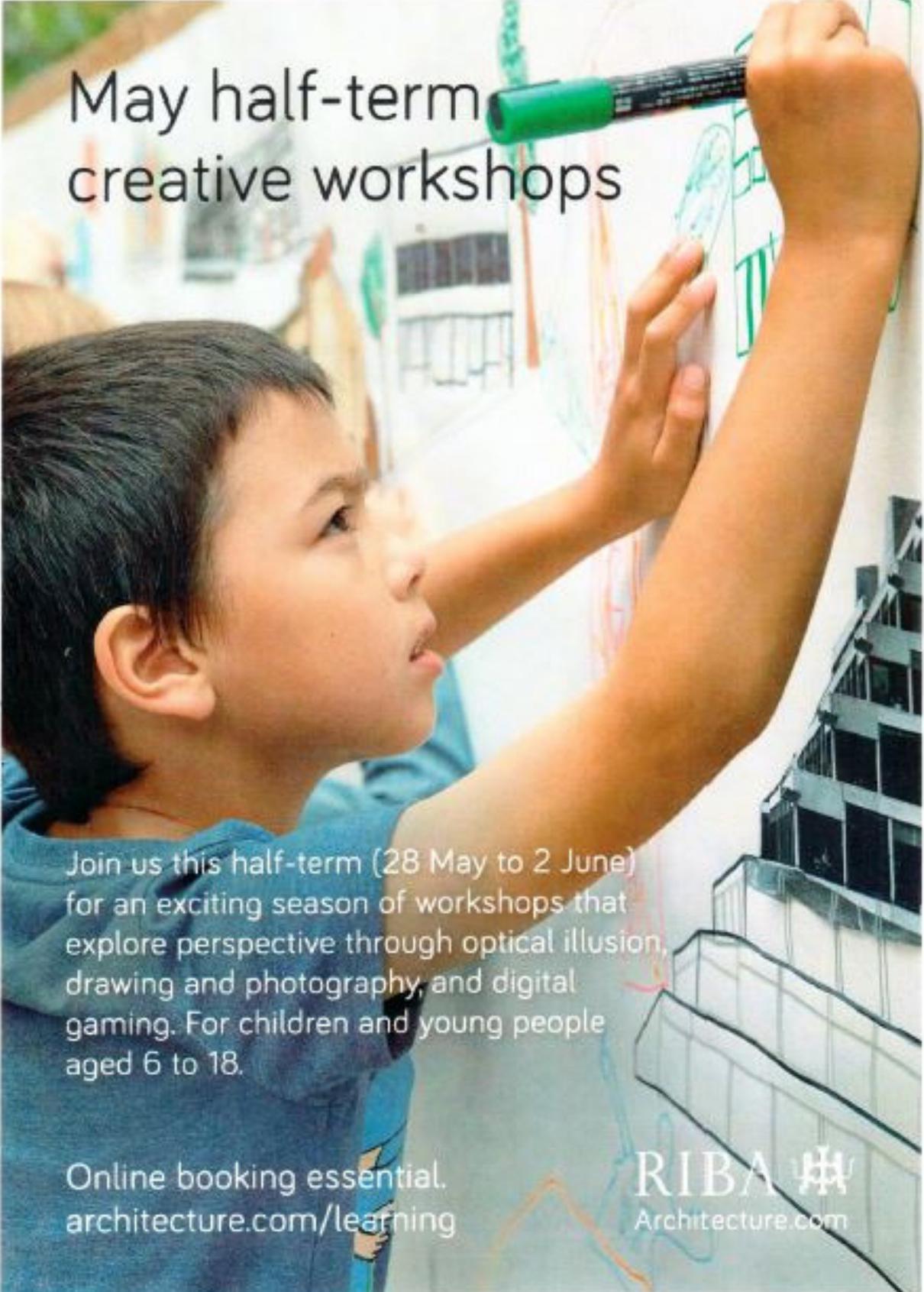


## Homework Expectations at Brunswick Park - Reminder

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

# Looking for something interesting to do over Half Term?

Our Home School Support Worker Marjorie Damah suggests these:



May half-term  
creative workshops

Join us this half-term (28 May to 2 June) for an exciting season of workshops that explore perspective through optical illusion, drawing and photography, and digital gaming. For children and young people aged 6 to 18.

Online booking essential.  
[architecture.com/learning](http://architecture.com/learning)

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Architecture.com

# Brunswick's Teddy Tombola

In preparation for our Carnival in July, we are looking for donations of unwanted teddies and soft toys in good condition for our Teddy Tombola. If you have toys to donate, please bring them to the School Office as soon as you can.

This allows Tracey Yendall to give them a makeover before the big day!



LONDON'S GLOBAL UNIVERSITY

UCL

BRING YOUR FAMILY TO  
UNIVERSITY – YEAR 5 & 6

**Saturday 16 June 2018 –**  
*For students in years 5 and 6, and their families - this is a **FREE** event*

We look forward to welcoming you to UCL:

- / Find out what university is really like
- / Discover the wide range of subjects available at university
- / Advice on transitioning from primary to secondary school
- / Meet current UCL students and find out about their experience of studying at UCL
- / Opportunity to ask questions to university staff and students
- / This event is **free** and lunch will be provided

For further information please contact:  
Jake Featherstone / [wp.pre16@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:wp.pre16@ucl.ac.uk) /  
020 7679 8153

University College London, Gower Street, London WC1E 6BT

*"This is a great program and a big help, especially to parents that do not have a university education. It helps a lot with encouraging and opening the kids eyes to consider going to university"*

*"I'm so glad we came. All my questions were answered and I feel so confident to guide my son through the university application process"*

**Saturday 16 June**  
**09:30 – 15:00**  
**Apply here:**  
**[ucl.ac.uk/wp/family-visits](http://ucl.ac.uk/wp/family-visits)**

## 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 Classes 5A and 5B with 99.55%**

**Well done!**

Whole School Attendance for W/B 23.04.18: **96.55%**

**Whole School Attendance Target = 97%**

## Right to Reply:

**04/05/18: 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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