

Brunswick Park Primary School

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Next month's Focus Value is *Courtesy*

Dear Parents and Carers

Food is so much more than fuel – it represents sharing, welcome and friendship and brings people together – and with food at its centre the FoBs held a very successful International Event to showcase the many different countries and cultures represented at Brunswick Park and in the local community. Who knew that Brunswick's parents and carers were such amazing cooks? It was wonderful to see so many people tuck in to delicious food from around the world whilst joining in with the other activities on offer, and seeing the community join together so positively is extremely encouraging. If you would like to join the FoBS to keep developing Brunswick's spirit of community, please ask at the School Office where staff will put you in contact with them.

After the Half Term Break, we have planned a piece of work with the children about our school's values and on which of them they feel to be the most important. As the school is a community of values that informs how we and the children learn and behave, we need to ensure they are meaningful to everyone in school and can be linked clearly to the school's aims and ethos and to the reward systems used to praise children for their achievements and hard work. I will keep you informed about the results of this work and the changes that result to improve further the children's school experience.

We also plan to focus once again on reading; choosing books that are suitably challenging to help children make good progress and on the importance of reading for pleasure regularly at home. Reading is a skill that improves with regular practice, and we rely on your support to help us. Encouraging your children to read every day makes a real difference to the progress they make, and we all want them to make the best progress they can.

With best wishes for a peaceful and enjoyable Half Term,
Susannah Bellingham, Head Teacher

22-26 October:

HALF TERM

29 October:

Children return to school

5-6 November:

Parents' Evenings

9 November:

Wear Blue for Anti-Bullying

14 November:

Individual Photographs

Upcoming Dates

Don't forget!
All dates and
News are on
the school's
website -
address at the
top of this
page.

23 November:

Primary Admissions Meeting
for Parents and Carers

12 December:

Winter Production Key Stage 1

13 December:

Winter Production Key Stage 1

20 December:

Last day of Term –
children finish at 2pm

Brunswick Park's Junior Travel Ambassadors

'Team Travel' at Brunswick went to a Sustainable Travel Workshop on Wednesday 17 October to present ideas to the Council about improving travel to, from and around the school.

Our Junior Travel Ambassadors did an amazing job and made such a positive impact at the workshop. They were very charismatic!

They have some great ideas for the future including walking challenges in school, a glittery road surface for a crossing point on Picton Street and a playground walking activity trail.

They were a credit to the school.



Moving to Secondary School - Completing CAFs

The Secondary School Common Application Forms (CAF) deadline at Brunswick is **19 October 2018. The final LA deadline is 31 October.**

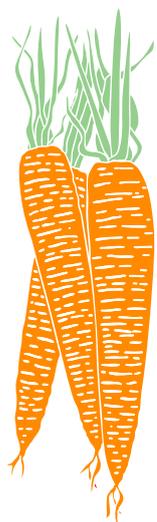
If you have missed Brunswick's deadline and are keeping to the Local Authority's you can attend a session at the twice weekly drop in surgery at the Peckham 'One Stop Shop', Peckham Library, 122 Peckham Hill St, London SE15 5JT, telephone number 020 7525 5000, where staff can provide advice and support if you need it and help you make your online application.

Forming a Gardening Group

As many of you know, Caspian Street Allotments are just around the corner from the school and each year our Year 3 pupils make many visits there to dig, sow seeds, water, weed and eventually harvest (and eat!). Gardening and cooking, including looking after our hens, are valued highly at Brunswick Park for the life skills they teach and for the huge number of cross-curricular learning opportunities they provide: measurement, calculation, discussion, writing, planning, presentation, co-operation and teamwork, developing independence and taking responsibility.

To do these the school maintains three plots on the part of the Caspian Street site that is reserved for local community groups and the Caspian Street Allotment Association is now looking to attract more groups to fill recently vacated plots.

Are you a member of a local community group such as a residents' association or local authority tenants' group? Are you involved with a youth centre or any organisation that brings local people together? Would you be keen to form a parents and children gardening group made up of families in your neighbourhood? If you answer 'yes' to any of these questions and your group is interested in taking over a plot in Caspian Street Allotments Community Area then please contact our Teaching Assistant for Special Projects, Jonny White, via the school office, by email jwhite210.lgflmail.org or simply speak to him most afternoons at home time - he'll be in the House Kitchen in the corner of the Key Stage 2 playground.



International Event!



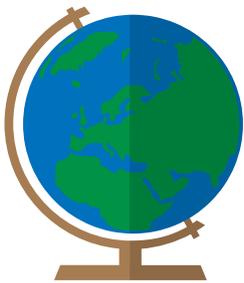
International Event!



Thank you to everyone who made a contribution to 2018's FoBS International Event on Thursday 11 October. The school community joined together brilliantly to showcase the fact that Brunswick is both multi-cultural and multi-national, and that we are lucky enough to have huge parts of the world represented in our school.



Thanks go to the FoBs for excellent organisation, to the children for their outfits, to the Eguez Caceres family for fabulous dancing, to the staff for helping and to all the parents and carers that provided such delicious food that brought us all together!





At this time of year, communities around the country are celebrating Harvest time, and the safe gathering-in of food and supplies for the coming winter. Traditionally, in the past, the Harvest gatherings helped us prepare for leaner times.

In towns and cities these days, our needs are different. In the times we live in, we face other sorts of challenges - changes to work contracts, in-work benefits, high rents and temporary housing can mean that families, through no fault of their own, find themselves short of money. This can mean they are unable to afford paying their rent and bills, AND buying food.

This is where the Southwark Food Bank (Pecan) comes in. Funded by The Trussell Trust, The Food Bank provides families and individuals with three day's worth of basic food supplies to meet the immediate crisis, but also advice and support to help improve circumstances. Families have described the Food Bank as "a lifeline...the people at the Food Bank were wonderful, they understood and helped us".

This year, to give thanks for the work they do, our Harvest focus was to raise donations for the Food Bank. We asked for donations of dried and tinned food and toiletries. Thanks to your incredible generosity, we collected 6 huge boxes of food! This will provide a lot of emergency food boxes for local families in need.

Thank you so much, and have a wonderful half term break.





METROPOLITAN
POLICE



CAMBERWELL GREEN

SATURDAY 27th OCTOBER 2018 between 1100 -1400 hours

COME AND MEET YOUR LOCAL JOINT ENFORCEMENT TEAM and DESIGNATED WARD OFFICERS

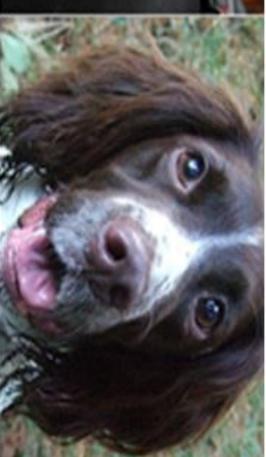
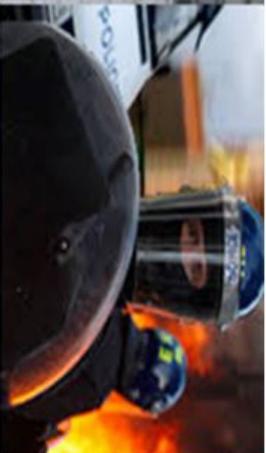
along with our colleagues from

Mounted Branch, Traffic and Public Order Training

(subject to operational deployments)

Southwark Council Wardens and Police will be patrolling the park, engaging and offering crime prevention advice

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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 Class 6A with over 99% and 6B with 100%

Well done!

Whole School Attendance for W/B 08.10.18: 96.0%

Whole School Attendance for W/B 15.10.18: 95.5%

Whole School Attendance Target = 97%

Right to Reply:

19/10/18: Please email the address below to give us constructive suggestions or comments, including your name and your child's class.

Thank you.

office@brunswickpark.southwark.sch.uk