

Brunswick Park Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

This month's Focus Value is **Kindness**

Time has flown past after the most miserably wet February Half Term Break I can remember. Many children tell me the weather prevented them from doing much outdoors or much that was fun, so we are trying especially hard to provide exciting opportunities for them to learn and play. In the fortnight since the children returned there have been sharing assemblies, a guitar recital, trips to Ruskin Park, the Cutty Sark, the National Maritime Museum and the Garden Museum and lots of activities to support World Book Day. Grateful thanks go to the FoBS, staff, children and you for outstanding effort! There is plenty of detail about most of these in this Newsletter. There is also information for parents and carers who want to learn English through ESOL classes and for parents and carers of pupils in Year 6 about the receipt of their offers of secondary school places for September 2020.

The topic of the moment, however, is the Coronavirus (COVID-19), a case of which in a child's parent closed Lyndhurst Primary School for a day last week as a precautionary measure and for a deep clean. I have written to all parents and carers separately about the virus, and take this opportunity once again to assure you that we follow all advice given to us in the daily updates we get from Public Health England. All children have been taught the 6 steps of handwashing using soap and water and to wash their hands for 20 seconds or as long as it takes to sing Happy Birthday twice. Finally, our Focus Value this month is Kindness; a value that is particularly apt at the moment following Safer Internet Day last month when it was reinforced with the children the importance of using Social Media sensibly, safely and kindly. If you would not say it to someone's face, then do not type it on your device. When high-profile people fall victim to unkindness, it reminds us all of the power of words and the potentially devastating consequences of their misuse.

So, in a world where we can be anything, be kind.

(And if we can't be kind, be quiet.)

With best wishes for a peaceful and enjoyable fortnight ahead

Susannah Bellingham

Head Teacher

PS: WELL DONE

EVERYONE who went

Fizz Free in Feb!



Upcoming Dates this Term

Daily Mile: 8.40-8.55am Wednesdays on the KS2 Playground - on 11 March it is for Sport Relief so there will be buckets for change....

9 March: RE Day - Judaism

13 March: Sport Relief

11-13 March: Year 3 to Gorsefield Rural Studies Centre and Alternative School Journey

1-2 April: Parents' Evenings

3 April: END OF TERM - children finish at 2pm



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

CORONAVIRUS WASH YOUR HANDS MORE OFTEN FOR 20 SECONDS

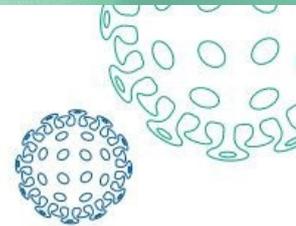
Use soap and water or a hand sanitiser when you:

- Get home or into work
- Blow your nose, sneeze or cough
- Eat or handle food



For more information and the Government's Action Plan go to nhs.uk/coronavirus

Advice on the coronavirus for places of education



How serious is the coronavirus?

- it can cause flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough & difficulty breathing
- the infection is not serious for most people, including children
- there is currently no vaccine
- most people get better with enough rest, water to drink and medicine for pain

How likely are you to catch the virus?

- you can only catch it if you have been close to a person who has the virus
- the chance of being in contact with the virus is currently low in the UK
- if you have travelled to areas where many people are infected, your chance of catching the virus is higher, i.e. China and any affected areas

If there is an emergency, call 999 immediately

How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?

If you need to cough or sneeze



Catch it with a tissue



Bin it



Kill it by washing your hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser



After breaks & sport activities



Before cooking & eating



SCHOOL ETC.

On arrival at any childcare or educational setting



After using the toilet



Before leaving home



Try not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands



Do not share items that come into contact with your mouth such as cups & bottles



If unwell do not share items such as bedding, dishes, pencils & towels



Stop germs spreading with our e-Bug resources on hand and respiratory hygiene lesson plans for KS1, 2 and 3: campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools

What should you do if you feel unwell?

Keep away from others and stay at home to stop the infection spreading. Avoid public transport if you think you have symptoms of coronavirus. If you become unwell at a place of education, tell a member of staff and let them know if you have travelled to any other countries in the last 14 days.

If your staff member or parent thinks you have symptoms of coronavirus, they should call **NHS 111** for advice. Follow the UK Government advice for childcare or educational settings [gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19).

Parents can visit [NHS.UK](https://www.nhs.uk) to find out more information. Teachers and support staff should follow the UK Government advice.

Staff, students and pupils who have returned from Iran, specific lockdown areas in northern Italy, special care zones in South Korea or Hubei province China (returned in the past 14 days) should self isolate, and NOT attend education or work for 14 days.

See [NHS.UK](https://www.nhs.uk) for advice on coronavirus.



IN AID OF **SPORT RELIEF**

IT'S GAME ON

This week, Andrew Payne, our PE Subject Leader, will be running a Sponsored Gymnastics Obstacle Course for Sport Relief!

- Each class will do it within their normal PE session;
- Sponsorship forms have gone out, are available to everyone and can be returned to the School Office along with any money raised;
- Everyone will take part regardless whether they are sponsored or not, because...

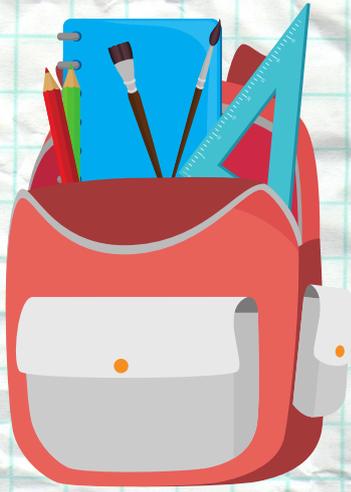
IT'S FUN!!!

The total amount raised will be sent by cheque to Sport Relief.

Sport is for everyone, regardless of ability. Having fun whilst taking exercise is good for both our physical and mental health, and getting into good habits when young sets us up for healthy futures.

Don't forget the Daily Mile on Wednesdays!





Parents and Carers of pupils in Year 6

On 1 March you will have received your offer of a secondary school place for your child by email.

Most parents receive an offer of one of the schools on their preference list.

However, if you did not, and would like to talk to Mrs Bellingham or Mrs Inniss-Griffith about your options, please contact the School Office to make an appointment.

ESOL Classes at Brunswick Park

ESOL CLASSES (English for speakers of other languages)

Brunswick Park, in Partnership with Southwark Adult Education, is running ESOL Classes on Tuesdays from 1.00pm to 3.00pm.

The course is for learners with entry level (beginner's) English.

From 3.00pm to 3.30pm students have time to link up and share information

with each other, before collecting their child/ren at 3.30pm.

The course can help with:

assisting your child with homework

talking to teachers and doctors

improving listening and speaking skills at work

finding a job

participating more fully in life in the UK and the local community

understanding the laws and customs of the UK

If you would like to attend please contact Dena Dada, School Business Manager, who will be happy to help you.

You have now received
the finalised EHCP and
decision letter from the
LA

SIAS

PRIMARY & SECONDARY TRANSFER

D R O P I N

If you require impartial
advice in relation to
any aspect of the EHCP
including:

**Section I - the name of
the school or other
institution to be
attended by your child**

**Or you are considering
appealing to the
Tribunal**

No booking required

SIAS Team

020 7525 3104
sias@southwark.gov.uk

2ND MARCH 2020
Sunshine House
27 Peckham Road
SE5 8UH
10AM - 1PM

*There will be a short talk at
10am about the options
available to you following the
issuing of the final EHCP

30TH MARCH 2020
Southwark Council
160 Tooley Street
SE1 2QH
3PM - 6PM

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3pm about the options
available to you following the
issuing of the final EHCP

SIAS = Southwark Information, Advice and Support Support for parents and carers of pupils with SEND transferring to secondary school in September 2020

Southwark Information, Advice and
Support Team
Children's & Adults Services |
Education Access 0-25
T: 020 7525 3104

Drop In Sessions (term-time only):
Sunshine House, 27 Peckham Road,
London
SE5 8UH
Tuesdays 9am to 12pm
Thursdays 3pm to 6pm

160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH
Mondays 1pm to 4pm
(appointment only - call 020 7525 3104
to book)

JUNIOR BAKE OFF

...IS LOOKING FOR THE UK'S
BEST YOUNG BAKERS
AGED 9 - 15

WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK



**APPLICATIONS CLOSE
SUNDAY 5th APRIL 2020**

Enquiries:
applyforjuniorbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk

Who went Fizz Free in Feb?



A very impressive

83

of us, which is nearly 21%!

WELL DONE!

Your teeth, waistline and pocket will thank you.

Certificates have been awarded to all children - and staff - who returned their charts.

On Monday 24 February Years 1-3 were lucky enough to hear a beautiful recital given by classical guitarist Michael Poll.



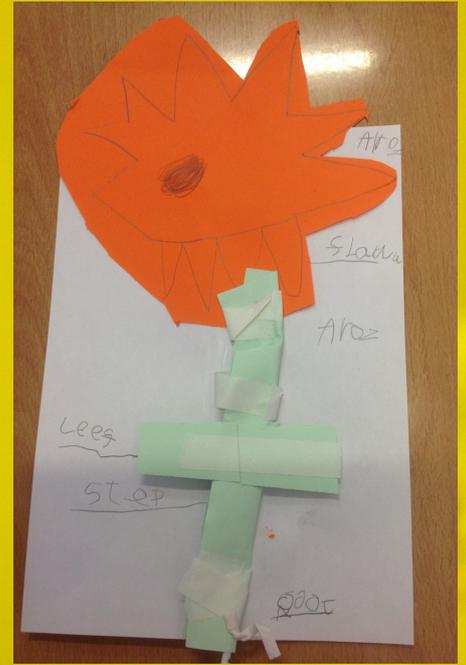
The children asked lots of questions! Thanks go to Southwark Music Service for its support to organise this event.



Year 1 Learning



As part of their science topic, Year 1 pupils have been labelling parts of a plant. They also had to explain what each part of the plant does. They have gone on a 'tree hunt' in Burgess Park to look for deciduous and evergreen trees.



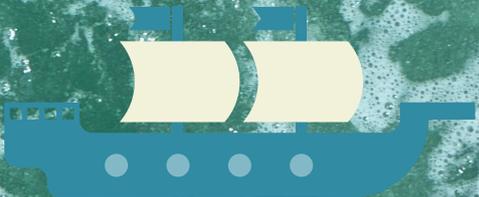
Year 3 Sharing



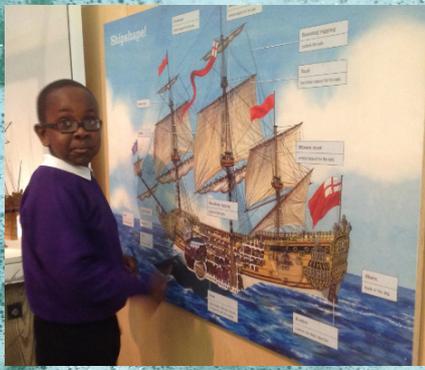
3A shared with parents and carers their work on Romans and Boudicca. They shared lots of information about the battle between the Britons and the Romans and the children sang the HH Boudicca song, which they really enjoyed.

3B shared their work on Human Impact on the Environment and read a poem. Both classes sang a song called the School Rules song which reinforced the High Five in a fun and energetic way.





Year 3 Trip to the Cutty Sark and the National Maritime Museum



Y3 had an exciting (if rather damp) trip to Greenwich. The children visited the National Maritime Museum, where they tried out an active exhibit representing life on board a cargo ship, including how tricky it is to load bales of cargo from a dockside, and then took a riverside walk for amazing views over the Thames, before exploring The Cutty Sark inside and out.

As always, the children were a credit to us and we are very grateful for the parent volunteers who accompanied us.



IT'S WORLD BOOK DAY!



On Wednesday 4 and Thursday 5 March Brunswick Park celebrated World Book Day. There were bedtime stories with pyjamas, hot chocolate and cookies, dressing up as characters from favourite books (with prizes for costumes)



**and lots and lots of reading!
Thanks go to Ms Huszar for her assemblies, certificates, imagination and organisation, and to you and all the children of Brunswick Park for supporting World Book Day. You can see how much the children enjoyed it.**





BOOKSWAP



The Friends of Brunswick School (FoBS) organised another excellent Book Swap in which every child could go home with a free book. Thanks to them and to everyone who donated books for the Swap.



Unswapped books have been donated to charities in Africa to spread the power of reading far and wide.

The FoBS and Ms Huszar also organised a storytelling event for children, parents and carers complete with refreshments.

Year 6 read their own poetry and everyone clubbed together to write 'We're Going on a BOOK Hunt'.

Take that, Michael Rosen!





Year 6 reading their poetry



to an audience



We're Going on a Bear Hunt! We're going to catch a big one....



We're Going on a Book Hunt!



Making T-Shirt Book Bags



And modelling them!



School Term Dates 2019-20

AUTUMN TERM

INSET DAYS: Monday 2 and Tuesday 3 September 2019

CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2019

Final day of Half Term 1: Friday 18 October 2019

Half Term Monday 21 October 2019 - Friday 25 October 2019

CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY 28 OCTOBER 2019

Final day of Half Term 2: Thursday 19 December 2019 - children finish at 2pm

SPRING TERM

CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY 6 JANUARY 2020

Final day of Half Term 3: Friday 14 February 2020

Half Term Monday 17 February 2020 - Friday 21 February 2020

CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2020

Final day of Half Term 4: Friday 3 April 2020 - children finish at 2pm

SUMMER TERM

CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY 20 APRIL 2020

Final day of Half Term 5: Friday 22 May 2020

(May Day Bank Holiday will be taken on 4 May)

Half Term Monday 25 May 2020 - Friday 29 May 2020

CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY 1 JUNE 2020

Final day of Half Term 6 for children: **THURSDAY 16 JULY 2020 -**

children finish at 2pm

INSET DAYS: Friday 17, Monday 20, Tuesday 21 July 2020

Reminder: Scooting and Cycling

We are delighted that so many children come to school on scooters and bicycles. It's good for the environment and our health.

Please do not allow your children to cycle or scoot anywhere on the playgrounds because it is not safe.

Collisions cause injury.

If a member of staff asks anyone to get off their bike or scooter, please do so immediately. Thank you.



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 observe the warning signs and flashing lights, and 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 RS, 1B, 4A, 5B and 6A for 98%+, and 6B for 100% attendance.

Well done!



76 children currently have 100% attendance



Whole School Attendance from W/B 24.02.20: **96.0%**

Whole School Attendance from W/B 02.03.20: **95.3%**

Whole School Attendance Target = 97%

Right to Reply:

06/03/20: 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