

# Brunswick Park Primary School

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**Brunswick Park**  
Primary School

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

Dear Parents and Carers

I have chosen to send Friday's newsletter today as I felt it was important to wait for Gavin Williamson's announcement about the position of schools in September. It is now clear that the Government's aim is to have all primary-aged children back in school from the start of next term as social distancing guidelines are gradually relaxed. This is great news for the children of Brunswick Park, and this announcement gives us the go-ahead to plan for what this return will look like, beginning with long-awaited confirmation of next year's Term Dates. This Newsletter also contains information about the school's response to #BlackLivesMatter, 'catching up', a survey about online learning, important information about our hens and how we will plan for every child to end the academic year positively; whether they be learning in school or at home.

Unless we are advised otherwise, until September Brunswick Park will continue to operate its Protective Bubble system to welcome more children back to school before the end of this academic year. We now have 1 Reception Bubble, 1 mixed Reception and Year 1 Bubble, 1 Resource Based Bubble and 2 Year 6 Bubbles, which along with the Reduced Provision Bubble for the children of Critical workers and those children identified as needing to be in school (for ease, now known as Keyworker+ Provision) makes 5 Protective Bubbles totalling approximately 70 children. Under the Government's current guidelines we have capacity for one more Protective Bubble, which will be for children in Year 2. Anna has sent a survey to parents and carers of Year 2 pupils and using the results will make a Bubble to start on Monday 29 June.

Fiona O'Malley retired on Friday 19 June, and was presented with the most fantastic book of memories, pictures, writing and poems that summed up beautifully the 9 years she has worked at Brunswick first as Assistant Head Teacher for the EYFS and KS1 and then as Assistant Head Teacher (Inclusion and Safeguarding). One of her many achievements is the positive relationship she built with the school community, which the book reflects. You have been amazing in sending in so many items to include. She had a tear in her eye on Friday as she was so touched by what you did for her, despite lockdown. Those of you who know her well understand she loves to chat and tell stories, and loves having the last word. So I have given her a share of this letter so she can do these at Brunswick for the last time.

With best wishes for a peaceful, safe and healthy fortnight ahead.

Susannah Bellingham  
Head Teacher



# Revised Summer Term Dates

SOME CHILDREN IN RECEPTION RETURN TO SCHOOL ON

**WEDNESDAY 3 JUNE 2020**

SOME CHILDREN IN YEAR 6, RESOURCE BASE, RECEPTION AND

YEAR 1 RETURN ON **MONDAY 15 JUNE 2020**

SOME CHILDREN IN YEAR 1 RETURN ON **MONDAY 22 JUNE 2020**

SOME CHILDREN IN YEAR 2 RETURN ON **MONDAY 29 JUNE 2020**

**Final day of Summer Term for children:**

**MONDAY 20 JULY 2020 - children finish at 2pm**

INSET DAY: Tuesday 21 July 2020

Please note that whilst every effort will be made to adhere to them, these dates remain subject to change.



## Term Dates 2020/2021

### Autumn Term

**HALF TERM 1:** Wednesday 2 September 2020 to Friday 23 October 2020

**INSET DAYS WEDNESDAY 2, THURSDAY 3 AND FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER - CHILDREN RETURN ON MONDAY 7 SEPTEMBER**

**HALF TERM BREAK:** Monday 26 October 2020 to Friday 30 October 2020

**HALF TERM 2:** Monday 2 November 2020 to Friday 18 December 2020

### Spring Term

**HALF TERM 3:** Monday 4 January 2021 to Friday 12 February 2021

**INSET DAY MONDAY 4 JANUARY - CHILDREN RETURN ON TUESDAY 5 JANUARY**

**HALF TERM BREAK:** Monday 15 February 2021 to Friday 19 February 2021

**HALF TERM 4:** Monday 22 February 2021 to Wednesday 31 March 2021

### Summer Term

**HALF TERM 5:** Monday 19 April 2021 to Friday 28 May 2021

(May Day bank holiday will be taken on 3 May)

**INSET DAY ON MONDAY 19 APRIL - CHILDREN RETURN ON TUESDAY 20 APRIL**

**HALF TERM BREAK:** Monday 31 May 2021 to Friday 4 June 2021

**HALF TERM 6:** Monday 7 June 2021 to Friday 23 July 2021

**Children finish at 2.00pm on 18 December 2020, 31 March 2021 and 23 July 2021**

# BLACK LIVES MATTER

Following George Floyd's murder at the hands of the police in Minnesota, USA on 25 May this year, Year 6 pupils have been working with their teachers on their response to it and the protests that have spread as a result.

Brunswick Park is proud of its diversity, and that its community represents people from across the world regardless of background or skin colour. The children are taught to believe in the importance of society and citizenship, equality and fairness, but we understand that racism has never ceased to be an issue and exists in many forms, some of which are not obvious immediately.

It's not just the overt insults in the street or on social media based upon crude and inaccurate stereotypes; it's the covert inequality that persists for people of colour throughout society; of less or more difficult access to education, jobs, income, health care and opportunity in general. 86% of our school community is not White British.

At Brunswick, black lives must matter.

We review our curriculum every year at Brunswick Park, and are doing so now, making sure that from September 2020 it contains balanced representation of black authors, historical figures, scientists, artists, musicians, pioneers and activists. We are also making sure that women and members of the LGBTQ+ community have the same balanced representation too.

It is very important we are not tokenistic in our planning, and that the curriculum reflects systemically those who have contributed positively to the world today.

Examples of children's work will be shared via the school website and the newsletter in due course, and the reviewed curriculum will be available to view on the website before the end of term.

## Fifi and Coooco - Brunswick's Hens

**(except it is just Fifi now)**

We have a tough decision to make. Last week, after being ill for some time, Coooco died, so Fifi has been left without a companion. Before we get her another, we need to know we have enough reliable people to call upon to look after them both; they need feeding, watering and cleaning out all year round including school holidays. 3 staff from school have volunteered, but we need at least 3 parents/carers to join them to ensure the whole year is covered. If we do not have enough volunteers, Fifi will be rehomed. She hates being on her own, so we need to know as soon as possible if you are able to help.



Please contact the School Office on 020 7525 9033 or by email on [office@brunswickpark.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:office@brunswickpark.southwark.sch.uk) by **Friday 26 June** if you would like to volunteer.



The children love the hens, and in return they provide eggs and teach them about how to respect and care for living things.



# Survey of Internet Access and Devices

The Government has made numerous U-turns in policy and messaging throughout the pandemic. Although it has stated that all children will return to school in September 2020, a statement we support, it has not provided details of how this will happen. In case Home Learning needs to continue in some form next term, we are conducting a survey this week about devices available to children and internet access. It is short and straightforward to complete, and the more responses we get the better we will be able to plan learning that all children can access equally.

Thank you.

## Safeguarding

Now Fiona has retired, Andrea Inniss-Griffith has become the Designated Lead Person for Safeguarding at Brunswick Park Primary School. Susannah Bellingham and Thomas Moudiotis are Designated Persons. As a team they are responsible for Safeguarding and Child Protection. If you have a concern about a child, please speak urgently with any member of Brunswick's staff, who in accordance with the school's Safeguarding Policy will ensure that a Designated Person is informed and procedures are followed.

## Ending the year for children

Now there is no expectation that all primary-aged children will return to school before the Summer Break, teachers are planning how best to end the year with those children who are Home Learning. Making a positive ending is very important for children, so teachers will focus the last 2 weeks of term on it and on all the children have achieved during this unique time. There are 4 weeks to go; we are very grateful for all your support of both the children in school and learning at home, which we understand is challenging to maintain.

## End of Year Reports and 'Catching Up'

Understandably, parents and carers are concerned that because their children have not been in school since 20 March that they have fallen behind and need to catch up. Please do not worry. One of the few equalities about this pandemic is that schools have been closed to ALL children, and until very recently were providing childcare only - not formal learning - to vulnerable children and the children of Critical Workers. Yes, children will need to catch up to where they would have been had the pandemic not occurred, but this will take time - months rather than weeks - and we will plan for it. It certainly will not take place over the Summer; instead it will take place throughout the coming academic year and will be gradual, supported possibly by some additional government funding in key Year Groups. Your child will still receive an End of Year Report on 1 July 2020, reporting from September 2019 to March 2020. These will be sent by email and will also be available for collection from the School Office.

This competition is open to all Brunswick's children



Please email entries to class teachers or the School Office

### The London Stock Exchange Group (LSEG) Poetry Competition - Info for Entrants

#### The competition

LSEG is a stock exchange and financial information company in the city of London and they have joined forces with School-Home Support (SHS) to judge a poetry writing competition for students and parents. As part of the competition, we would like you to express yourself in a creative way to write an original and imaginative poem. There will be a first, second and third prize.

1. **Theme** - You are free to select a theme or a topic of your choice. Here are a few examples - courage and heroism, survival, your family, friendship, the issues you are facing, joy, loyalty, good versus evil, memories, your life, love and stories in the news.
2. **How to Enter** - Please give or email your competition entry to the SHS Practitioner or teacher at your school by **9am on 29th June 2020**. At the top of your entry, please add your name, age (students only), school along with the theme and title of your poem. If you are a parent, please add that to the top of the page too.
3. **Prizes** - These will be distributed to the school for the first, second and third place winners and sent out by end of the summer term.

#### How will your entry be judged

Your poem will be judged using the criteria below. Please make sure that you check the spelling and grammar in your poem before you submit it.

- **Relevance to the theme** - Does the poem fit the theme selected
- **Structure and presentation** - Does the poem flow and hook the reader in?
- **Creativity, Style and Originality** - Is the poem original and creative?
- **Clarity of imagery and language** - Have you used language that brings the poem to life?



Working together to support children and families

# And finally - Fiona's farewell...

Those of you who have got to know me over the years will know that I am rarely at a loss for words. However, having been invited to write a piece for the newsletter on the day of my retirement from Brunswick Park, I find myself sitting here this evening, iPad on lap, and struggling to find them.

What is the best way to express my appreciation for my time with you all? How do I say thank you for the trust, friendship and kindness that has been shown to me during my 9 years here? What particular memories do I select from the treasure trove I have collected, some endearing, some poignant, some hilarious?

When I arrived here in 2011, I came as Assistant Head Teacher for EYFS and KS1, having taught in Southwark and in Tower Hamlets as an EYFS teacher and then a Phase Leader. I was very keen, quite ambitious, and looking forward to returning to Southwark and getting to know the school. I had no idea that I would work as hard as I have, learn as much as I have and make such dear and lifelong friends.

As for the families of Brunswick Park, you have taken me to your hearts and trusted me with your children, firstly in Early Years and in the last couple of years as Inclusion Lead. I am so very grateful and appreciative of the faith you have shown in me and for the joy, fun and laughter I have shared with your astonishing children, and what amazing children they are.

The children here are unique – smart, gifted, kind, tough, gentle, gorgeous and the most hilarious. When I sent my official retirement letter to Susannah, I reminded her of a memory; of coming back into school on a wet, cold Wednesday, after a long and difficult meeting, longing for a cup of tea and a debrief. It was lunchtime, and most children were outside playing lively games to make the most of playtime before the rain came down again. As I entered the building, I was confronted with one of our Y3 children (a lively fellow) bouncing along the ground floor corridor on a space hopper. I stopped and wordlessly held up my hands, as if to say, “What on earth....?” To which he responded with a brilliant, happy smile and the words, “I’m allowed!” – and of course, he WAS allowed, because it had been recognised that he wasn’t managing the playground on that day but still needed to bounce. That is one of the unique things about our school; every adult here gets to know our children and work out what is needed for them to be happy, settled and successful. That doesn’t happen by magic and it doesn’t happen on its own. It happens because of you, all of the parents and carers who show up, talk to us, question us, thank us, correct us, help us and give us your time, and share with us your children.

I won’t be far away for a while – although 19 June is my official retirement date, I will be in and out for a few weeks, clearing out cupboards and doing handover work. I wish it had been different; I wish I could have seen more of you in person and said my goodbyes personally, but we live in unique and challenging times.

I hope to return for a proper visit in Autumn when hopefully life will be easier, but in the meantime, I leave you with a photo gallery of just a few of the hundreds of happy memories that I hold.

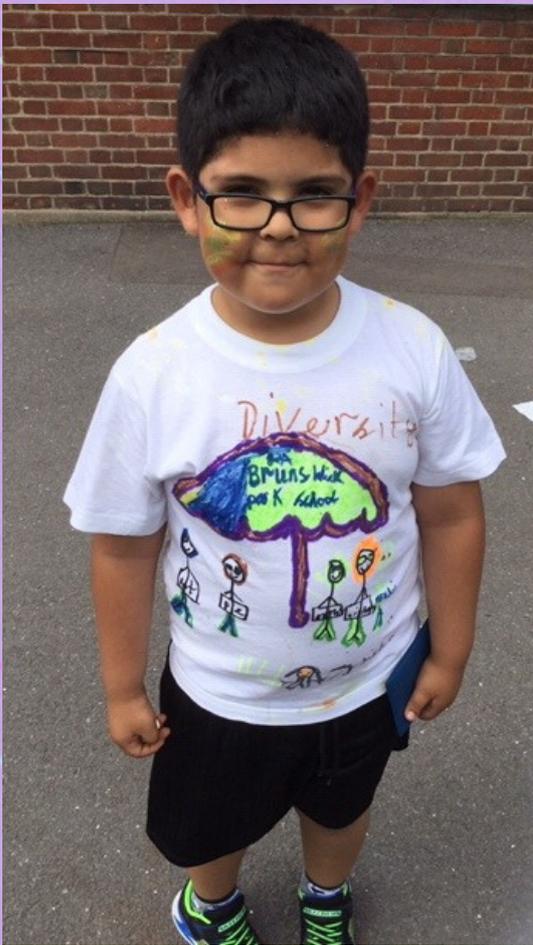
With thanks and love to you all,

Fiona

# A Gallery of Happy Memories









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**Are you in unexpected financial hardship  
because of COVID-19 restrictions?**

**Have you lost your job?**

**On a Zero Hours Contract with no work?**

**Been furloughed so you have less money?**

**If the answer to any of these questions is YES, and your child or children are not eligible for Free School Meals or you are waiting for your claim to be processed, then you can take advantage of our FREE**

# **Grab Bag Scheme**

**Long life food items  
such as tinned  
tomatoes, rice,  
pasta and lentils**

**Available for  
collection at school  
from the  
Key Stage 2  
Playground**

**PLEASE TAKE  
WHAT YOU  
NEED BUT DO  
NOT SPLIT THE  
BAGS**

**Every Thursday  
from  
10:00-12:00**

**See our Free School Meals FAQs  
on the school website homepage**

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# Access to Support and Home Learning



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Everything you need for home learning, and everything else relating to COVID-19 restrictions including gaining access to benefits, is on [www.brunswickparkprimary.co.uk](http://www.brunswickparkprimary.co.uk)



BBC Bitesize can be accessed here:  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>



More information can be found here:  
<https://www.thenational.academy/>

Thank you for doing your best to help your children learn at home. Many of us have children at home ourselves, so we understand just how challenging it is to encourage and help them and keep them entertained whilst doing our own jobs and organising our lives.

Everything you need for your child's home learning is available on our website [www.brunswickparkprimary.co.uk](http://www.brunswickparkprimary.co.uk) and is being sent to you weekly **via email from your child's teacher** on Mondays with check-ins on Wednesdays and Fridays. There are Bug Club, MyMaths and TTRockstars. There are also BBC Bitesize Daily Lessons and lessons from the National Oak Academy.

If your device does not support home learning, we can send paper copies to you. Please contact the School Office on 020 7525 9033 or [office@brunswickpark.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:office@brunswickpark.southwark.sch.uk) to request these.



## Safeguarding Information

The designated team for Safeguarding at Brunswick Park Primary is  
**Susannah Bellingham**  
**Andrea Inniss-Griffith** and  
**Thomas Moudiotis.**

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>

**Please look at our website [www.brunswickparkprimary.co.uk](http://www.brunswickparkprimary.co.uk) for links to home learning and our updated Safeguarding Policy in light of the Coronavirus Restrictions.**

**Our Inclusion Team will continue to make welfare calls and visits throughout the school closure period, and Marjorie Damah, School Home Support Worker, continues to work 4 days per week as usual.**

**Please contact the school in the usual way.**

### Right to Reply:

**22/06/20: 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**