

# Brunswick Park Primary School

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Primary School

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May's Focus Value is **DEMOCRACY**

Dear Parents and Carers

It's been a busy fortnight at Brunswick: teachers and support staff have been transforming the corridor displays to reflect the children's brilliant learning since they returned from lockdown, and the school looks amazing. We have such creative talent across the staff team, and everyone who works here understands the importance of a high quality, vibrant and stimulating learning environment to children's wellbeing. Created with care and attention to detail it shows the children are valued, which at Brunswick they very much are; they are the reason we are here. When the displays are all finished a tour will appear on the website so whilst restrictions are in place you can see for yourself.

In this Newsletter a spotlight is shone on learning particularly in Years 2 and 3, who show you something of the breadth of the school's curriculum. It's very important children learn practically to develop skills and knowledge, and that they experience learning in lots of different ways. Playing the role of detective to solve a 'crime' creates plenty to talk and write about, for example, as do tasting, growing, experimenting, investigating, making and cooking. The facial expressions say it all.

We look forward to welcoming Ms Vivian Etuk on Monday to teach Class 2B for 6 weeks in a teacher exchange between Brunswick Park and Torricon Primary School in Lewisham. Ms Chantelle Hughes will teach Ms Etuk's Year 4 class, and both teachers will return at the end of the exchange full of new ideas and experiences to share. It's a great opportunity for both of them, and I know you will make Ms Etuk very welcome.

As the weather warms up (finally), a reminder that you can now provide your child with a named bottle of plain water to supplement the water already given to children in sanitised cups and at lunchtime with their meals. Bottles must be taken home every day to be washed thoroughly.

For parents and carers of children in Year 6 there is information about uniform grants for secondary school, and for all parents there is information about a brilliant initiative from Morrison's Supermarket to make sure everyone who needs them has access to sanitary products.

Finally, between 12 and 13 May it is the festival of Eid-Al-Fitr, marking the end of Ramadan's period of fasting. We wish all our Muslim families very happy celebrations.

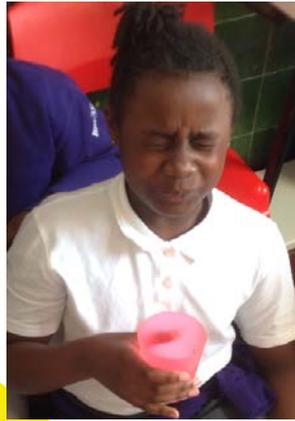
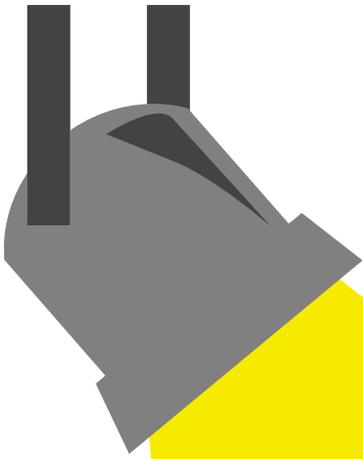
With best wishes for a safe and healthy fortnight ahead.

Susannah Bellingham  
Head Teacher

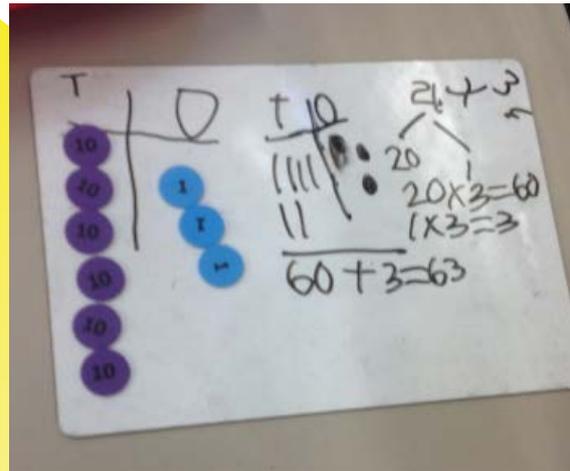
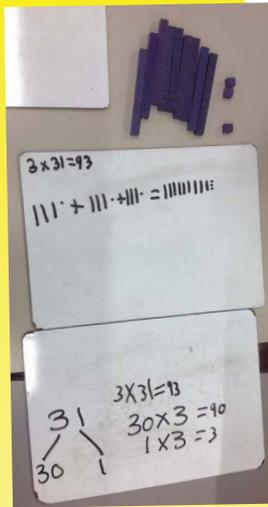


# Spotlight on Year 3

who have been tasting tea,



marking lockdown birthdays,



using the CPA approach in maths,

getting stuck in on the allotment,



cooking with the last of our homegrown pumpkins,

tasting rocket and chard

and making pesto.



Busy times! And evidence of a broad, rich curriculum that the children enjoy.

(Maybe tea and chard not so much...!)

# Spotlight on Year 2

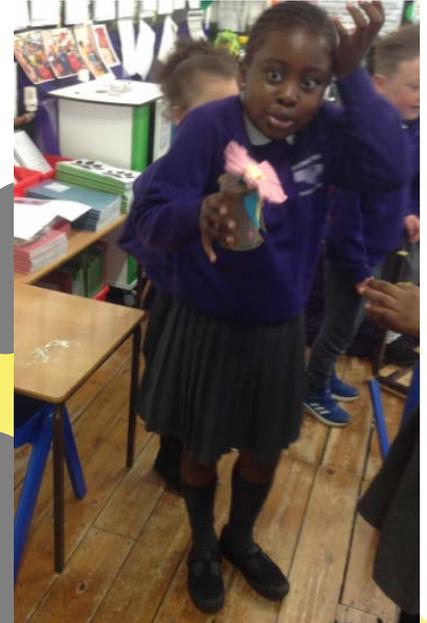
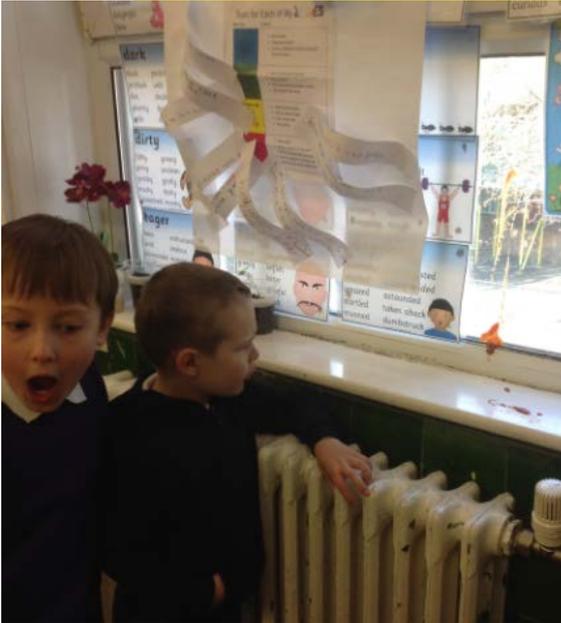
who have been solving a crime!

Last week Year 2 came to class to find their classrooms totally wrecked!

There were enormous paw prints all over the classroom with 'blood' dripping down the window.

## WHAT ON EARTH HAPPENED?

The children wrote about the experience and started their investigation about who it could have been...



Every Sunday  
at 9.00 am



Run, walk or  
jog 2km

**Burgess junior parkrun**  
It's free!

## JOIN THE JUNIOR PARKRUN FAMILY

WALK, JOG, RUN, VOLUNTEER

or simply come and watch - it's up to you!

### FAMILY-FRIENDLY 2K EVENTS

Every Sunday morning

### EVERYONE WELCOME

Walk, jog, run, hop, skip or jump - it's up to you!

### HAVE FUN BEING ACTIVE

Share high fives and big smiles!

### LEARN NEW SKILLS

Kids can volunteer in lots of roles

### FOR 4-14 YEAR OLDS

Adults can join in with the kids too!

### FREE & EASY TO TAKE PART

No special kit needed - wear whatever you like

### MAKE FRIENDS

Meet lots of new people

### FEEL HAPPY AND PROUD

Try your best and celebrate your achievements

*"We all do it together as a family. The volunteers are really nice,  
it's fun and you can walk if you want to!"*



Register at [parkrun.com](http://parkrun.com)

and head down to your local junior parkrun event!

Every Sunday for 9.00 a.m. start near the Park Life Café.  
Register at [www.parkrun.org.uk/burgess-juniors/](http://www.parkrun.org.uk/burgess-juniors/)

## A brilliant idea from Morrison's



Please don't feel shy if you are in need or struggling for Sanitary products, go to the Kiosk and ask for a package that SANDY has left for you.

You will be given a FREE discreet bag with what you need, no questions asked.

## Clothing Grants for secondary school uniform for children in Year 6

Southwark Council currently offers clothing grant vouchers worth £45 to eligible families who meet the qualifying criteria, so that they can purchase their child's secondary school uniform.

In order to apply, families must be residing in Southwark and have a child aged 11 years old who will be transferring from primary school to a secondary state or voluntary aided school in Southwark in September 2021.

For further information about our clothing grant voucher scheme and to access the application form, families can visit [www.southwark.gov.uk/schools-and-education/information-for-parents/financial-support/clothing-grants](http://www.southwark.gov.uk/schools-and-education/information-for-parents/financial-support/clothing-grants)

- Free introductory session for beginners, aged 5 and up, with classes starting this term (see over for timetable)
- Advanced classes available now for children of all ages with experience of music
- Children learn to read, write and play music from the very first lesson
- Lessons held locally after school or on Saturday, OR why not try our new ZOOM classes!
- Keyboards provided at every face-to-face lesson. Pupils need their own keyboard for online classes.
- All our teachers hold DBS enhanced certificates



Come and join us, and make music!

## KEYBOARD/PIANO LESSONS FOR CHILDREN

### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

✉ [admin.sl@soundstepsmusic.co.uk](mailto:admin.sl@soundstepsmusic.co.uk)

☎ 020 8648 5534

☎ 07957 731 945

🌐 [www.soundstepsmusic.co.uk](http://www.soundstepsmusic.co.uk)

Our free taster sessions this term are:

Centre	Beginner Classes <small>(Date confirmed for free taster session when you apply)</small>	
Central Venture Park Building Kelly Avenue <b>Peckham</b> SE15 5GL	Saturday	4.00 pm
Christchurch Methodist Church 114 Lower Addiscombe Road <b>Croydon</b> CR0 6AD	Monday Saturday	4.45 pm 10.00 am
St Peter's Church Pickford Lane <b>Bexleyheath</b> DA7 4RT	Saturday	11.30 am
Trinity Methodist Church 265 Burrage Road <b>Plumstead</b> SE18 7JW	Monday Friday Saturday	5.45 pm 7.00 pm 3.30 pm
<b>Zoom Online Classes</b>	Thursday Friday	6.30pm 4.30pm

Bookings for taster sessions are strictly taken on a first-come-first-served basis.

# Term Dates 2020/2021

## 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

**If COVID-19 Restrictions are still in place, there will be a staggered finish on Friday 23 July and the latest collection time will be 2pm.**

# Term Dates 2021/2022

## Autumn Term

**HALF TERM 1:** Wednesday 1 September 2021 to Friday 22 October 2021

**INSET DAY ON WEDNESDAY 1 SEPTEMBER - CHILDREN RETURN ON THURSDAY 2 SEPTEMBER**

**HALF TERM BREAK:** Monday 25 October 2021 to Friday 29 October 2021

**HALF TERM 2:** Monday 1 November 2021 to Friday 17 December 2021

## Spring Term

**HALF TERM 3:** Tuesday 4 January 2022 to Friday 11 February 2022

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

**HALF TERM BREAK:** Monday 14 February 2022 to Friday 18 February 2022

**HALF TERM 4:** Monday 21 February 2022 to Friday 1 April 2022

## Summer Term

**HALF TERM 5:** Tuesday 19 April 2022 to Friday 27 May 2022

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

(May Day bank holiday will be taken on 2 May)

**HALF TERM BREAK:** Monday 30 May 2022 to Friday 3 June 2022

**HALF TERM 6:** Monday 6 June 2022 to Friday 22 July 2022

**INSET DAYS ON THURSDAY 21 AND FRIDAY 22 JULY - LAST DAY IN SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN IN WEDNESDAY 20 JULY 2022**

**Children finish at 2.00pm on 17 December 2021, 1 April 2022 and 20 July 2022**



To try to make understanding its guidance easier, the Government has introduced HANDS FACE SPACE and FRESH AIR.

At school, primary-aged children do HANDS with extra washing and sanitiser, and FACE and SPACE by being kept in consistent groups and, if age-appropriate, facing forwards in class. FRESH AIR is done by keeping rooms and spaces well ventilated.

Parents, carers and visitors need to do all 4:

Regular handwashing/sanitising;

Wearing a face covering over the mouth and nose everywhere on school premises;

Maintaining social distance inside the school building and on the school premises including Bantry and Picton Street.

**ONE ADULT PER FAMILY IS PERMITTED TO COME INTO THE PLAYGROUND TO DROP OFF AND COLLECT. PLEASE KEEP YOUR DISTANCE FROM OTHERS.**

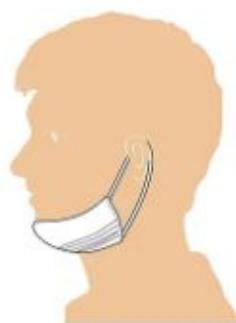
### DOs AND DON'Ts OF WEARING A MASK



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Please do not take offence if you are asked to adjust your face covering. Current guidance recommends adults use them correctly to protect others.

# Entering and leaving the school

**ALL SCHOOL ENTRANCES AND EXITS ARE ON  
BANTRY STREET**

**EYFS and Years 1 and 2: enter through the KS1 Gate  
and exit through the Nursery Gate;**

Years 3 and 4 and Resource Base: enter and exit  
through the Main Gate;

Years 5 and 6: enter and exit through the Fire Gates.

There are signs, and staff are happy to help you.

**If you miss a member of staff with hand sanitiser,  
please use the dispensers on the wall by each gate.**

**PARENTS, CARERS AND VISITORS WEAR FACE  
COVERINGS EVERYWHERE ON SCHOOL PREMISES**



## What can my child bring from home?

***As little as possible:***

**Book bag**

**PE Kit**

**A named bottle of plain water**

Years 5 and 6 only, with parent/carer permission – **mobile  
phone** (collected, sanitised, stored securely then returned)

Children are given water throughout the day in named,  
sanitised cups and at lunchtime with their meals.

Bottled water from home supplements this.

# What happens at lunchtime?

In Southwark, the Council pays for all children's lunches until they leave primary school.

Because of COVID-19 restrictions and our caterer's serving policy, we need to limit numbers in the Dining Hall.

So, most children have a hot lunch and a packed lunch on alternate weeks, all provided by the School Kitchen.

W/B Monday 10 May, Years 2, 4 and 6 will eat a hot lunch in the Dining Hall, and Years 1, 3 and 5 will eat a packed lunch in their classrooms.

## **The week after it will swap over:**

W/B Monday 17 May, Years 1, 3 and 5 will eat a hot lunch in the Dining Hall and Years 2, 4 and 6 will eat a packed lunch in their classrooms.

In the Nursery, children have a daily mid-morning snack. Reception children and Resource Based pupils have a hot lunch in the Dining Hall every day.

# What do I do if my child is ill?

## Government Guidance states:

*'If anyone in school becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they must be sent home and be advised to follow the guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection.'*

### ***This sets out that they must:***

- *self-isolate for at least 10 days*
- *arrange to have a test to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19)*

**If your child becomes unwell at home with any of these symptoms, you must inform the School Office then follow the guidance:**

***self-isolate and get a test.***

**If the test results are negative and your child is well, s/he should return to school.**

**If they are positive you must inform the School Office immediately so the Local Health Protection Team can take appropriate action.**

## 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:

Picton Street is now closed to traffic from 08:30 - 09:15 and 15:00 - 16:00. If you arrive by car please factor this in, as you will need to park elsewhere and walk into Picton Street.

## 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 useful activities and information and our updated Safeguarding Policy in light of the Coronavirus Restrictions.**

### **School attendance is now mandatory once again.**

If your child is absent from school we will continue making first day absence calls. Home Learning will only be offered to children who cannot attend school for clinical or public health reasons. If you choose not to send your child to school we will happily discuss this with you, but please be aware that non-attendance may result in further action in line with our Whole School Attendance Policy.

### **Right to Reply:**

**7/5/21: 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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