

Brunswick Park Primary School

e-Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

March's Focus Value is **PATIENCE**

Though the Half Term Break seems like a distant memory, I hope you were able to enjoy some time with your families, and it is lovely to have the children back with such enthusiasm. Enthusiasm which they used to great effect yesterday, as Brunswick Park's contributions during World Book Day practically lit up Twitter. We've been Re-Tweeted, Followed and Tagged, including once again by the mighty Michael Rosen, and have won a World Book Day Twitter Competition set by the Literacy Tree to win a set of beautiful new books. As ever, it was a pleasure to see your and the children's creativity in their costume making, showing everyone in the school community how much we value reading and the pleasure it brings. I hope you have been enjoying pointing out to your children just how much we read from the moment we wake up to the moment we go to bed, and the children are using this information in school in making their Reading Rivers. And huge thanks to the BPFa for its book-themed cake sale which was enjoyed by so many at the end of the day yesterday, raising yet more valuable funds for the children.

Whilst on the subject of thanks, we have been overwhelmed by the generosity of those parents and carers who have donated costumes, toys, resources, clothes and real objects for the children to use (my World Book Day Mary Poppins costume this year was donated, complete with hat) that has already made a difference to the children's learning experiences in classrooms and reinforces the important message to children that useful and valuable things do not have to be new. Please keep donations coming; if you are not sure if something is suitable, please bring it in anyway and we can make the decision. We really appreciate your kindness.

And the kindness and bravery of parents who have agreed to speak to the children in our assemblies about themselves, their careers and how they became interested in them is appreciated too. So far, we have had Maddy who talked to the children about her work as an Art Director, and Maverick, who talked about his work as a film-maker and trainee HGV driver and life as a neuro-diverse adult. Both talks brought home to the children that what we see around us, including the books, films, magazines, TV programmes and adverts that look so slick and unattainable, are created by ordinary people just like us. As both Maddy and Maverick said, to understand what you want to do you need to follow your interests, and we look forward to talks from more parents and carers who have agreed to share their interests and career stories as we strive to build our children's cultural capital.

Next, a few messages: parents and carers of pupils in Year 6 should have received an offer of a secondary school place by email on 1 March. If you didn't, please contact me via the School Office ASAP, next year's term dates are available on www.southwark.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-term-and-holiday-dates?chapter=2&article that you can use to plan holidays (we will add 5 INSET days to these), and after 8 months' maternity leave, the fabulous Paula Hales returned today to teach music at Brunswick once again. It's great to have her back.

Finally, it is a sad fact that the world at the moment is an unsettled place. For those children upset and worried by the war in Ukraine, there are some links in this letter to sites with resources you can use to talk to them.

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

Susannah Bellingham

Head Teacher



What to do if you're upset by the news

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/13865002v>

<https://www.savethechildren.net/news/ukraine-5-ways-talk-children-about-conflict-0v>



As part of our World Book Day celebrations, every class has turned their door into a book. Here are some works in progress; they are nearly finished....

The Junior Leadership Team will judge them next week, but they are all BRILLIANT.

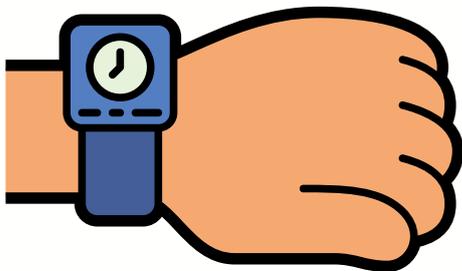
BOOK & BAKE SALE



The sale raised £240, and with £254 from the last one, that makes £494 - a great achievement!

And Morrison's donated doughnuts to this sale, and will continue to donate in future. We are very grateful for this support from the Camberwell community.

Thanks to the BPFA for World Book Day's Book and Bake Sale! See you for the next on Tuesday 29 March.



You need to arrive by 08:55!

Thank you - children's punctuality is improving!

However, there are still too many children arriving at school after 08:55, meaning they miss the beginning of lessons, which is embarrassing and disadvantages their learning.

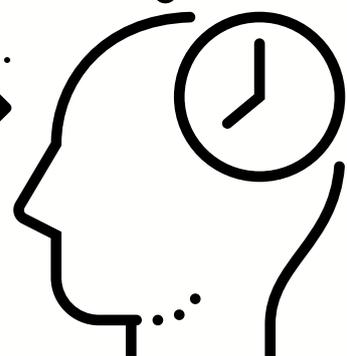
School gates open at 08:45 for Soft Start

Bell rings at 08:50

Gates close at 08:55

If children arrive 08:55 they go to the School Office to be marked late

Caroline Champion will be in touch with those parents and carers whose children arrive persistently late, to explore support and refer to Family Early Help if necessary.





Maddy and Maverick sharing their experiences with the children. We have more brave parents lined up: musicians, bus drivers, emergency doctors....

If you would like to talk to the children about what you do and how you came to be doing it, please contact Anna Newbold via the School Office.

The children love hearing about and from *real* people.

School term and holiday dates

Academic year 2022/23

Autumn term

- Thursday 1 September 2022 to Friday 21 October 2022
- Half Term - Monday 24 October 2022 to Friday 28 October 2022
- Monday 31 October 2022 to Friday 16 December 2022

Spring term

- Tuesday 3 January 2023 to Friday 10 February 2023
- Half Term - Monday 13 February 2023 to Friday 17 February 2023
- Monday 20 February 2023 to Friday 31 March 2023

Summer term

- Monday 17 April 2023 to Friday 26 May 2023 (May Day bank holiday will be taken on 1 May)
- Half Term - Monday 29 May 2023 to Friday 2 June 2023
- Monday 5 June 2023 to Friday 21 July 2023

Please use these dates to plan. We will add an additional 5 INSET days; this is the longest each term can be.



Dates for your diary

Parents' Evenings are scheduled for Wednesday 23 and Thursday 24 March: the School Office Staff will contact you to book

Better Health

healthier families

Looking after your family's health



Download the free NHS Food Scanner app

With a speedy scan of your family's favourite foods, you can find healthier swaps for next time you shop.



kooth

Your online mental wellbeing community

Kooth is an online app designed to support children and young people's mental health and wellbeing.

It is aimed at children and young people between the ages of 10 and 25, and can be found at

www.kooth.com

Qwell moves on from Kooth, and is an online app designed to support adults' mental health and wellbeing.

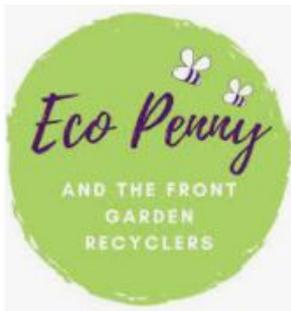
It is for adults over the age of 25, and can be found at

www.qwell.io

Qwell

Alongside you when you need us

Free, safe and anonymous mental wellbeing support for adults across the UK



Recycling for emergency kits

Please pop rinsed milk bottle lids, empty pens and empty toothpaste tubes into the special box in Reception

Greta in Year 3 met Penny from Eco Penny and the Front Garden Recyclers when she was out with her mum. She discovered that common household items could be turned into emergency kits for homeless people. She would like us to support Penny, those who are homeless, and the planet.



Short Courses & Summer Schools

Guildhall School's online and in-person courses are offered across music, drama and production arts, for a wide range of levels and ages.

- Safe online environment, led by experienced Guildhall School staff and industry-leading guest tutors
- In-person courses based at Guildhall School, EC2
- Courses run in the Easter and Summer holidays
- Bursaries available on selected courses

If you would like to hear more about Guildhall School Short Courses and Summer Schools please get in touch with shortcourses@gsm.d.ac.uk



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Guildhall Young Artists



What's On for Young Musicians and Actors aged 4-18

Apply to Junior Guildhall for September 2022

Junior Guildhall offers advanced training in music and drama.

- Saturday's at Guildhall School and other venues in EC2
- Entry by audition for Music & Drama Course
- Bursaries available

Applications close Tuesday 1 March. Find out more and apply at gsm.d.ac.uk/juniors

Apply to CYM London for September 2022

London's Centre for Young Musicians helps children and young people achieve their musical goals.

- Saturday's at Morley College, SE1
- Entry by free audition (exc. Primary Years)
- All levels welcome, minimum of one year learning an instrument recommended
- Opportunity to join flagship orchestra LSSO
- Bursaries available

Applications close Monday 7 March. Find out more and apply at cym.org.uk

Guildhall School of Music & Drama is a world-leading conservatoire based in the City of London.

If you would like to hear more about other Guildhall Young Artists opportunities, please get in touch with gya-enquiries@gsm.d.ac.uk



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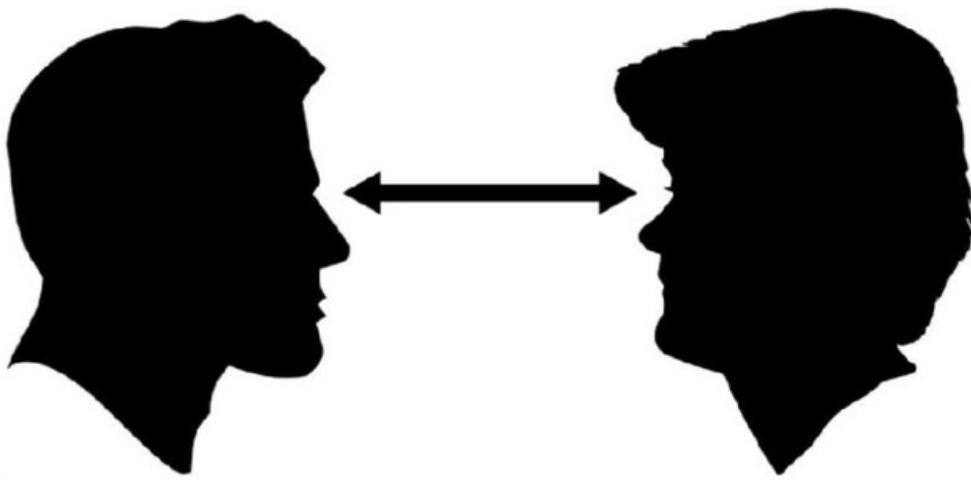
Year 4
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Year 6
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Encourage your child to make and maintain eye contact with the other person when speaking; they may find this uncomfortable at first, but persevere and give them praise when they do



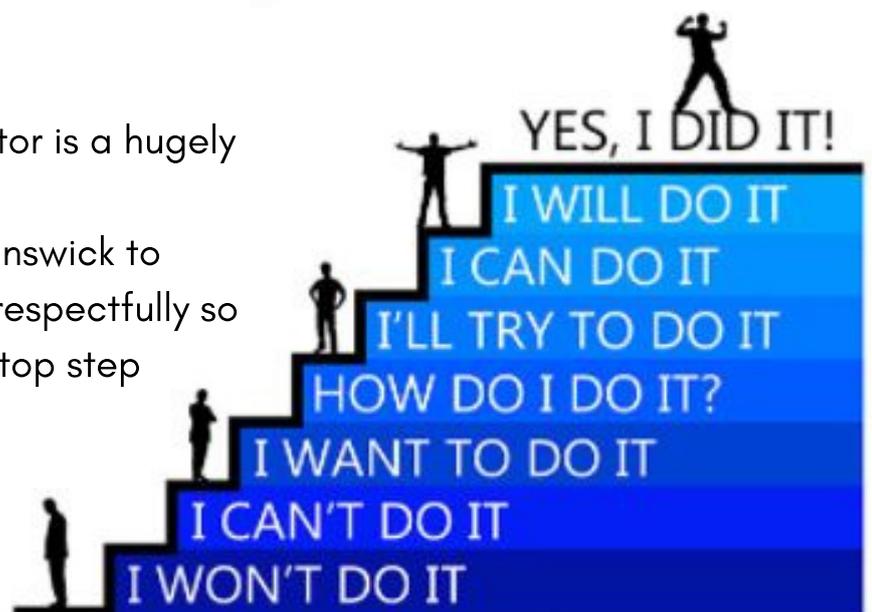
Encourage your child to answer question in full sentences and to make 2-way conversations where possible



Praise your child when they talk to people with confidence to develop their self-esteem and belief in the power of effective communication

Being an effective communicator is a hugely powerful life skill.

We want every child at Brunswick to communicate confidently and respectfully so they feel they are on the top step



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 WEDNESDAY 20 AND THURSDAY 21 JULY; QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE BANK HOLIDAY FRIDAY 22 JULY - LAST DAY IN SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN IS TUESDAY 19 JULY 2022

Children finish at 2.00pm on 17 December 2021, 1 April 2022 and 19 July 2022

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 or plain black trainers, 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
Caroline Campion 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>

Attendance Update

Congratulations to Classes 1A for +99% attendance in the last fortnight!

71 children out of 377 have 100% attendance from 02/09/21 to 04/03/22. Well done!

Whole School Attendance for W/B 21.02.22: 95.88%

Whole School Attendance for W/B 28.02.22: 96.09%

Whole School Attendance Target: 97%

Right to Reply:

04/03/22: 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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