

Brunswick Park Primary School

e-Newsletter



Brunswick Park
Primary School

Friday 1 April 2022

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April's Focus Value is **GRATITUDE**

Dear Parents and Carers

We have come to the end of the Spring Term on 1 April, a day known for fun and playing jokes and tricks. Children from Reception upwards were very surprised when all their teachers were handed an urgent message that had to be opened immediately, which they then went on to eat! (The children know it was special edible paper, and that they can't do this with the usual stuff.) And Year 6 had a Mock SATs Spelling Test with words like gimple, skimper, and for those of us who are fans of the Simpsons, cromulent. Marble Treats helped the children to forgive us (they did see the funny side), everyone was a very good sport and the children have had a great final day, on which the weather was fooling us too: what's with snow on 1 April?

Some thank yous: to the BPPA for a series of excellent Book and Bake Sales that have raised just shy of £750 this term, and to you for supporting your children's learning and progress by coming to Parents' Evenings last week. It was lovely to see you in person and on Zoom. They were our first events bookable solely on EventBrite, so after the holiday we will ask you for feedback to help us make the booking process and accessing appointments easier.

In this Newsletter there is plenty of information about family activities to do over the holiday, as there was in the last, and there is a request from one of our parents who would like to run a Chess Club at the school and who needs volunteers to help.

On page 3 there is an advert for our brilliant Nursery; if you have children who are eligible to attend or know other people who do, please enquire and apply for a place. There is a QR code to make it easy. We are very proud of our Nursery provision, and need as many children as possible to attend Brunswick Park as the number of children living in Southwark continues to fall.

I will write to you next term about any changes in schools to the way Government is asking us to respond to COVID-19, following the publication today of new general guidance as restrictions continue to lift. When I have this information, I will share it with you.

Finally, I leave you with an image of some of the children who visited the Track-it Lights Shop on Monday, understandably very excited. I am proud of every one of the children who attend Brunswick Park; they are what makes the school unique and special. I wish you and your families a restful break, and look forward to seeing you again on Wednesday 20 April.

With best wishes
Susannah Bellingham
Head Teacher

Wishing you a peaceful and enjoyable holiday.
Children return to school on WEDNESDAY 20 APRIL



Visiting the Track-it Lights Shop

The 5 children from each Y1+ class who have collected the most green points this term received a certificate and went to the TLS.



Here are just some of them....

Interested in chess?

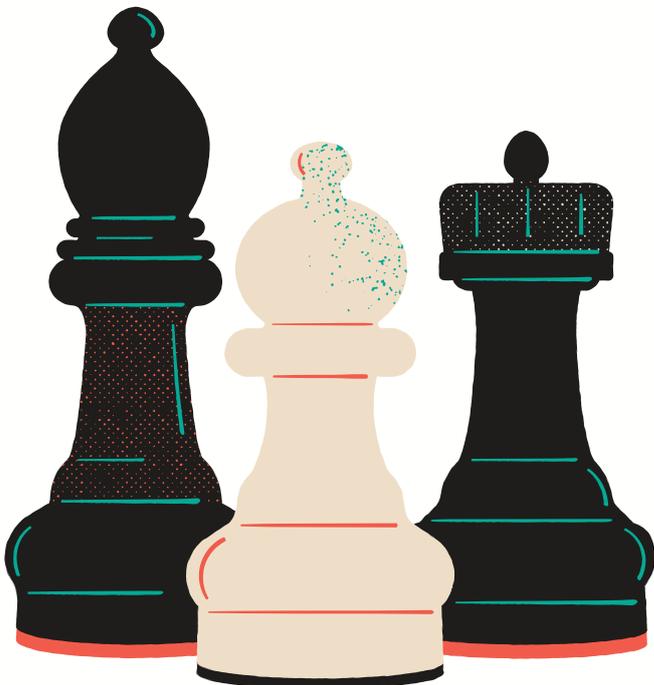
I am a Chess enthusiast and would like to set a chess club at Brunswick Park Primary School and subsequently the Brunswick Community.

To do this I need parents and carers to join in setting the club up as an after-school activity where registered pupils can attend to learn/play chess for an hour.

I have a brand-new chess board/piece I would like to donate to the school as a start.

If you would like to help out, please contact me via the School Office on office@brunswickpark.southwark.sch.uk

Thank you.
Kind regards
Bayo Daniels





Brunswick Park Primary School

Nursery Admissions

OPEN

September 2022

Brunswick Park Primary School offers:

15 hours childcare

Free

30 hours childcare

Free (subject to eligibility)

Breakfast Club from 7:30am

£16 per week

After School Club until 6:00pm

£50 per week

We ensure a safe, nurturing, home from home environment where children's needs and interests inspire planning to extend learning. Children make use of a range of indoor and outdoor spaces with the best resources which allow children to maximise their learning experience. All of our staff members are carefully selected. We foster a culture where staff are warm and caring to ensure supportive relationships with children and families.

**To book a visit or reserve a place please contact the office
or scan the QR code:**

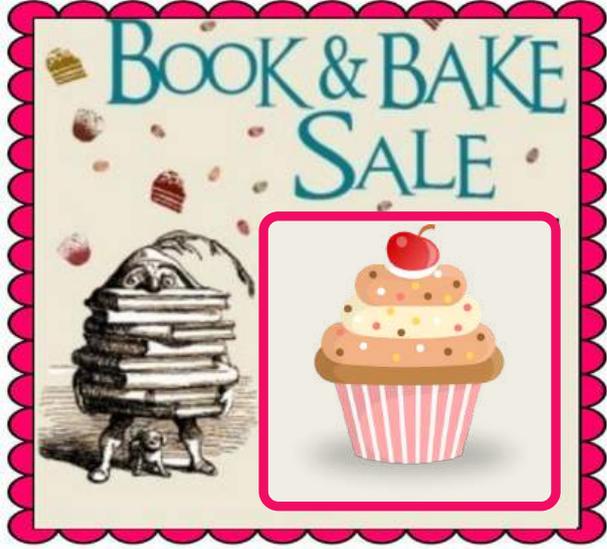


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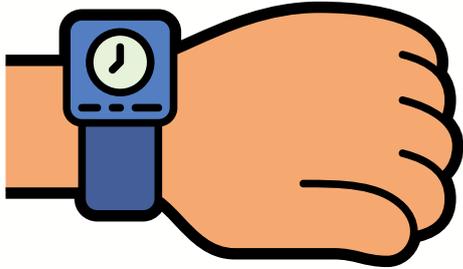
Learning for living through respect, support and challenge



Tuesday's Book and Bake Sale raised another £250, making nearly £750 across the 3 sales this term in total!

The BPFa will keep running sales throughout the year.

Thanks so much for your support!



You need to arrive by 08:55!

Thank you - children's punctuality continues to improve!

Teachers provide learning for the children from the moment they arrive; the earlier they arrive in the classroom the greater the opportunity for them to learn. Arriving at 08:45 gives children the calmest start to their day.

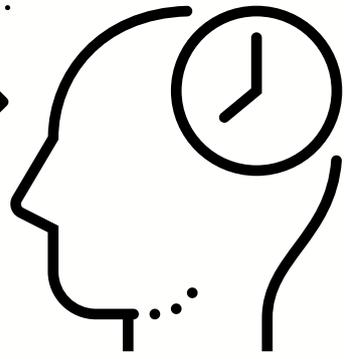
School gates open at 08:45 for Soft Start

Bell rings at 08:50

Gates close at 08:55

If children arrive after 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.



A beautiful and generous donation to Brunswick Park's Library

Jess Thom is the aunt of one of Brunswick's children.

She has kindly thought of us on World Book Day, and donated a set of books to our library written by disabled authors.

We thank her very much; her gift enriches our book collection and increases its diversity



Dear Brunswick Park Primary School Students and Staff,



Hello, my name is Jess and I live near your school. I'm a disabled adult and use a wheelchair to get around.



Recently on World Book Day I was thinking about some of the great books written by disabled people.



I thought about how much I'd have loved to have seen these books when I was growing up.



I wanted to make sure you could enjoy these excellent books and stories and see people with all sorts of bodies and minds having exciting adventures.

So here are some new books to add to your school library.

Sending you all my love and solidarity.

Your neighbour and ally,

Jess Thom



UNIFORM SALE

Our lost property box is bursting at the hinges with unnamed school uniform and unclaimed clothing. Items in good condition will be on sale for £1 in the Key Stage 2 Playground at 3.30pm from Wednesday 20 to Friday 22 April. Cash only please.



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NHS Foundation Trust

Feeling overwhelmed? Trying to manage the stresses of parenting?



Join our research into a new parenting group for parents of children, aged 2-11, who experience strong emotions and struggle to trust in relationships.

- Learn discipline strategies that work
 - Improve communication
- Meet other parents who share your experience
 - Enjoy family life more

For more information, sign up here:

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Good
parenting
ideas based
on science,
research &
experience

Parentskills2go &
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APRIL 4th - 14th
Time: 11:00am - 3:00pm

presents
**FREE EASTER
HOLIDAY FUN FOR
FAMILIES**

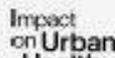
(Parents, Carers, and their children age 0-10)



ACTIVITIES

Online Family Yoga | Sewing Craft | Stay & Play | Arts &
Crafts | Egg Mosaic Crafts | Music & Games |
Gardening | Storytelling | Online Creative Workshop |
Trip to the British Science Museum | Trip to Surrey
Docks Farm

Venue: Lewington Community Centre, 9 Eugenia Road
Rotherhithe SE16 2RU



To Register call: 07725818283 or visit
www.parents2go.org

PRESENTS

FREE EASTER HOLIDAY FUN & FOOD FOR FAMILIES

YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 10+

Online Family Yoga | Fun With Money Matters | Sport
| Games | Food | Healthy Earth Creative Writing & Art
| Trip To Chislehurst Caves | Cooking Activities | Easter
Egg Hunt | Trip to British Science Museum

DATE: APRIL 4TH - 14TH TIME: 11:00AM - 3:00PM

VENUE: ST MATHEWS CHURCH LILFORD ROAD SE15 3RT

To register call: 07725818283 or
visit: www.parentskills2go.org



Free Scholarships Available

What: Professional football coaching

Who: Year 4 & 5 girls

When: Every Saturday from 23rd April until 16th July

Where: Lyndhurst Primary School, Camberwell

To apply please email: southlondongirlsfa@gmail.com

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about FACEBOOK

AGE RATING

13+

With 2.9 billion users, Facebook, owned by the recently rebranded Meta, is the world's most popular social media platform. It encourages interaction with other people by (among other things) adding them as friends, reacting to or commenting on their content, sharing images and videos, posting status updates, joining groups and playing games. Facebook is free, and anyone over 13 can join – but with no age verification, younger children can easily create an account: it's likely your child is already familiar with the platform, even if they don't yet use it themselves.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ADDICTIVE NATURE

Facebook's quick reward cycle of likes and comments on shared posts can be hugely addictive. It encourages users to keep returning to post things and increases FOMO (the Fear Of Missing Out), which leads to people checking the app even more frequently and finding themselves endlessly scrolling through content.

CYBERBULLYING

A 2021 Ofcom report found that around one in four UK 12–15-year-olds had been cyberbullied or trailed (intentionally antagonised online). On Facebook, this can happen through private messages (on Facebook Messenger); hurtful comments on their profiles and posts; pages or groups set up purposely to torment a victim; or exclusion from pages or groups.

FUTURE IMPACT

Like most social media platforms, anything posted on Facebook leaves a permanent 'digital footprint'. This can have future consequences for young people: many universities and employers, for example, now review someone's Facebook timeline during the application process.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

Just like in the offline world, there are people on Facebook with malicious intentions. Ofcom reports, for instance, that 30% of 12–15-year-olds have received a friend request from a stranger. This, sadly, can include individuals seeking to take advantage of impressionable youngsters.

OVERSHARING

Facebook encourages you to post "what's on your mind", but children should be wary of revealing too much about themselves online. Users can give away their location by checking in or using Facebook Live, for example, while some photos can also be traced using file data.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Facebook monitors and removes material like hate speech or extreme political views, while adverts on the platform are now forbidden from targeting under-18s based on their interests. Offensive content isn't always taken down instantly, however, so there's still a risk of children encountering it.

VIDEOS AND STREAMING

Facebook Live lets users stream video live to their friends or watch others' broadcasts. Viewers can comment in real time, which is problematic to moderate. Short, user-created clips called Reels can now also be displayed on profiles and feeds. These video features could contain unsuitable material or allow children to be coaxed into doing something on camera that they wouldn't normally do.

Advice for Parents & Carers

KEEP ACCOUNTS PRIVATE

In the settings area, you can choose whether a Facebook profile is public or private. By far the safest option is to switch your child's to private, so they can only interact with people who they are friends with on the platform. Facebook's settings can also prevent your child's personal information (such as contact details, school name or date of birth) from appearing publicly.

ENCOURAGE SAFE FRIENDING

Facebook can help your child to stay connected with the people and the things that they care about. However, it's important for them to understand that they should only accept friend requests from people who they know. The key questions to consider are "has your child met them in person?" and "do they know and trust them enough to feel comfortable accepting them as a Facebook friend?"

LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Let your child watch you using Facebook – this will demonstrate how it can be used safely and appropriately, reducing the risk of them encountering harmful content themselves. Teach them the habit of thinking before sharing anything online and try to follow the same rules that you set for them – so if you agree time limits on your child's Facebook use, then you should stick to them, too.

SAVVY SHARING

Make sure your child realises that what they share online with friends can end up being shared again by others. It's important that they think about what they share online and who they share it with. Facebook's 'Audience Selector' gives users the option to filter who sees what they are sharing, whenever a status is updated, photos are uploaded or anything is posted.

RESPECT BOUNDARIES

Once you've talked about Facebook safety with your child, give them some space and trust them to make smart choices. Make it clear, however, that you're always open to discussing social media if they need to. In the early stages, you could occasionally review your child's social media activity with them to put your mind at rest – but take care not to become reliant on checking it every night.

BLOCK AND REPORT

On Facebook, you're able to report harmful content and block particular people or groups so they can't contact your child or view their profile. Before they start spending serious time on the platform, show your child how these features work and explain why they might need to be used. Facebook's Bullying Prevention Hub offers advice on dealing with harassment on the platform.

Meet Our Expert

Alex Wright is a former Facebook employee and social media expert with more than 15 years' experience in digital media. He has worked with some of the biggest organisations on the planet and has a vast understanding of how social media platforms work and how they engage their audience.



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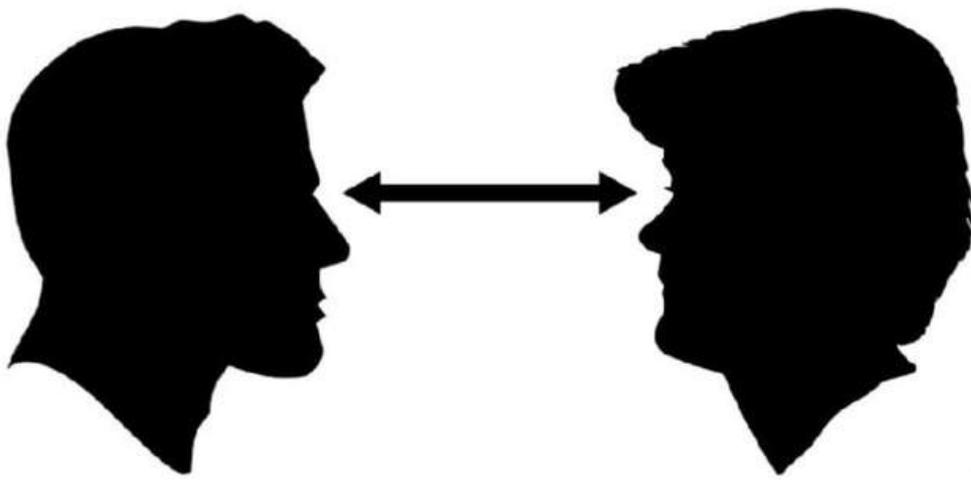
Year 4
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Year 5
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Year 6
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Encourage your child to make and maintain eye contact with the other person when speaking; they may find this uncomfortable at first, but persevere and give them praise when they do



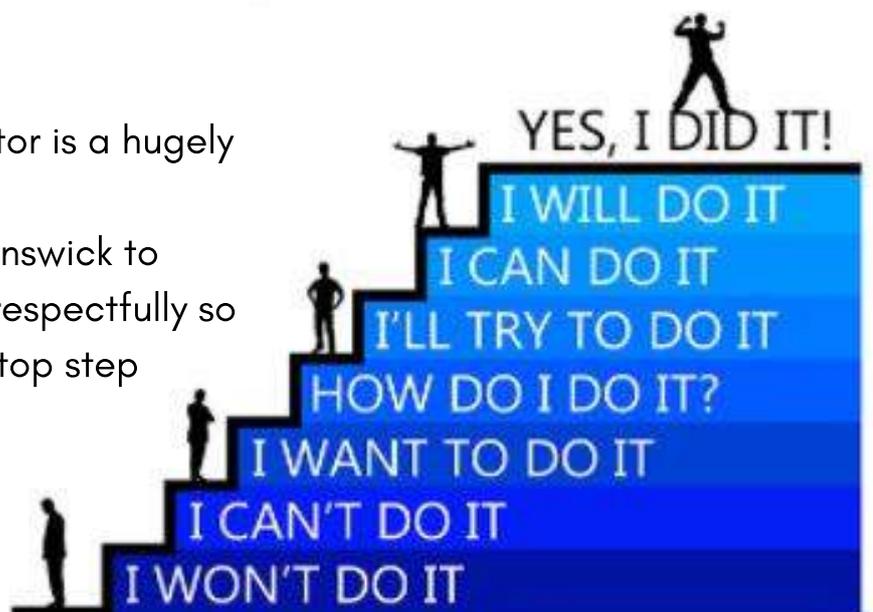
Encourage your child to answer questions in full sentences and to make 2-way conversations where possible



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 2022/2023

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 - FINISH AT 2.00PM

ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-2023

Autumn Term

HALF TERM 1: Thursday 1 September 2022 to Friday 21 October 2022

INSET DAYS ON THURSDAY 1 SEPTEMBER AND FRIDAY 2 SEPTEMBER - CHILDREN RETURN ON MONDAY 5 SEPTEMBER

HALF TERM BREAK: Monday 24 October 2022 to Friday 28 October 2022

HALF TERM 2: Monday 31 October 2022 to Friday 16 December 2022

INSET DAY MONDAY 31 OCTOBER - CHILDREN RETURN ON TUESDAY 1 NOVEMBER

Spring Term

HALF TERM 3: Tuesday 3 January 2023 to Friday 10 February 2023

INSET DAY ON TUESDAY 3 JANUARY - CHILDREN RETURN ON WEDNESDAY 4 JANUARY

HALF TERM BREAK: Monday 13 February 2023 to Friday 17 February 2023

HALF TERM 4: Monday 20 February 2023 to Friday 31 March 2023

Summer Term

HALF TERM 5: Monday 17 April 2023 to Friday 26 May 2023

(May Day bank holiday will be taken on 1 May)

HALF TERM BREAK: Monday 29 May 2023 to Friday 2 June 2023

HALF TERM 6: Monday 5 June 2023 to Friday 21 July 2023

INSET DAY MONDAY 5 JUNE - CHILDREN RETURN ON TUESDAY 6 JUNE

Children finish at 2.00pm on 16 December 2022, 31 March 2023 and 21 July 2023

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 Champion 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 Class RA for 100% attendance in the last fortnight!
66 children out of 376 have 100% attendance from 02/09/21 to 01/04/22. Well done!

Whole School Attendance for W/B 21.03.22: 95.25%

Whole School Attendance for W/B 28.03.22: 94.31%

Whole School Attendance Target: 97%

Right to Reply:

01/04/22: 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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