Brunswick Park Primary School



e-Newsletter

Friday 15 March 2024

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March's Focus Value is **PATIENCE**

Dear Parents and Carers

It's been a busy fortnight since the last Newsletter, with our World Book Day celebrations on 7 March and our Science Day today. You and the children have responded brilliantly to both, with the most amazing costumes and outfits to mark the importance of reading for pleasure and curiosity about our world. I have been surrounded by the likes of rainclouds, butterflies, medical professionals and chemical reactions all day and it's been great to see such enthusiasm for learning.

Thank you for your feedback regarding the length of the Half Term holiday in October. I can now confirm that based upon the responses received to the survey, the majority of parents would prefer that the holiday is not extended to a fortnight. We have taken all your responses into consideration, and have planned next year's INSET days accordingly. Term dates for next year, including INSET days, are now confirmed, and are on this Newsletter. Please refer to them when planning holidays so your children do not miss school.

Next week a group of children in Years 4 and 5 will go to Wick Court Farm in Gloucestershire on a residential trip, our first after the pandemic. We are very excited to be resuming our stays away, as we believe they are important for the children in their development of independence, and give them so many new experiences. Anna Newbold, Jonny White and I will be with these children, and we will be reporting back to school regularly via X. Mr Moudiotis, the Phase Leaders and the rest of the staff will be in school as usual.

Finally, Gina Stokes's funeral was held today, and I want to thank one of our extremely talented and kind parents for providing flowers on behalf of the children and staff at the school, in the colours requested by Gina's family. We are

extremely touched by the gesture, and they are beautiful.

With best wishes for a peaceful and enjoyable fortnight ahead.

Susannah Bellingham Head Teacher







DIARY DATES ARE ON THE WEBSITE

PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD'S CURRICULUM LEAFLET FOR DATES RELATING TO THEIR CLASS
PARENTS' EVENINGS: WEDNESDAY 20 AND THURSDAY 21 MARCH
YEARS 4 AND 5 RESIDENTIAL VISIT TO WICK COURT FARM: MONDAY 18 - FRIDAY 22 MARCH
END OF TERM - CHILDREN FINISH AT 2PM: THURSDAY 28 MARCH
TERM DATES ARE ALWAYS ON THE NEWSLETTER AND THE WEBSITE

Learning for living through respect, support and challenge

Smart Phones, Mobile Phones and Smart Watches



At Brunswick Park, children are not allowed mobile devices of **any** kind in school.

Any kind includes Smart Watches, as like Smart Phones they can be used unsupervised to access the internet and be used for communication.

This is unsafe.

Children in Years 5 and 6 who come to school by themselves are permitted to bring a mobile phone to school, as long as it is placed securely in the School Office at 08:45 and collected at 15:30.

If a child in any Year Group is found with a mobile device during the school day, it will be confiscated and parents/carers contacted to collect it.

It is our duty to keep children safe when they are at school, which includes keeping them safe online.

Children are supervised closely by adults when they are taught the curriculum with the school's computers and tablets, which is safe.

CLASS AWARDS FOR BEST ATTENDANCE

The classes with the highest levels of school attendance each half term are rewarded with an own clothes day.

There are awards for the best attendance in Key Stage 1 and the best attendance in Key Stage 2.

Attendance includes punctuality, so to win an award, children need to be in school, on time, every day, learning.

Which classes will win this half term's awards?

Play Shelter Holiday Playscheme Survey



Great news – the Play Shelter now has enough staff to open up the waiting list for After School Club, and is back to offering places.

Parents on the waiting list are being contacted, and if you need after school childcare, please contact the club directly. Details are below.

The Play Shelter now wants to know if parents/carers want a Holiday Playscheme at Brunswick Park. It would be open to Brunswick's children and to children from other schools, and would cost in the region of £95 per child per week for full days.

Please share your views on the Google Form by Friday 22 March.



Junior parkrun

Join us for a free, weekly, 2k for 4-14 year olds. Walk, jog, run or volunteer, it's for everyone!

Burgess junior parkrun which takes place every Sunday at 9am.

Burgess Park, Camberwell, London, SE5 7QH.

For more information or to register, please visit www.parkrun.org.uk/burgess/

junior parkrun

junior parkrun is a **free**, fun, friendly, weekly, community event organised by volunteers of all ages for **children aged 4 to 14**.

The 2k junior parkrun events take place **every Sunday morning at 9am** in the UK, Ireland and Australia.

It is a great introduction for all the family to be physically active outside together on the weekend.

Walk, jog, run, volunteer or spectate with us, it's great fun and

Your local event is **Burgess junior parkrun**. Find out how to register to your local event here:

it's for everyone!

https://www.parkrun.org.uk/burgess-juniors/





Have you signed up to

www.easyfundraising.org.uk

It doesn't cost you anything, and raises money for the BPFA whist you shop.

Sign up and nominate the **Brunswick Park Families Association CAMBERWELL** as your charity, so every time you shop, the Brunswick Park Families Association gets a donation, which supports your children at the school.

Follow this link or QR code to sign up:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/brunswick-park-families-association





Pecan, Southwark's food bank, has asked if we can collect items to support families over the Easter Holiday.

We are awaiting confirmation of the items the bank needs most, and a collection date.

In the meantime, if you are able to put aside any items from the list opposite until we receive that information, please do, and we will let you know as soon as possible what to do with them.

TINNED MEAT (NON-PORK)

TINNED RICE PUDDING

TINNED FRUIT

TINNED VEGETABLES

PASTA SAUCE

JAM

LONG-LIFE JUICE CARTONS (1L)

COFFEE (100G)

LONG-LIFE MILK (1L)

TOILET ROLL

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

TEKKEN 8

WHAT ARE THE RISKS? Thirty years after its debut on the original PlayStation, the Tekken franchise is back with its eighth mainstream instalment. A one-on-one fighting game series in the same vein as Street Fighter and Mortal Kombat, Tekken 8 can be commended for its relative lack of in-game purchases – but there's still plenty to consider in keeping young players safe from potential hazards.



FUTURE SPENDING?

Tekken 8 carries a PEGI 16 rating, with the assessors noting its violence, occasional profanity and in-game purchase options. The latter issue, however, is a little different to what you may expect from a modern game: unlike many high-profile releases, Tekken 8's content is all accessible without spending any extra money. The exceptions are new characters, which will become available to purchase separately in the future.

COPYCAT RISK

With characters flying across the screen using a mixture of authentic and fantastical fighting styles, younger children and impressionable teens may find themselves tempted to copy their favourite characters or act out their epic fights in real life. This could simply amount to harmless fun – but could also easily lead to accidents, injury and distress if young gamers start actually landing blows.

VIOLENT GAMEPLAY

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As a flighting game, Tekken 8's gameplay is heavily based on punching, kicking and throwing opponents around — while some characters' attacks occasionally involve weapons. Most of the violence is comparatively cartoonish in its execution and lacking in gare, but the fact romains that the action still revolves entirely around intense combat and inflicting damage on an opponent.

FAMILY CONFLICT

Tekken 8's story mode, 'The Dark Awakens', focuses on two of the series' most important characters – Kazuya and Jin, a father and son who have been warring for years. The sight of two family members physically fighting each other may be hard to understand (and difficult to deal with) for some children – causing confusion and concern over why relatives would want to hurt one another.

RANKED ONLINE PLAY

Tekken 8 features an array of online modes – most notably its 'Ranked' section, where players battle to reach the top spot of a worldwide leaderboard. Many players will dedicate significant amounts of time to practising and – while the challenge can be fun – some of these matches can get extremely competitive. Children could become obsessed with climbing the rankings and dedicate an unhealthy amount of time to the game or grow angry if they wind up on a losing streak.

ONLINE CONTACT

Tekken 8 doesn't offer voice chat by default, but a player's platform ID is visible (auch as their PlayStation Network ID, Steam account or Xbox gamertag). Rival players can, therefore, reach out via messages if they wish. Given the game's flercely competitive nature, these communications can potentially put children at risk of online abuse if their opponent is a particularly sore loser.

Advice for Parents & Educators

TRY IT OUT YOURSELF

As with many popular games, we'd recommend checking it out for yourself in advance if you have any concerns. In the case of Tekken 8, there's a free demo version available (for all platforms) which lets you experience fights with a handful of the characters: a useful way of establishing first-hand whether some children might find the game's violence to be too intense.

MARTIAL ARTS MOTIVATION?

With characters utilising real-world fighting styles such as jiu-jitsu, boxing and kickboxing. Tekken could represent an opportunity to channel a child's fondness for the game into a beneficial interest in real-world martial arts. Classes can help to build young people's confidence and physical fitness, as well as providing avenues for making new friends.

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EXERCISE YOUR JUDGEMENT

While Tekken 8 features a sort of 'spray' impact effect when attacks land, it's not the kind of game that most observers would describe as gory (unlike, for instance the Mortal Kombat franchise). Of course, any fighting game worthy of the name will include a significant degree of violence – but the level at which the battles in Tekken are pitched may not be an issue for some children.

CONTROL COMMUNICATIONS

If a child plays Tekken online with anyone apart from their friends, then parents and carers could consider restricting communications – such as shutting off the facility to be messaged by other players (although the child's profile name will still be displayed) – to reduce the chance of contact from strangers. This can be done via the console's account settings or through the child's Steam account (if playing on PC).

Meet Our Expert

Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRecon, Lloyd Coombes has worked in the games media industry for five years. He's played every Tekken title since the series began and, as a parent, also values the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.



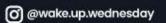


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10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators **DEVELOPING HEALTHY** SLEEP PATTERNS

Quality sleep is paramount for wellbeing as it impacts our cognitive function, emotional balance and overall health. A World Health Organisation study highlighted that 44% of young people reported difficulty sleeping - potentially affecting their mood, concentration and immune system. Our guide offers expert tips for helping children to sleep more healthily.

MINDFUL TECH USE



Encourage a balanced approach to screen time. While phones, laptops, tablets and so on can serve as a helpful means of stress relief, it's advisable to minimise their use right before bed These devices can keep the mind racing long after they're switched off, impacting how easily and how well a person can sleep.

EFFECTIVE SLEEP PRACTICES



Offer practical advice on reinforcing certain habits that have a positive influence on sleeping patterns. Children could start keeping a diary which they add to each evening, for example or they could use up excess energy by exercising

HYDRATION



Underline the importance of drinking plenty of water throughout the day, while limiting drinks close to bedtime to prevent disruptions during the night: it's a lot harder to switch off if you keep needing to get out of bed for the toilet. Avoiding caffeinated drinks later in the day also allows the body and brain to slow down naturally, without any chemicals firing them

CONSISTENT BEDTIME SCHEDULE

Assist children in developing consistent bedtime routines that tell the body it's time to wind down, promoting a more relaxed state. Establish specific activities for young ones right before going to bed – such as brushing their teeth ~ to set up an association between that action and falling asleep.

OPTIMAL SLEEP ENVIRONMENT



Ensure that the bedroom is comfortable, dark and free from distractions, fostering an ideal space for quality rest. The room's temperature should also be suitable for sleeping – that is, not too hot and not too cold – while rooms should be kept as tidy and free of clutter as possible.

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RELAXING EVENING ACTIVITIES

Recommend activities that have a calming Recommend activities that have a calming effect on the mind - such as reading or gentle stretching - in the lead up to bedtime, to prepare the mind for a peaceful night's sleep. Doing something quiet, relaxing and low intensity signals to the brain that it's time to rest and makes falling asleep much easier.

PRIORITISING ADEQUATE SLEEP



Emphasise the crucial role of sleep in maintaining physical and emotional wellbeing It's especially important to sustain a healthy sleep pattern during challenging and intensive periods in our lives: during the exam season for

NUTRITIONAL BALANCE



Highlight the significance of a healthy, balanced diet – and its role in establishing a more consistent sleep pattern. Try to lear towards preparing meals with plenty of fruit and vegetables, served in reasonable portion sizes: not only is this a lot healthier, but it also reduces the chances of feeling too full to be comfortable

PARENTAL



Parents and carers, of course, are uniquely situated to support their children in establishing and maintaining healthy sleeping habits. Parents can review their own sleep habits (incorporating anything from this list that they don't do already) to model a balanced bedtime routine and reinforce the importance of

MILITARY SLEEP METHOD



Look up 'the military sleep method': it's a technique for falling asleep quickly, which incorporates deep breathing exercises. You could encourage children to try it or even use it yourself. While it can take a good deal of practice to perfect, eventually it will start to feel natural – and the results are often extremely impressing impressivel

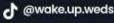




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Keeping up to date with Brunswick Park on Social Media











EYFS @EyfsBPPS

Year 1 @Year1BPPS

Year 2 @Year2BPPS

Year 3 @Year3BPPS







Years 5 @Year5BPPS



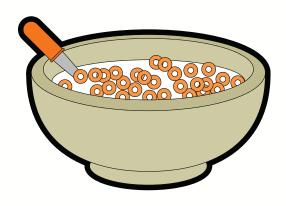
Year 6 @Year6BPPS



Whole School on X @BrunswickParkPS on Instagram @brunswickparkps

Brunswick Park Breakfast Club Reception - Year 6 £15 per week

regardless of the number of days children attend, payable a week in advance at the School Office and online via ParentMail.







7.45am until the start of the school day, Monday - Friday

In the Dining Hall, run by Brunswick's own staff: Mikaela, Linda and Karen Nursery Breakfast Club details available from the School Office

Term Dates 2023/2024

ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-2024

DO NOT BOOK HOLIDAY IN TERM TIME CHILDREN ARE ENTITLED TO 190 DAYS' EDUCATION PER YEAR

Autumn Term

HALF TERM 1: Monday 4 September 2023 to Friday 20 October 2023

INSET DAY ON MONDAY 4 SEPTEMBER

CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 5 SEPTEMBER

HALF TERM BREAK: Monday 23 October 2023 to Friday 27 October 2023 HALF TERM 2: Monday 30 October 2022 to Wednesday 20 December 2023

Spring Term

HALF TERM 3: Monday 8 January 2024 to Friday 9 February 2024

HALF TERM BREAK: Monday 12 February 2024 to Friday 16 February 2024

HALF TERM 4: Monday 19 February 2024 to Thursday 28 March 2024

Summer Term

HALF TERM 5: Monday 15 April 2024 to Friday 24 May 2024

(May Day bank holiday will be taken on 6 May)

HALF TERM BREAK: Monday 27 May 2024 to Friday 31 May 2024

HALF TERM 6: Monday 3 June 2024 to Thursday 25 July 2024

INSET DAYS MONDAY 22, TUESDAY 23, WEDNESDAY 24, THURSDAY 25 JULY

LAST DAY IN SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN IS FRIDAY 19 JULY 2024

Children finish at 2.00pm on 20 December 2023, 28 March 2024 and 19 July 2024

Public Holidays:

Monday 25 December 2023: Christmas Day Holiday

Tuesday 26 December 2023: Boxing Day Holiday Monday 1 January 2024: New Year Holiday

Friday 29 March 2024: Good Friday
Monday 1 April 2024: Easter Monday

Monday 6 May 2024: May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 27 May 2024: Spring Bank Holiday

Monday 26 August 2024: Summer Bank Holiday

Term Dates 2024/2025

ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-2025

DO NOT BOOK HOLIDAY IN TERM TIME CHILDREN ARE ENTITLED TO 190 DAYS' EDUCATION PER YEAR

Autumn Term

HALF TERM 1: Monday 2 September 2024 to Friday 25 October 2024

INSET DAY ON MONDAY 2 SEPTEMBER

CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

HALF TERM BREAK: Monday 28 October 2024 to Friday 1 November 2024

INSET DAY ON MONDAY 4 NOVEMBER

CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 5 NOVEMBER

HALF TERM 2: Monday 4 November 2024 to Friday 20 December 2024

INSET DAY ON FRIDAY 20 DECEMBER 2024

LAST DAY OF TERM FOR CHILDREN IS THURSDAY 19 DECEMBER 2024

Spring Term

HALF TERM 3: Monday 6 January 2025 to Friday 14 February 2025

HALF TERM BREAK: Monday 17 February 2025 to Friday 21 February 2025

HALF TERM 4: Monday 24 February 2025 to Friday 4 April 2025

Summer Term

HALF TERM 5: Tuesday 22 April 2025 to Friday 23 May 2025

(May Day bank holiday will be taken on 5 May)

HALF TERM BREAK: Monday 26 May 2025 to Friday 30 May 2025

HALF TERM 6: Monday 2 June 2025 to Tuesday 22 July 2025

INSET DAYS MONDAY 21 AND TUESDAY 22 JULY

LAST DAY IN SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN IS FRIDAY 18 JULY 2025

Children finish at 2.00pm on 19 December 2024, 4 April 2025 and 18 July 2025

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On the Homepage of Brunswick's website there is the Events Diary, our X (Twitter) Feed and Quick Links to all the information you need.

Please use it to stay up to date; it is there to help you.

Making payments for goods and services at school

Payments for uniform, trips, Breakfast Club, top-up fees and Nursery After School Club can all be made either in cash at the School Office, or online, via ParentMail.

To pay for uniform online using ParentMail, you need to log in to your account and pay for the item/s before you collect them from the School on Wednesdays.

Uniform can now be bought online directly from MAPAC via this link:

https://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/brunswickparkse57qh

To pay for all other services – trips, Breakfast Club, top-up fees and Nursery After School Club – make sure your ParentMail account is registered to pay for the services you need, then you can pay for them online.

If you need support to register, please see the School Office Staff.

WE HOPE THIS HELPS!

Uniform - sales in school and online via MAPAC

Sweatshirts, cardigans, bookbags and swimming hats are still available to buy or collect from the School Office on **Wednesdays from 3.30-4.00pm**. If you choose to pay in cash, please bring the right money as we cannot give change. If you choose to pay online via ParentMail, please pay for your item/s before coming to collect them.

YOU CAN BUY UNIFORM DIRECT FROM MAPAC FOR DELIVERY TO YOUR HOME:

USE THIS LINK - also on the school website -

https://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/brunswickparkse57qh

Age 13 - adult sweatshirts = £10.00

All other sweatshirts = £8.00

Age 13 - adult cardigans = £13.00

All other cardigans = £11.00

Book Bags = £4.00

Swimming Hats = £1.00



SCHOOL UNIFORM, PE KIT AND PE DAYS

All children are expected to wear full school uniform daily, and the school PE kit on PE days.

Nursery and Reception children do not get changed for PE, so do not need school PE kit.

Children in Years 1-6 need school PE kit.

They come to school in their PE kit on PE days.



School PE kit is: white T-shirt or white polo shirt black shorts/leggings/joggers school jumper/cardigan white/black/grey socks

black trainers or plimsolls



Please do not send your child to school in non-uniform clothing.

Year Group	PE Day	
Nursery	Thursday	
Reception	Friday	
Year 1	Monday	
Year 2	Tuesday	
Year 3	Thursday	
Year 4	Wednesday	
Year 5	Friday	
Year 6	Wednesday	
Resource Base	Tuesday	







ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Pupil absence and lateness account for lost learning. Lessons start at 09:00. We need to make sure as many children as possible are present in school on time every day.

What YOU must do:

Try to telephone the school before 8.45am each day of your child's absence. Tell the school in advance of any medical appointments, and bring in appointment cards/letters/texts.

If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, consult the NHS guidance: https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/

Children should be kept at home only if they have a serious illness or injury.

If a child has a minor ailment, e.g. headache or stomach ache, you should bring your child in and inform the teacher in person or via the school office.

These ailments are not considered serious enough to warrant absence from school.

If the child's condition worsens, we will contact you.

Have a backup plan for if your child misses transport to call on a family member, neighbour or friend.

If you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance then talk to us as a first step so we can help!

What WE will do:

Check your child's attendance every day.

Phone home to discuss your child's attendance with you.

Invite you into school for attendance meetings if we are concerned.

If we cannot establish a reason for absence, then we may make a welfare home visit.

Celebrate good and improving school attendance.

Tracy Sherry is our Attendance Officer.

Bev Swack is our LA Family Early Help Practitioner.

Children need to:

Arrive at school by 08:50

Be seated in the classroom by 08:55

If children are not in their classrooms by 08:55

they are late.

All children, on time, every day, learning.
Your child is entitled to 190 days' education per year.

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 monitored by Council cameras 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, or risk a warning/fine.

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, X (Twitter) and Instagram 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

Whole School Attendance this fortnight (4.3.24 - 15.3.24): 95.46%

Classes with the best attendance: Resource Base (95%), 1A (94.3%) Classes with the highest number of minutes of lost learning time: 6A

If your child needs to be absent from school for exceptional reasons, you need to complete an Exceptional Leave Request Form in good time beforehand, available on the website and from the School Office.

Remember - don't book holiday in term time - even if the tickets are cheaper - as it cannot be authorised unless circumstances are genuinely exceptional. Evidence must be provided.

Children are entitled to 190 days' education per year.

Whole School Attendance Target: 96%

Right to Reply:

15/03/24: 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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