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24th May 2024

Newsletter

Dear Families,

This week, we celebrated One World Week, a fantastic event where our pupils had the opportunity to explore and appreciate festivals from around the globe. The children really enjoyed sharing their learning with others. A highlight of the week was undoubtedly our International Snack Sale, which was both a culinary delight and a great success. Thank you to everyone who contributed and participated. A particular thanks to all the staff who have again given the children amazing and memorable learning experiences.

Looking ahead, please note that next week is a holiday, giving everyone a well-deserved break before we embark on the final half term of the year.

Lastly, I would like to invite all parents to join us this Saturday for our Grounds Day. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community to help garden, tidy, and repair our school grounds. No experience necessary. Your support and involvement are greatly appreciated.

We look forward to seeing the children back in school on 3rd June.



Yours faithfully,

Mrs S Thompson, Headteacher

Coming up after half term:

Year 6 Careers week		
Monday 3th June		
Tuesday 4th June	Year 4	Multiplication Tables Check – Jaguar and Puma classes Please don't book medical, dental or other appointments this week.
Wednesday 5th June	Year 4	Multiplication Tables Check – Lion and Tiger classes Please don't book medical, dental or other appointments this week.
Thursday 6th June		
Friday 7th June	Whole School	Non-uniform Day – Bring a donation for the Summer Fair Bottle Tombola
	Parents and carers	Safeguarding Training for Parent and Carer Volunteers, 9am Contact the school office to book your place

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Year 6 celebrated the end of SATs with sausage sandwiches in the morning and a celebratory

Colour Run in the afternoon. Well done Year 6!



Visit to Arundel Castle

The Year 2 children visited Arundel Castle last week where they dressed up as knights, climbed the spiral staircase to the keep and even spent time in the dark dungeon.



Wriggly Friends in Year 2



Year 2 were visited by Mr Magee and his wriggly worm friends. We learned all about compost and how worms are important for plants.

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A Visit from Author Jennifer Bell

We were very excited to welcome author Jennifer Bell to school on Thursday. Sarah talked to years 4 and 5 about the first book in her latest series, *Magicalia*, her inspirations and tips for writing. The children were engaged and inspired by her work. If you were not able to purchase her latest book, signed copies are available at the Book Nook.

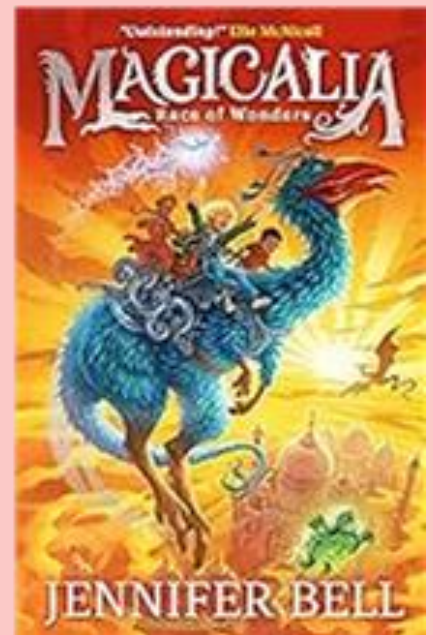
We are very fortunate to work closely with the Book Nook, who provide us

with author and bookshop visits throughout the year.

Amazing author events at The Book Nook:

- Saturday 25th May @ 11am: Draw along with Steven Lenton and *Dino Dad*
- Thursday 30th May @ 2pm: Folk and Stories with Dawn Casey and *My Friend Tree*
- Saturday 8th June @ 11am: Meet *A Fairy Called Fred* with Robert Tregoning
- Saturday 8th June @ 2pm: *Murder Most Unladylike* 10 Year Anniversary with Robin Stevens

Book at www.booknookuk.com/events



Wraparound childcare survey for parents and carers

Having received funding from the Department for Education to increase access to wraparound childcare for primary school children, we would like your views regarding what provision is needed in your area. Wraparound childcare is childcare provision from 8am to 6pm during term-times.

The survey should take no longer than 5 minutes. **The closing date for responses is Friday 7th June 2024.** Please click here to [complete the survey](#).

Further information on government support

To learn more about financial support you're entitled to for childcare, visit: <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

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Thank you!

The amount raised from the generosity of families for Red Nose Day was £162.50.



For children who opt to have a packed lunch, we ask that packed lunches are in a named lunch box/bag. No sweets, chocolate bars or fizzy drinks are permitted and we encourage packed lunches to include some fruit or vegetable, such as banana, blueberries, tomatoes, raw carrot, cucumber wedges.

Due to severe allergies in the school **nuts and sesame are not permitted in packed lunches. This includes pesto, hummus, some cereal bars and Nutella style chocolate and hazelnut spread.**

Communication Update

From next September, we will no longer be using School Ping to send out communications to families.

We will be using a new app which we hope everyone will find easy to download and use. Once we have fully rolled it out, parents/carers will be able to see their child's current information and be able to update certain areas when required eg change of address etc.

We will start to send out instructions how to download the app in due course, but first we need to make sure that we have the correct email address for all families.

If you have recently changed your email address, or have had a new email address since your child joined school which you haven't informed us about, could you please email the school office with your child's name and class and new email address as soon as possible please and we will update it. If you are unsure, please call the office and we will be happy to check for you.

Please email - office@brunswick.brighton-hove.sch.uk

Ofsted - The Big Listen – we want to hear your views!

The National Centre for Social Research (NatCen) is carrying out a short survey on behalf of Ofsted. We want to hear from parents/carers of children who are under 18 years old. It should only take around 10 minutes to complete. We are interested in views of, and any experiences with, Ofsted, including Ofsted's inspection, regulation and reporting practices. We really want to hear from a wide range of parents and carers, even if you don't have strong opinions about Ofsted, or haven't had any experience of Ofsted. The survey findings will be used to help Ofsted improve the way it works in the future.

Please click on the following link to find out more or take part in the survey:

survey.natcen.ac.uk/TheBigListen

You can look at our [Taking Part webpage](#) for more information about the research, and our [Privacy Notice](#) for what will happen to any information you give. Links to these webpages are also included in the survey.

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Come and give your parenting skills a 'workout'...

Parent Gym is coming to Brunswick Primary School!

We know from talking with parents that many of you wonder what you can do to give your children the best start in life (and make your life as a parent a bit easier too).

This is why we're delighted to offer Parent Gym, a well-established, six-week programme that shares and explores practical tips and strategies to make family life easier and help your children thrive.

All parents are welcome to apply and places will be filled on a first come first served basis. We are delighted that because of our relationship with Parent Gym, the programme is free for all families.

Each weekly session lasts two hours, and will take place in the South America Hall on: Monday Mornings

The structure of the main sessions are as follows:-

- 10/06/24: **Chat** (2 hours) – Help your family talk and listen to each other
- 17/06/24: **Love** (2 hours) – Build self-esteem and independence through secure attachments
- 24/06/24: **Behave** (2 hours) – Bring calm and order to your home
- 08/07/24: **Care** (2 hours) – Looking after ourselves and our families
- 15/07/24: **Discover** (2 hours) – Support your children to learn and explore
- 22/07/24: **Together** (2 hours) – Look to the future and recapping key techniques

To **book** your place, please speak to Silvia Arnone –Learning Mentor or ask at reception/the office.



Save the Date

Summer Fair 14th June

3.30pm – 6pm

School Milk

Because of delivery schedules there will be no school milk on Monday 3rd June. Milk will be delivered from Tuesday 4th June. If you pay for school milk you will not be charged.

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In year 3 this week, we have been to Mexico to celebrate Dia de los muertos with Miss Barry, Bolivia to celebrate Fiesta de las Natitas with Miss Springham, Guatemala to celebrate Baile de los Gigantes with Miss McKinnon and finally Peru to celebrate Inti Raymi with Ms Clark! We have really enjoyed learning about South American, Spanish speaking countries and creating invitations, masks, dances and skull lanterns during a fun-filled day in One World Week.

One World Week in Year 3



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Designing and Building River Models in Year 4



In Year 4 this week, the children have been working collaboratively to design and build the journey of the River Nile.

Year 6 visited Herstmonceux Science Observatory on Wednesday. Despite the soggy weather we had a fantastic time exploring all the hands on science activities and learning a bit more about astronomy.



Printing and Collage in Year 5



Year 5 have been learning about mono-printing in art. One off pieces of art created by rolling acrylic paint over a piece of plastic, scratching and scraping marks in it and printing it on top of (in this case) a collage. It has been a fun and exploratory art process.

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City Parks play area community update sessions

Come along and see what is planned for your local play area

✿ **Happy Valley play area**
Tuesday 28 May
10 to 11am

✿ **Ovingdean play area**
Tuesday 28 May
1 to 2pm

✿ **Hollingbury play area**
Tuesday 28 May
3 to 4.30pm

✿ **Kingswood Flats play area**
Wednesday 29 May
10 to 11am

✿ **Milner Road Flats play area**
Wednesday 29 May
1 to 2pm

✿ **Manor Road Flats play area**
Wednesday 29 May
3 to 4pm

✿ **William Clarke play area**
Thursday 30 May
10 to 11am

✿ **Wolseley Road play area**
Thursday 30 May
1 to 2pm

✿ **Mackie Park play area**
Thursday 30 May
3 to 4pm

✿ **Stanmer Heights play area**
Friday 31 May
10 to 11am

✿ **Hove Lagoon play area**
Friday 31 May
1 to 2pm

✿ **Mile Oak play area**
Friday 31 May
3 to 4.30pm

We look forward to seeing you at these sessions

To contact us:
please email cityparks@brighton-hove.gov.uk
or call 01273 292929

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Class Awards – Congratulations to our worthy winners!

	Reception Rabbit – Sophia and Owen Duck - Wilson and Robin Hamster – Suki	
Year 1 Seahorse – Lena and Iris Lobster – Daniel and Anna Starfish - Astrid and Tom Octopus – to be announced	Year 2 Grasshopper – Jasmine and Linus Ladybird – Medyar Dragonfly - Rex Bumblebee – Muhammed and Whole Class	Year 3 Salamander – Elizabeth and Calobe Gecko – Reuben and Eden Chameleon – Gwilym and Meena Iguana – Franklin and Yasmin
Year 4 Puma – to be announced Tiger – Aurora and Remas Lion - Dylan and Kyle Jaguar – Havon and Emily	Year 5 Griffin – Kuzey and Emily Pegasus – to be announced Phoenix - Savannah and Tess Dragon – Vangelis and Thiago	Year 6 Osprey – Charles Kite – Olivia and Nevaeh Owl - to be announced

Diary Dates

Please check the school website on a regular basis for upcoming events and class information.

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Mon 10 th - Tue 11 th Jun	Year 4	Penshurst Place Residential trip
Fri 14 th Jun	Everyone welcome!	PTFA Summer Fair, 3.15 – 6pm
Fri 7 th Jul		Safeguarding Training for Parent and Carer Volunteers, 9am Contact the school office to book your place
Fri 5 th Jul	Year 6	Citywide Transition to Secondary Day
Tue 9 th Jul	Year 5	Sports Day, 9.15 – 11am
Wed 10 th Jul	Year 3	Sports Day, 9.15 – 11am
Thu 11 th Jul	Year 4	Sports Day, 9.15 – 11am
Fri 12 th Jul	Year 1	Sports Day, 9.15 – 11am
Mon 15 th Jul	Reception	Sports Day, 9.15 – 11am
Tue 16 th Jul	Year 6	Sports Day, 9.15 – 11am
Wed 17 th Jul	Year 2	Sports Day, 9.15 – 11am
Wed 17 th – Fri 19 th Jul	Year 6	Residential trip

INSET Days 2023 – 24:

Monday 1st July

INSET Days 2024-25:

Monday 2nd September

NEWSLETTER



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Tuesday 3rd September

Friday 25th October

Monday 6th January

Friday 4th July