

Week 34 28th May 2021

Dear Families,

This is the last day of the first half of the summer term. It has been a busy one and I am delighted that during the last 6 weeks we have remained open to all classes. For this I credit the whole Brunswick team of children, families and staff and the diligent adherence to our Covid 19 Risk Assessment. Thank you.



This week I had the pleasure of joining a PTFA meeting with 13 parents who kindly gave up their time to support fund raising efforts for the school. Impressively this team of committed and resourceful women have continued to raise funds during a year in which the usual fayres and events have been unable to take place. The team have plans for second hand uniform sales, non uniform days and additional events for our families. Please be assured that as soon as we can we will share dates for these events that will take place outside and following updated guidance which we are expecting towards the end of June.

If you would like to join the PTFA then please do, many hands make light work and becoming a member of the group is a great way to get to know other parents and carers as well as being able to put the myriad of skills we have in our community to good use. Those skills may include tea making or setting up grotos, it is very rewarding voluntary work. I would especially like to say a big thank you to Jean who will be leaving us for pastures new at the end of the term – I imagine that she will continue her efforts for our Secondary Colleagues. Thanks Jean for all you have done for our community.

Next week is half term and I wish you and your family a restful and recharging week away from the school run. School remains closed to children on Monday 7th June so that staff can take part in essential professional development. On the agenda for this training we have –

- Safeguarding
- Behaviour – rewards and sanctions
- Autism awareness updates

Fingers crossed for some brighter weather over the next week.

Best wishes



Alison Colbran Interim Headteacher

School Streets

Our “School Street” scheme has had, on the whole, a positive impact and there has been a huge effort all round in making it happen. In order to safely continue this scheme, I am reminding all families that this street closure is in place to create a **shared** space for pedestrians and car users. We need to be mindful that the road will continue to be used by local residents, businesses and some of our families who have in place personal arrangements with the school.

In order for this initiative to remain effective I am requesting the following from all of our families

- parents to arrive at their correct staggered drop off time – be on time and not early
- children who walk to school to arrive at their correct staggered drop off time – on time and not early
- avoid family congestion in the street – drop and go to vacate the street
- parents to drop their children and go quickly and safely and help with social distancing

Finally, I would like to remind parents not to use disabled bays unless they hold a blue badge. Please park legally, sharing consideration for all of our school community.

Year 6 leavers events – from Miss Wright, Head of Year 6

Last week Ms Colbran mentioned an exciting end of year for our lovely Year 6 children. The Year 6 team have been beavering away organising a VERY special end of year event for the 21st July. There are further details of which we are keeping under wraps for that little bit longer. Trust us - Year 6 will be leaving Brunswick on a high!

Alongside this we are going to be filming a performance from after half term which will be available to purchase by the end of the year.

LOTS will be going on in the six Year 6 classrooms to not only end this year brilliantly, but to get them even more prepared for next year.

Coronavirus contact tracing over half term

Schools continue to play an important part in contact tracing for pupils and staff and we will continue this during half term. We will therefore be asking parents and carers of children currently attending school, to help with the following.

Families should email the school office if their child gets Coronavirus symptoms **within 48 hours** of their last day in school – please email office@brunswick.brighton-hove.sch.uk with COVID-19 SYMPTOMS in the heading.

- Please arrange for a PCR Coronavirus test for your child as soon as possible. It is vital that where symptoms have come about within 48 hours of last being on site, a test is taken as soon as possible.
- Please email the office with the results of the test as soon as they are received.
- If your child tests positive, we will then contact children and staff who were in the child's bubble in school and ask them to self-isolate, following the governments guidelines.

If your child develops Coronavirus symptoms after 48 hours of being in school, you do not need to alert us, however, if they go on to receive a positive test result, please let us know so that we are aware. In this instance, we will not need to ask the school bubble to isolate.

Please note, the emails will be monitored at key times over the weekend and during half term for this purpose. Other non-urgent emails will be responded to when school re-opens again after half term.

We would like to thank you for your continued co-operation in helping us to keep our school community safe.

It's Carnival time in Year 1 - Miss Clark tells us about their day



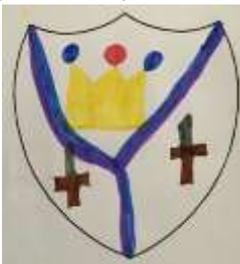
This week was Carnival Day in Year 1. All the children took turns to play the steel pans, led by our resident steel pan player: thank you Julie Bowring. Using careful chopping skills, an individual fruit salad was made. Making crowns from glittery paper, and feathers, everyone felt just like Nini from the story we have been reading. Ribbons were attached to shakers and flags. Then everyone paraded around the field, waving their flags and shaking their shakers with cheers from Year 3 and Year 5. Seeing the children dancing together was such a treat, using their samba skills. We ended the day with a picnic, one child whispered, 'this was the best day ever' and we would all agree that it certainly was a great day. It felt like such a celebration being together outside.

Thank you to Same Sky for the flag making materials too!



Year 2's Castle Day – a message from Miss Howard

This week Year 2 arrived at school beautifully dressed and ready to immerse themselves in History with 'Castle Day'. On this special day we looked at what life in a castle would be like. We enjoyed weaving, creating tapestries and battling! We even used a quill to paint illuminated letters, designed our own coat of arms and enjoyed a banquet in our very own great hall.



COVID-19 Update – a letter for parents and carers from Brighton & Hove Council

As we approach the end of this half-term we have seen a small number of new COVID cases in children across the city. This is an important time to share reminders with you all about safe behaviour over the next few weeks. Please read the attached letter from Deb Austin, Executive Director for Families, Children and Learning.

Class Awards – Congratulations to our worthy winners this week

	Reception Rabbit – Rafsan Fish – Maya Hamster – Oscar Duck – Oscar and Mohamed	
Year 1 Seahorse - Oli Lobster – Souleyman Starfish - Izzy Octopus – Ioannis	Year 2 Grasshopper – Sophia H Dragonfly – Tilly Ladybird – Jack Bumblebee – Seth	Year 3 Salamander - Walter Gecko – Charles Chameleon - Iguana – Stella
Year 4 Puma – Clara Tiger – Anisa Lion - Zain Jaguar – Tommy	Year 5 Griffin – Houda Pegasus – Oliwia Phoenix – Jet Dragon – Efe	Year 6 Falcon – Analiese Eagle – Zac Osprey – Ela Kite – Louie Kestrel – Sabina Owl - Bonnie

Supporting a child with anxiety

Please see this correspondence from Kirsty Cregan - Curriculum Coordinator for Family Learning · Brighton & Hove City Council

I'd like to let you know about a series of **free** online workshops that we're running to support parents/carers whose children **may be struggling with anxiety, self-esteem and with showing resilience.**

The sessions are for small groups of parents/carers who would like to support a child who is troubled by anxious thoughts and behaviours, and to develop strategies to build resilience.

Feedback from parents has been very positive:

"Listened to our concerns and gave us some great advice and tools."

"Gave me confidence in my parenting skills."

"It was good to meet other parents going through similar things with their children."

"Gave practical tips as well as reassurance. I feel I'm better able to support my child with their anxiety."

Supporting a child with anxiety (2 x 75 minute sessions):

- Recognise the signs of anxiety and anxious behaviours
- Find the language to discuss worries with children
- Get practical tips to support a child through anxious thinking. The sessions encourage parents to reflect on their responses to their child's anxiety to help the family make progress

Date of workshops:

Mondays 7 and 14 June 10-11.15am

Tuesdays 15 and 22 June 1-2.15pm

Building a child's resilience (3 x 1 hour sessions):

- Parents can learn ways to help a child to make sense of their feelings, not be overwhelmed by them and to self-regulate
- Encourages parents to reflect on their expectations of their child
- Shows parents how to build a positive mind-set in their child so they're not afraid of failing

Date of workshops:

Tuesdays 8, 15 and 22 June 10-11am

Tuesdays 29 June and 6 and 13 July 10-11am

Parents and carers can book by email: FamilyLearning@brighton-hove.gov.uk, or by visiting [Family learning online classroom \(brighton-hove.gov.uk\)](https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/family-learning)

We know that a lot of children are struggling with anxiety at the moment so please let families and school staff know about this free support.

Many thanks

Brunswick Primary School PTFA – Treasurer wanted!

We would like to say a huge “thank you” to our outgoing treasurer, Jean Ward, who will say goodbye to the Brunswick Primary community at the end of Summer Term. Jean has been treasurer since 2018 and a long serving trustee and committee member. As well as running a well-oiled bar at Comedy Night functions and counting moneys for endless hours at school events, Jean has also run the Christmas Card fundraising drive for three years running, including uploading every individual card and mug order to the system. This is a huge job in itself, let alone the duties of treasurer, and we will miss her drive and commitment hugely. Goodbye Jean and THANK YOU.

This means we are on the hunt for a new Treasurer. You do not need to be an existing committee member and we would love to hear from anyone with experience overseeing financial records. Main duties of treasurer include overseeing the internet banking of our Charity bank account, keeping a spreadsheet and financial reporting documents and making BACS payments where necessary, making occasional bank deposits and reporting back to the Chairperson and trustees. It is a hugely rewarding role and it does not need to take up hours of your time. Please email brunswickptfa@gmail.com if this interests you going forward. We would like someone to step up this term in order to give Jean the opportunity to brief you on the necessary requirements.

We wish you all a lovely half-term and look forward to seeing you after the break.

Gilliam Ramm

Chair of Brunswick PTFA

Lost scooter

Please keep a look out for a scooter that has gone missing from the scooter store on the Junior side of the school.

It is an iscoot with black handles it has a very distinctive base board that looks like it has been spray painted with graffiti and has light up wheels front and back.



Diary Dates

Friday 28th May	Last day of Summer Term 1	School
Monday 31st May	Bank Holiday	School closed to children
Tuesday 1st - Friday 4th June	Half term Holiday	School closed to children
Monday 7th June	INSET Day	School closed to children
Tuesday 8th June	Summer Term 2 starts	School
Friday 23rd July	Last day of Term - Summer Holidays	School

Inset Days 2021-22

Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd September 2021

Monday 1st November 2021

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Monday 6th June 2022