

November 19th 2021

Dear Families,

Today we welcomed a very special visitor to our Year 6 assembly. Mr Alberto Zanni was awarded not only a gold headteacher sticker but he was announced as the winner of the contribution to sustainable travel as a part of the MODESHIFT national sustainable travel award. The inset picture shows Alberto with his special and very well deserved awards.



Alberto has been working behind the scenes for the last four years to ensure safer and sustainable travel to school and he very much deserves this recognition after being nominated for this by those responsible for supporting the schools street work.

Not only does Alberto regularly staff the barrier he also arranges all of the rotas. If you would like to support and maintain this work, and become a volunteer marshal, then please do contact Alberto directly amz@albertomzanni.com.

Could I also please remind all families that the schools streets scheme is a shared space for cars and pedestrians and that the rules of the green cross code still apply. Cars do use this space during this closure time and have permission to do so. Children should always be supervised and be aware that they will be sharing the space with cars.

I am aware that at times this shared use has caused conflict and would like to remind all families that we expect behaviours on the street outside the school to be respectful, empathetic and appropriate to school life at all times.

Best wishes

Alison Colbran Interim Head teacher

Staffing updates

Mrs Victoria Kaplan will be leaving Brunswick school at the end of this term. She will be taking on a different career opportunity in a secondary school in the city. I am sure that you will join me in wishing her well. Mrs Kaplan joined us in September 2018 and has since that time has been a wonderful class teacher and made a positive difference to the academic and pastoral life of so many children. She will be missed and is a valued member of our staff team. Parents of children in Seahorse class will have received a separate letter via School PING providing further details.

Mrs Victoria Brewer will be moving on to Deputy Headship at Hassocks Infant school at the end of this term. Mrs Brewer joined our team in January 2021 for a seconded role. That initial role was due to end in the Summer Term and so we are pleased to have been able to keep hold of her for some additional time. During her time here we have all noted her exemplary pastoral skills, skilled teaching and all of the work that she has done has been with a smile and a can do attitude which has been valued by children, parents and staff. Worthy of recognition is her work on strengthening our behaviour and relationships policy and developing our behaviour charter. Hassocks are very lucky indeed and we will miss Victoria very much.

Mrs Laura Sands will also be leaving our team. Mrs Sands is a skilled teaching assistant and mid-day meals supervisor who has made a difference to the children that she has worked with since she joined us. I have

particularly noted Laura's empathetic style and she has great skills that are well matched to the needs of our children. Mrs Sands will be taking on a different career as a children's Nanny and we wish her all the best in her new job.

It is always pleasing for a school that the staff we work with are able to move on to new challenges but it is also sad to be saying farewell to members of our team that we know well and respect.

Household Support Fund

Extra help is available this winter for households in Brighton & Hove struggling to pay for food, fuel and other essential costs.

The funding is part of the government's Household Support Fund. The extra support is available until 31 March 2022.

- for people receiving benefits who need help to pay for essentials, [apply for help from our Local Discretionary Social Fund](#)
- for people who don't receive benefits who need help to pay for essentials, [request support from our Community Hub](#)
- people already claiming Housing Benefit or Universal Credit who need extra help to pay their council tax [can apply for discretionary council tax support](#)

The funding does not provide cash. We will offer vouchers or find another way to help people access essential goods and services.

There is also [help to pay for fuel bills](#) this winter.

The funding is also being used to extend the provision of food support in the city, including vouchers for families in receipt of free school meals during the holidays, the 'Holiday Activities and Food' programme and the support available through Children's Centres and community organisations."

Parent Governor Election Result

We are writing to inform you of the result of our election for a parent governor.

Elected: Reem Abushawareb

We would like to thank all those who put their name forward and took the time to complete candidate statements and those of you who voted.

If you would like to be considered in another capacity as one of our governors at a later date, please contact our clerk rachelwright@brunswick.brighton-hove.sch.uk

Yours sincerely,
Brunswick's Governing Board

Christmas Panto – a message from Holland Road Baptist Church

On Wednesday 1st December 6-8pm there's a child-friendly panto round the corner from the school at Holland Road Baptist Church. More info and tickets can be found as follows: hrbc.org.uk/panto

Please see attached flyer for more information.

David and Laura Treneer, Holland Road Baptist Church.

Year 5 Greek Day

Year 5 enjoyed a wonderful 'Ancient Greek Day' on Wednesday. A big thank you to all Parents and Carers for supporting the day with such great costumes that your children wore. The day started with wreath making and writing our names using the Greek alphabet. Then we made ancient Greek mythical creatures with modelling clay, before we got ready for our 'Brunswick Ancient Greek Olympics' in the afternoon. The encouragement, enjoyment and team spirit on display was commendable. All children had great fun in such events as javelin, boxing, running, discus, strength and long jump - all with a modern twist. Unbelievably, all teams scored the same points and it was an almighty draw. Lots of extra points were given for such great supportive behaviour. It was a fantastic day and Zeus, from the top of Mount Olympus, would be very proud of how all the children participated.

Mr Brosnan

Year 5 Year Group Leader



School Christmas Lunch

Our school Christmas lunch will take place on Wednesday 8th December. A menu has been attached. Please note that there will not be a jacket potato option available on this day. If you are not in receipt of free school meals, the cost of a school lunch is £2.20. Please ensure there is credit on your ParentPay account. Children in KS1 are exempt under the universal free school meal funding scheme. If your child prefers not to have a school Christmas lunch, please provide them with a festive packed lunch.

Move for Change – a walking & wheeling challenge from Brighton & Hove Council

Dear Parents or Carers,

With Christmas being a few weeks away, I would like to share a special Christmas walking and wheeling challenge which is part of our "Move for Change" initiative. Move for Change, powered by the BetterPoints app, rewards everyone in the city when they chose active and sustainable travel. Each time you walk, cycle or use the bus, you will earn points which are redeemable for great local discounts and high street shopping vouchers. If you'd like more information about signing up, see [Move for Change – powered by Betterpoints \(brighton-hove.gov.uk\)](http://brighton-hove.gov.uk)

What is the Christmas challenge?

From **29th November - 12th December**, we will be giving away **15,000 Betterpoints** to one lucky winner each day! Plus, we will **match-fund the prize amount with a donation** to a local charity of their choice on the app.

And there is more to be won...

If you complete **14 walking or wheeling activities** during the two weeks you will earn 1 BetterTicket into our **grand prize draw**. We'll be giving away:

- A **Canham & Sons Hamper** worth **£100***.
- A **Barnes & Binns Refill Starter Set** worth **£40**.
- A **Brighton Dome & Festival Print** worth **£100**.

Here is the link to the Christmas challenge: [Move for Change - Brighton and Hove : Countdown to Christmas Challenge \(betterpoints.uk\)](http://betterpoints.uk)

All the best

Delphine Jacq

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Please see the attached leaflet with this Newsletter for further information

DfE funded Christmas Holiday Activities – a message from Fiona Ricci

DfE funded free sessions Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme is taking place in the first week of the school Christmas holidays.

All sessions will provide fun activities, time to socialise, an opportunity to build confidence and a free nutritious meal.

All children and young people aged four to 16 (currently in Reception to year 11) who receive benefits-related free school meals are eligible.

To book a free place you or the family you are supporting will need to contact a chosen provider directly and follow their booking process. Places will be limited so please book quickly to avoid disappointment.

To find out more: Parents and carers should contact the Family Information Service FamilyInfo@brighton-hove.gov.uk.

PTFA News

Christmas Trees for Brunswick

Thank you to Kate at The Brighton Flower Company who has offered to donate £5 for every Christmas Tree ordered. Please use the unique code Brunswick Primary to activate the donation, trees must be ordered by 20th November (Saturday). www.thebrightonflowercompany.co.uk

Winter Raffle

We are so excited to announce that our **WINTER RAFFLE** is back. We have some great prizes lined up in our new-improved, slightly more streamlined raffle. Your child will soon be sent home with raffle tickets that you can buy yourself or sell to friends and family. Tickets are £1 each, please make sure you write a name and contact number really clearly on the ticket stub as blank tickets cannot win prizes! Seriously, this has happened before....

The raffle will be drawn after school on Friday 11th December, full list of prizes to be published soon. It is also not too late to donate a prize if you work for or run a local business and wish to contribute something.

Pre-worn Uniform Sale

We will be selling pre-worn uniform items in the Junior playground after school on Friday 26th November. Please email brunswickptfa@gmail.com if you can help us set up and pack away. Many hands make light work with our uniform sales. Most items £1.

Christmas Card Orders

If you have ordered mugs, cards or other items, these will be distributed to classes shortly. This is a huge operation and we'd like to say a huge thank you to those who have volunteered to help sort through the deliveries. If you see children taking items home and have not received anything yet, please do not panic! It may take up to a week for all of the items to get to various classes and we thank you for your patience. Please email brunswickptfa@gmail.com if you have any enquiries about card orders and not the school office staff.



Non-uniform day

We will be holding a non-uniform day to raise some extra money for school on Friday 17th December (the last day). There is no particular theme, children can wear whatever they feel most comfortable wearing! Suggested donation £ but all coins gratefully received.

A clothes plea from the Reception team

Donations of Infant underwear, tights and socks are urgently needed for the younger children as supplies are running very low. Additionally if your child has come home wearing borrowed clothes, please could they be returned to school next week. Many thanks.

Class Awards – Congratulations to our worthy winners this week!

	Reception Rabbit –Medyar Fish – Leo Duck – Mariam Hamster - Ronnie	
Year 1 Seahorse – Daisy Lobster – Ronnie Starfish - Margot Octopus – Mayar	Year 2 Grasshopper – Maya Ladybird – Aiyla Bumblebee – Martha Dragonfly – Jesse	Year 3 Salamander – Isaac Gecko – Ruwi Chameleon - Eliso Iguana – Maryam
Year 4 Puma – Rosie Tiger – Lila Lion - Robin Jaguar – Martha	Year 5 Griffin – Mae Pegasus – Olivia Phoenix – Ada Dragon – Henry	Year 6 Falcon – Esra Osprey – Alice Kite – Eleanor Owl – Tomas

Diary Dates

Thurs 25 th Nov	Reception Art Show – Hamster & Fish	School 3.15-4pm
Fri 26 th Nov	Reception Art Show – Rabbit & Duck	School 3.15-4pm
Fri 26 th Nov	PTFA Pre-worn uniform sale	Junior playground 3.15
Mon 6 th Dec	Year 3 Workshare – Iguana & Gecko	School 2.45-3.15pm
Tues 7 th Dec	Year 3 Workshare – Salamander & Chameleon	School 2.45- 3.15pm
Tues 7 th Dec	Year 5 Workshare – Dragon & Pegasus	School 2.45-3.15pm
Wed 8 th Dec	Christmas Dinner	School
Thurs 9 th Dec	Year 1 performance – Lobster & Octopus	School 2.30-3pm
Thurs 9 th Dec	Year 5 Workshare v Phoenix & Griffin	School 2.45-3.15pm
Fri 10 th Dec	Year 1 performance – Starfish & Seahorse	School 2.30-3pm
Mon 13 th Dec	Year 3 performance – Chameleon & Salamander	School 2.30-3pm
Tues 14 th Dec	Year 2 Workshare – Bumblebee & Ladybird	School 2.45-3.15
Tues 14 th Dec	Year 5 performance – Phoenix & Pegasus	School 2.30-3pm
Wed 15 th Dec	Reception performance- Hamster & Fish	School 9.30am
Wed 15 th Dec	Year 4 Workshare – Puma & Tiger	School 2.45-3.15pm

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Be nice. Work hard. Look after yourself.

Wed 15th Dec	Year 5 performance – Griffin & Dragon	School 2.30-3pm
Wed 15 th Dec	Year 6 Workshare	School 2.45-3.15pm
Thurs 16 th Dec	Year 4 Workshare – Lion & Jaguar	School 2.45-3.15pm
Thurs 16 th Dec	Reception performance-Rabbit & Duck	School 9.30am
Thurs 16 th Dec	Year 2 Workshare – Dragonfly & Grasshopper	School 2.45-3.15pm
Thurs 16 th Dec	Year 3 performance – Iguana & Gecko	School 2.30-3pm
Fri 17 th Dec	Own clothes Day – suggested donation £1	School
Fri 17 th Dec	Last day of term	School
Mon 20 th Dec-Mon 3 rd Jan	Christmas holidays	School closed
Tues 4 th Jan	Inset Day	School closed
Wed 5 th Jan	Children return to school - Spring term	School
Fri 11 th Feb	Last day of term	School
Mon 14 th - Fri 18 th Feb	Half term week	School closed
Fri 8 th Apr	Last day of term	School
Mon 11 th -Fri 22 nd Apr	Easter holiday	School closed
Mon 25 th Apr	Children return to school - Summer term	School
Mon 2 nd May	Bank Holiday	School closed
Fri 27 th May	Last day of term	School
Mon 30 th May - Fri 3 rd Jun	Half term week	School closed

INSET Days 2021-2022 – School is closed to children on these days

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Monday 6th June 2022