



News from 'the Park'

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Friday 27th May 2022

Head Teacher Awards

Khaian (Nursery), Abbas (RS), Melina (RB), Rosie (1MA), Davi (1B), Ivy (2RS), Aydin (2MS), Kaira (3W), Antoin (3R), Ella (4M), Rylan (4F), Whole Class (5C) Monroe (5H), Marwa and Maddison (Year 6)

Students of the Week

RB - Dawud and Charlie
RS - Adam and Asha
1B - Alice and Arian
1MA - Boris and Luqman
2RS - Kabilan and Lejla
2MS - Mark and Ameera
3W - Amyrah and Siddharth
3R - Charlie, James and Maryam
4M - Josai and Aarq
4F - Elissa and Katy
5C - Emily and Ayaan
5H - Alice and Jayden
6K - Whole of Year 6
6J - Whole of Year 6

Attendance

This week, **5H** had the highest attendance at **99%**. Great work **5H**. **RS** and **1MA** were a close second with 98% attendance. Our whole school attendance was **96.5%**. Good effort everyone - let's try and keep attendance high for the remainder of the summer term. I would like to thank those parents who have made a huge effort to improve their child's attendance this half term. It is making such a difference to their progress and wellbeing.

What have we been learning about in school this week?

Nursery

This week we have thoroughly enjoyed learning all about Queen Elizabeth II and the Jubilee celebrations. We found out lots of interesting facts, learnt a song all about the Royal Jubilee, created crowns from paper plates and made flags and streamers ready for our celebrations. We have also continued our theme on colour in our activities using red, white and blue for sorting and weaving and in our challenge area. In our outside role play, we have been dressing up as kings and queens and made Buckingham Palace out of blocks!



Reception

We have been very busy this week. We have been doing lots of writing practice to build our confidence before Year 1 and some of us worked together to create a racing car model. We have also been taking great care of our seedlings. Over the half term, a team are coming into the reception outdoor area to work on a surprise for when the children return. I wonder what you will find when you come back Reception?



Year 1

In our RE lessons, we have been thinking about why Shabbat is an important celebration for Jewish people. To support our understanding of this, we visited our local synagogue and were lucky enough to have a talk about Shabbat from the Rabbi. We were also able to share what we had learnt already. Thank you to everyone at the synagogue for such an informative talk and warm welcome.



Year 2

To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee this week the children learnt all about the Queen and had a discussion about the changes that the UK has seen over the past 70 years. The children were shocked to hear about all the things that people didn't have in 1952 that we take for granted today! We decided to decorate the class with window decorations that we made using coloured tissue paper.



Year 3

We have continued to enjoy our 'Farm to Fork' project and this week we learnt how to make a tasty and healthy couscous salad as well as learning lots of hygiene and safety tips. A huge thank you to the PTA for making this project possible, and to the parents who volunteered to help with the cookery sessions.



Year 4

In Science lessons, we have been learning about habitats and food chains. We learnt how to use vocabulary such as producer, consumer and omnivore to precisely describe food chains. We then created 'double page spreads' in our Science books to demonstrate everything that we have learnt in this topic.

Year 5

It's been a fun packed week in Year 5. The children took part in a formal debate about the benefits and drawbacks of artificial intelligence. We were so impressed by how confidently the children spoke and put forward their points. The vote was 50:50 in the end and our discussions are continuing. 5H had a visit from our buddy readers from 1B and both classes said goodbye to our butterflies that we have been observing since they were tiny caterpillars.



Year 6

It's certainly been an action packed week for all our Year 6 children. This week, the children have either been away in the Isle of Wight on their PGL Residential, or enjoying 'PGL at Home' activities which have included a trip to London, Jump In and a tea party. We are looking forward to sharing more photos from the Isle of Wight with Year 6 parents once the children return.



Platinum Jubilee Party!

This afternoon, we are having a special celebration for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We can't wait to share some photos with you after half term. It was wonderful to see all the children in their red, white and blue outfits today!

Turn2Us

Turn2Us helps people in financial need gain access to welfare benefits, charitable grants and other financial help - online, by phone and face to face through their partner organisations. Please click on the link below for further information:

<https://www.turn2us.org.uk/Get-Support>

PTA News and Dates

Thank you PTA from all the children and teachers at Brunswick Park!

Mr Griffiths, Mrs Kennedy and all the staff and children would like to say a huge thank you to the PTA Committee whose efforts have ensured that every class in the school will have experienced a special workshop or received a donation for new equipment by the end of this year. Many of these workshops are taking place next half term and include animal workshops by ZooLab and a Lego building workshop which we know the children will absolutely love! These hands-on experiences make such a difference to the children's enjoyment and engagement, and help us to deliver the playful and enquiry-based curriculum that we aim for. Thank you also to all the parents who have signed up so far to make the Summer Fair happen by volunteering to set up, run stalls or clear away. If you haven't already, please sign

up to help at the Summer Fair - if many people volunteer, it makes it so much easier and more enjoyable for everyone involved!

Awesome Year 6 Helpers

A huge thank you from the PTA Committee to Alba, Alexey and Oliver who gave up their time last Saturday to help the PTA sort through our sheds ahead of the Summer Fair. Please each get a parent to contact a member of the committee to let us know which Summer Fair activity you would like a free ticket for and at what time. Details of the activities went out to your parents by email and on Class Dojo while you were at PGL. You will also receive a Headteacher Award from Mrs Kennedy after half term.

Change of AGM Date

Monday 18 July - 8pm - in school

Due to limited availability for the Year 6 leaver show venue, the PTA AGM has been moved to avoid a clash with the show. Please make a note of the new date. The AGM will include presentation of the activity report and accounts for the year, consideration of funding requests for next year and election of the committee for the next year. Please do attend to help support the PTA's contribution to school life.

Summer Fair

Firstly a big thank you for the generous sweet and chocolate donations today and to the parents and pupils who helped collect them.

Stall Volunteers - Teachers or class reps received the stall sign up rotas for each class earlier this week. If you have not done so already, please speak to your teacher or rep or message teachers on Class Dojo/Tapestry to let them know which slot you can help out with. Please note that due to what is involved in running the stalls it can be tricky to do it with your children in tow. A good way to manage this is to pair up with another family so that while you help your child(ren) spend time with a friend and their parents and vice versa.

Activity Pre-Sales - Earlier this week, details of the activities which can be pre-booked were sent out by email and on Class Dojo and Tapestry. If you want to book anything in advance, please make sure you do it before the closing date of 10 June. Please note some activities may sell out before then as they are all available on a first come first served basis. The deadline will not be extended so please don't leave it to the last minute - if you have any trouble logging into your account or booking any of the fair activities please contact the school office and copy the PTA into your email - brunswickparkpta@gmail.com.

Raffle - The pre-sales pdf also includes information about how to buy raffle tickets. Since it was sent out, we have been very fortunate to receive an additional star prize - a Lenovo laptop. Thank you very much to Lenovo for this kind donation and to the parents who organised it.

Books - Thank you to everyone who has donated books so far. We are looking for second hand children's books in a reasonable condition, for our book stall. Please leave donations in the boxes in the front office.

PTA Dates for your Diary

Friday 10 June - Year 6 ONLY - Sweets/chocolate donation non-uniform day

Friday 17 June - Bottle tombola donation non-uniform day

Saturday 18 June - SUMMER FAIR - 1pm to 4pm

Wednesday 22 June - PTA meeting

Monday 18 July - PTA AGM

Dates for the Diary

Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June - HALF TERM

3R Swimming - Weeks beginning 6th and 13th June (every day)

3W Swimming - Weeks beginning 20th and 27th June

Monday 12th - Friday 17th June - Year 1 Phonics Screening

June - Year 4 Times Tables Check

Friday 1st July - INSET DAY - School closed to children

Monday 4th July - BANK HOLIDAY - School Closed

Thursday 14th July (morning) - Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Sports Day

Friday 15th July (morning) - Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Sports Day

Friday 22nd July, 1.30pm - LAST DAY OF TERM

Year 6 Dates

Tuesday 14th June - SURPRISE TREAT (TOP SECRET!)

Wednesday 13th July (evening) - Year 6 Show to parents - Manor Drive Church Hall

Tuesday 19th July - Trip to Southend

Thursday 21st July (early evening) - Graduation and BBQ (parents and family members invited)

Friday 22nd July (morning) - Leavers Assembly (parents and family members invited)

Other year groups will watch the Year 6 show the week beginning Monday 11th July.

Younger year groups will travel up to Manor Drive Church via minibus and older year groups will walk. Exact dates and arrangements will be confirmed nearer the time.

Have a lovely half term in the sunshine! We look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 6th June.