



# NEWS FROM The Park

Week 19 10/02/2023

## **Message from Miss Wheeler**

This week has been full of fun and exciting learning opportunities. Year 2 had an incredible time visiting St Paul's Cathedral where they went on a guided tour to deepen their historical understanding of what happened to St Paul's Cathedral during the Fire of London.

Year 1 went on a walk to support their local area history learning connected to Sir Thomas Lipton, who lived in Southgate and created Lipton Tea. They had a brilliant experience when they walked to the site of his home, Osidge Mansion. This has now been converted into new luxury homes, named after Sir Thomas Lipton. The children were lucky enough to be able to explore the original grounds and see the blue plaques on the outside of the house.

Across the school, Children's Mental Health Week 2023 was explored and celebrated through assemblies, circle time sessions and class activities. This year's theme was 'Let's Connect.' The children developed an understanding of the importance of making meaningful connections as connecting with others is vital for our wellbeing.

It was wonderful to see so many children taking part in our 'dress to express yourself' non-uniform day today!

Half term is now upon us and I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all our Brunswick Park children for their hard work and determination over the past six weeks, and thank you for your continued support. I hope you have a wonderful half term break and I look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

## **Good Luck Sue!**

As most of you will be aware, Sue Sellars will be starting her maternity leave when we break up for half term. I would like to wish Sue, and her partner, all the very best for the coming weeks and their exciting new arrival! From Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February, Gina will be moving to RS as the teaching lead - ably supported by Lesley and Lyndsey in their support staff roles.

## **Turkey and Syria Earthquakes**

We are sure that, like us, you will have been deeply saddened by the news of the series of devastating earthquakes that have hit southern Turkey and north-west Syria killing and injuring thousands of people. Members of our school community have members of their own families who have been affected. People have been left without shelter in freezing winter conditions, with humanitarian needs expected to grow in the coming days. Access to clean water will likely be a challenge, bringing the risk of cholera and other diseases. Our Brunswick Park school council are organising a fundraising event for after the half term break to help those affected by the earthquakes. In the meantime, if you would like to donate, here is a link to the Disasters Emergency Committee Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal website (the UK Government will match pound-for-pound up to £5 million donated by the public to this appeal): <https://www.dec.org.uk/>

In addition there will be a cake sale on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February with all proceeds going to the Disaster Emergency Committee appeal. Please donate whatever you can. Please make sure all donations are nut free.

## **PTA News**

It was great to see so many parents at this morning's coffee morning. Our new committee was made to feel very welcome! A number of ideas were shared and we are delighted to announce the first two events under the new regime.

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March, there will be a Mother's Day Secret Room where children can pay to choose a wrapped gift for their mum to give to them on Mothering Sunday (19<sup>th</sup> March). The two Fridays leading up to this event (3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> March) will be non-uniform days where we will be asking for donations of suitable re-gifting items that can be used for Mother's Day presents.

On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March there will be the welcome return of our annual Quiz Night. This will be an adult's only event from 7.00pm in the hall. This year, the PTA will be offering the option of a childcare facility whilst the quiz is on - this will be dependent on numbers.

## **Industrial Action**

We want to inform you that school will be closed for the next day of industrial action on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023.

It is highly likely that we will also close for the two consecutive days of industrial action on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023 and 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023. This will be confirmed nearer the time.

The strikes are happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over pay and school funding. The letter sent out previously from Mr Griffiths provides more information.

## **Spring Parent Consultations**

Last week, we announced that this term's parent consultations will take place on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March. This term and moving forward, there will no longer be paper 'sign-up sheets'. Instead, families will need to book their appointments using SchoolMoney. We will provide further information about parent consultations and how to sign up for an appointment after the half term holiday.

## **Lost Property**

Please check the lost property boxes in the playground if your child is missing any items of clothing. Our brilliant Year 6 lost property monitors return named items to their owners. Please ensure your child's school uniform is clearly labelled (including their PE kit, coats, hats, gloves and scarves) so that they can be returned.

## **Pancake Day**

On the 21<sup>st</sup> February the kitchen will be serving pancakes for dessert.

Year 6 will also be holding their annual Pancake Extravaganza on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February. If you are not familiar with this tradition, Year 6 cook pancakes for the whole school. Each

child will have the opportunity to buy a pancake for £1.00 (maximum of two pancakes can be purchased). All dietary requirements are catered for. There will be an option on SchoolMoney under the Shop section to pay.

### **Charity Donations**

A huge thank you to everyone who donated a gift to the Christmas toy collection. Great Ormond Street Hospital, North Middlesex Hospital and Noah's Ark Children's Hospice were all the recipients of toys donated from our generous parents at Brunswick Park.



### **Mr Riesman's PE Awards**

#### **Social ME in PE Award**

Ameera- Demonstrating excellent leadership skills in her sports leader role

#### **This is ME in PE Award**

Dawud- Brilliant determination to improve during our kicking and aiming activities .

#### **Physical ME in PE Award**

Grace - Demonstrating excellent throwing and catching skills using all the class top tips.

#### **Thinking ME in PE Award**

Zach - Showing brilliant ideas and creativity in our gymnastics unit.

### **Dates for the Diary**

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February- Cake Sale for the Disaster Emergency Committee appeal

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February - 5H to a Hindu Temple

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Strike Day

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Non- Uniform Day- re-gifting

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March – Hearing and Vision Screening for Reception Classes

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March – Non- Uniform Day- re-gifting

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March- Possible Strike Days

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March- PTA Mother's Day Secret Room

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March – 5C to a Hindu Temple

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March- Parent Consultations

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – 2F to Barnet environment Centre

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March- PTA Quiz Night

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Year 3 to Natural History Museum

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Year 4 Music Concert- 9.15am. Parents Welcome

### **Attendance and Punctuality**

Congratulations to 2S who won the attendance award. The best punctuality award went to RS and 2F.

Well done!



Class	Head of School's Award
Nursery	Shaan

Class	Stars of the Week	Head of School's Award
RA	Danny and Yusra	Abigail
RS	Sadie and Sonny	Kaian
1BW	Angelo and Noel	William
1EB	Anuar and Eva	Maya
2F	Whole class	Davi
2S	Whole class	Yaseen
3R	Whole class	Jamilah
3V	Whole class	Larisa
4F	Teo and Tibet	Julia
4M	Alfie and Sara	Isha
5C	Jack and Will	Sunny
5H	Nikesh and Nithiya	Alek
6H	Evie and Myna	Jia
6K	Nael and Niall	Lia

The House Point Trophy winner is...

**Tawny** – well done!

Another amazing week for Tawny – we are proud of all your achievements.