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26th April 2024

Newsletter

Dear Families,

Welcome to another edition of The Brunswick school newsletter. Our Year 1 students had the opportunity to explore the local community by visiting two contrasting churches, where they learned about their significance and history, fostering a deeper understanding of cultural diversity and religious tolerance.

In addition, Salamander and Chameleon classes commenced their swimming lessons with great enthusiasm and determination. I am delighted that the previous classes (Iguana and Gecko) made excellent progress, demonstrating commendable skills and confidence in the water.

I enjoyed sharing the learning of some of our youngest children with two governors today. They were impressed with the calm atmosphere and how well the children applied their phonics sounds and blending skills to their reading and writing. Governors are volunteers and make a huge contribution to the strategic leadership of the school. It is great for them to see the fruits of the labours of all the staff, as we continue to improve Brunswick for the benefit of all children. We are immensely proud of our pupils' achievements and look forward to more exciting learning opportunities ahead.

Yours faithfully, Mrs S Thompson, Headteacher

Coming up next week:



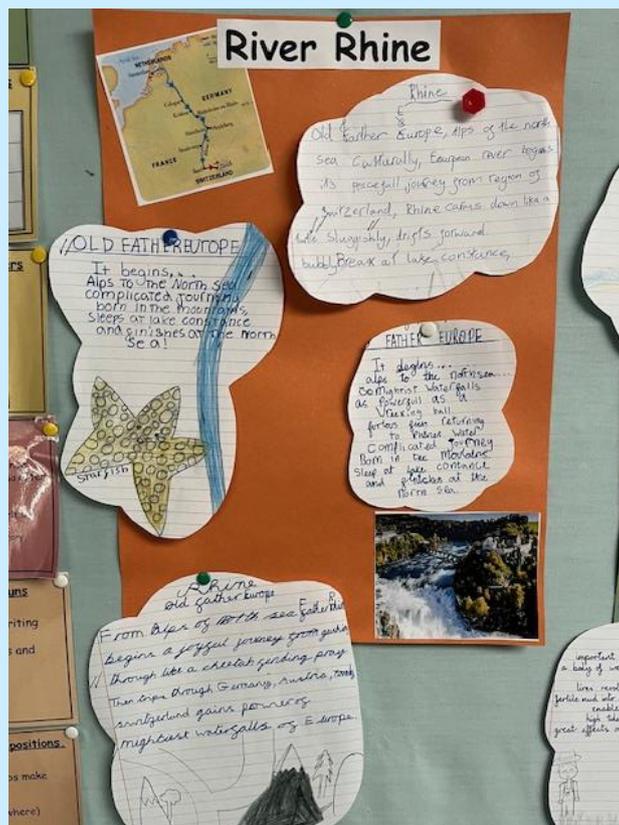
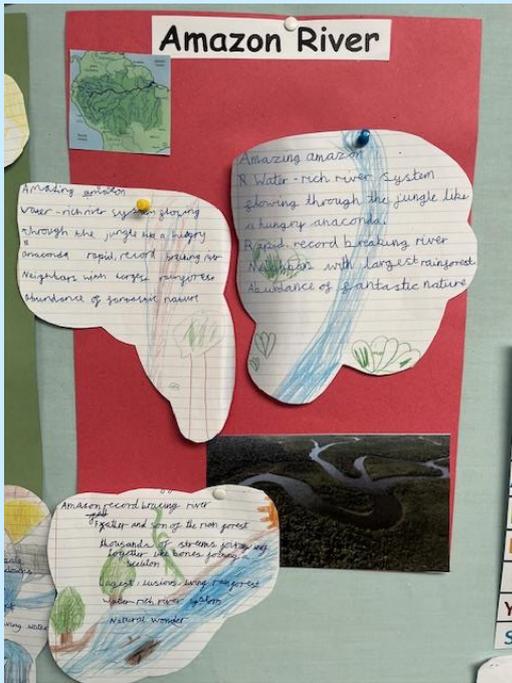
Brunswick Pupils perform at Dance at the Dome

Monday 29th April		
Tuesday 30th April	Year 1	Witches and Wizards Day – Dress up if you want to!
Wednesday 1st May	Year 1	BSMS Teddy Bear Hospital. Please bring in a teddy.
Thursday 2nd May	Parent and Carers Parent and Carers Year 5	EAL Coffee Morning (English as an Additional Language), 9am – 10am, Everyone welcome! Safeguarding Training for Parent and Carer Volunteers, 2pm Contact the school office to book your place Pegasus and Phoenix Visit Rampion Visitor Centre
Friday 3rd May	Year 1	Visit to Synagogue

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Rivers of Words in Year 4

Year 4 had to select powerful and poetic words from an information text about Rivers from around the world and then turn the words into phrases using poetic devices - such as similes, personification, alliteration, adding adjectives etc. - This is the result:



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What a productive day was had at *The Children's Parade Workshop*. 100 T-shirts printed, concertina people cut, head bands made, and Dreams of the Future were written on large thought bubbles. Can't wait for the big day. Thanks for all the brilliant helpers - including the staff who gave up their free time on a Saturday! Further details for the parade will be coming out soon. -

Ms Clark



Thank you to all of you who have been helping to keep our supply of OPaL resources well stocked.

We are currently requesting donations of **suitcases and buggies**.

We also would love to have some **cargo netting and sturdy plastic crates for our den building** which the children are really enjoying.

Finally, if you are having a spring clean over Easter we would love donations of **Lego or Duplo, toy cars or plastic animals** for small world outdoor play.

Please place any donations in the OPaL collection bin outside the school office - thank you!

Thank you!

Jacobs Steel very kindly donated £250.00 towards our Diversity and Belonging week. Their donation went towards the costs of our visitors and enabled us to run several workshops with the children.



Jacobs | Steel

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School Orchard Plans

Last week we welcomed Dan from **BrightMinded** (an ex Brunswick parent) and Stephan from **Brighton Permaculture Trust** who came to talk to some of our Y6 children about planting a school orchard. The Eco team and Gardening gang helped measure out the space and dig down to investigate the soil. They worked out we could fit 7 fruit trees (and choose a combination of apple, pear and plum) and found the soil was loamy which is good for planting. We hope the trees will be planted this winter; and will be involving some more of the children with the next stage.

A special thanks to Dan and **BrightMinded** for suggesting and sponsoring the orchard and to Stephan for guiding us through the planning stage in such an engaging way!



Tree Festival 2024 Brighton & Hove



CELEBRATING OUR CITY'S TREES

11–12th and 18–19th May

The Tree Festival's family friendly events highlight the importance of Brighton & Hove's trees and their immense value to the city and its residents. The Festival runs over two weekends in May. The festival includes tree trails, photography competition and many family activities. Find out more here:

<https://www.cpresussex.org.uk/tree-festival/>

NHS Poster Competition

Thank you, KS2 for all of your wonderful NHS posters. They have now been sent off via post. Any late entries can be submitted online at this address:

[CLICK HERE](#)

Ms Mould will let the children know as soon as the results are in!



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Well done to our Speed Cubers!

Taneesh and Sireesh would like to share with you that they participated in World Cube Association (WCA) Rubik's cube competition held on 20th and 21st April and competed with the world's best cubers. You can see their impressive times below:



3x3x3 cube:

Taneesh solved
in 30 seconds

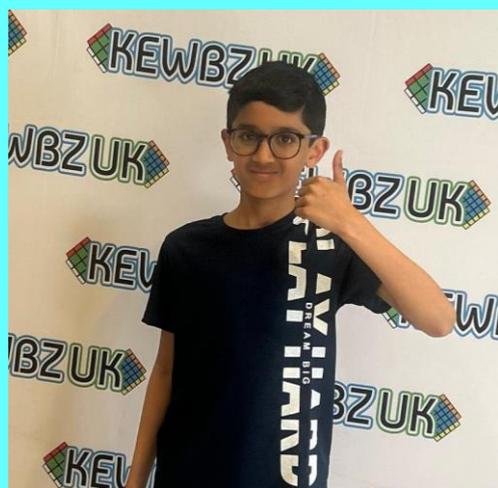
Sireesh solved in
49 seconds



Pyraminx:

Taneesh solved
in 14 seconds

Sireesh solved in
19 seconds



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Sports Days are coming

The dates of the sports days have been announced (see the diary dates at the end of this newsletter) On the day, please ensure children come to school in a t-shirt of their house colours, see below.

Dalí House		Kahlo House		Miró House		Picasso House	
Yellow		Green		Red		Blue	
Rec		Rec	Duck	Rec	Rabbit	Rec	Hamster
Y1	Starfish	Y1	Lobster	Y1	Octopus	Y1	Seahorse
Y2	Dragonfly	Y2	Ladybird	Y2	Grasshopper	Y2	Bumblebee
Y3	Chameleon	Y3	Salamander	Y3	Gecko	Y3	Iguana
Y4	Puma	Y4	Jaguar	Y4	Tiger	Y4	Lion
Y5	Griffin	Y5	Pegasus	Y5	Dragon	Y5	Phoenix
Y6	Kite	Y6	Osprey	Y6	Owl	Y6	

One World Week 20th – 24th May

We are delighted to announce that we will be celebrating our cultural diversity with lots of fun activities. As part of One World Week we would like each child to create a **'My Celebration Board'** which they will bring to school to share. Please can the boards be brought into school by **Wednesday, 22nd May**. These can show any festival, celebration, or even family tradition which the children enjoy and take part in. They can be created in any media but please **no bigger** than A3.

Hedgehogs Visit Year 1

On Wednesday 17th April, Year 1 were very lucky to welcome Graham Bowring from Saint Francis Animal Care - Hedgehog Rescue Centre. The children thoroughly enjoyed meeting the hedgehogs and learning all about how to protect them.



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Class Awards – Congratulations to our worthy winners!

	Reception Rabbit – Erin Duck - Alex Hamster – Naila	
Year 1 Seahorse – Quinnie Lobster – Krysia Starfish - Astrid Octopus - Iacopo	Year 2 Grasshopper - Danila Ladybird - Eva Dragonfly - Bodhi Bumblebee – Vinnie	Year 3 Salamander - Jawad Gecko – Nora Chameleon – Halinka Iguana – Teo
Year 4 Puma – Leon Tiger – Oli Lion - Lola Jaguar – Havon	Year 5 Griffin – Reece Pegasus – Daisy Ella Phoenix - Dragon – Lois	Year 6 Osprey – Jude Kite - Grace Owl - Matilda

Diary Dates

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

Tue 30 th Apr	Year 1	Witches and Wizards Day – Dress up if you want to!
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		Contact the school office to book your place
Mon 6 th May	Whole School	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Tues 7 th May	Whole School	School Nurse Drop-in, 8.30 – 9.30am
Mon 13 th May	Year 1	Y1 Phonics Meeting 2.40pm
Mon 13 th May – Fri 17 th May	Year 6	SATs Week Please don't book medical, dental or other appointments this week.
Thu 16 th May	Year 2	Arundel Castle Visit – Grasshopper and Bumblebee
Fri 17 th May	Year 2	Arundel Castle Visit – Ladybird and Dragonfly
Mon 20 th May	Parents and Carers Years 1-6	Relationships and Sex Education Parents and Carers Meeting, 2.30pm – If you would like to attend please inform the school office
Mon 20 th – Fri 24 th May	Whole School	One World Week
Tue 21 st May		Safeguarding Training for Parent and Carer Volunteers, 2pm Contact the school office to book your place
Tue 4 th Jun	Year 4	Multiplication Tables Check – Jaguar and Puma classes Please don't book medical, dental or other appointments this week.
Wed 5 th Jun	Year 4	Multiplication Tables Check – Lion and Tiger classes Please don't book medical, dental or other appointments this week.
Fri 7 th Jun		Safeguarding Training for Parent and Carer Volunteers, 9am Contact the school office to book your place
Mon 10 th - Tue 11 th Jun	Year 4	Penshurst Place Residential trip
Mon 1 st Jul		Safeguarding Training for Parent and Carer Volunteers, 9am Contact the school office to book your place
Tue 9 th Jul	Year 5	Sports Day, 9.15 – 11am

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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

Tuesday 3rd September

Friday 25th October

Monday 6th January

Friday 4th July