



Science at Brunel this term

This week, KS1 and KS2 are starting their new units for science. KS1 will be focusing on Habitats and Seasonal change; they will be paying close attention to the weather and its effect on the world around us. In KS2, the children will be learning about Health and Fitness. This unit will look at how our body works and emphasise the impact of food and exercise on our bodies. Make sure to find out what your child is doing in science at school, as there will be many exciting experiments that they will be able to recreate at home.

Science week will also be taking place this term, starting on the 23rd May! Every year, we look forward to a week of scientific investigation and exploration and this year will be no different. The week will be full of experiments and opportunities to research incredible scientists. Science week will close with a space-themed day, where we will welcome Science Boffins to our school and the children will have the opportunity to dress up like scientists, planets, stars, astronauts or anything related to space.

Food Explorers

We're glad that so many took part in last week's Food Explorers pop-up stall after school. It was great to see pupils enjoying fresh, healthy fruit and vegetables.



Play Centre

Recently the number of children using Play Centre has increased dramatically, and places are now limited. For this reason, only children who use the service regularly (at least once a week) can now attend. Even if your child is registered they can no longer attend on an occasional basis (less than once a week). If you need your child to go to Play Centre after school but they have not been recently, you must first speak to either Alan or Wendy to check that it will be possible. Please do not contact the school office and ask that your child be sent to Play Centre at the end of the day unless you have already spoken to Alan or Wendy and they have confirmed that this is ok. The telephone number for Play Centre is 07976 060 105.

Parent Conferences

Thanks to all for attending parent conferences. It's by working in partnership with parents that we can help our pupils to 'choose brilliance.'

Parent Governor Elections

Voting took place yesterday for a new Parent Governor. Thanks to all who stood for election and voted, and congratulations to new Parent Governor, Paloma Perez, who is the mother of Paula in Year 2 and Diego in Year 1. Paloma said 'Thank you for trusting me as a parent governor; I will not disappoint you.'





Silent learning spaces

We have been working hard this term to ensure that all our learning spaces are quiet so that pupils are able to concentrate fully on their learning. Children have been moving silently between classes and around the building during the day. Great self-control and well done to all.

Upcoming events

In the next couple of weeks, Nursery will be visiting Kentish Town farm, there will be singing workshops for all classes to further promote music and singing and Jenner Class will be experiencing their very own Roman day.

Summer Fair

This will take place on 16th June. We will be looking for volunteers and ideas in order to make the day as much of a success as last year. There will be a meeting about this on Thursday 5th May at 9.15

Y5 Into Uni

Year 5 was lucky enough to go to Into University. This is a programme which the children get to think about what university is like. They studied 4 areas; accommodation, courses, location and societies. The children are visiting again later in the month to look at journalism and are very excited about the prospect.



Library

Our library has been undergoing a facelift in order to make it as welcoming as possible and to encourage pupils to keep up their reading. There are lots of new books available and we have a new card system so that books can be scanned in and out of the library. Huge thanks to Farah Aite –Ouakrim for her superb work in setting up the new library.

After School Clubs

We are in the process of setting up this term's clubs. Letters were sent home on Wednesday, and you have until Monday afternoon to hand the slips into the school office if your child is interested in taking part.

Choir

This week Ark Brunel launched its first ever school choir! The children who attended had a brilliant time and are excited about the prospect of performing at the Barbican in July. Joe, the Young Music Mentor, said 'It was a fantastic first session and we look forward to many more!' It's not too late to sign up, so don't delay.



New staff

Welcome to new staff Ana latalama working in Dickens Class in Year 1, Lauren Price who is working in Blake Class in Reception and to new class teacher Sarah Worgan in Faraday class, Year 2.