



Right Start-Bright Future

Newsletter

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Dear Families

Since the start of this term, we have been focusing on **KINDNESS** as one of our school values. This was demonstrated by the 'bucket load', by our Brookhurst BIG Family and your donations of cake and support for the Macmillan Cancer Coffee Morning. Our Pupil Parliament were overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity shown. **We raised an incredible £370.54.** We have donated the remaining cakes to The Charles Thompson Mission.

School Attendance Matters-We aim for 100% our target is 98%.

Foundation 2 = 96%, Year 1 = 97%, Year 2 = 93%, Year 3 = 96%, Year 4 = 84%, Year 5 = 97% , Year 6 = 95%. Overall school attendance 94%. REMEMBER #EVERYDAYCOUNTS.

Friends of Brookhurst School PTA: Plans are well underway for the first of our discos on 20 October. Please can you put in your diary our **Family Christmas Social** at school on **Tuesday 6 December 4.00—6.00pm.** More details to follow about this festive family event.

School Governance; I was absolutely delighted that we had four nominations for the two parent governor vacancies. Please can I remind you to return your voting papers and place in the ballot box in the main entrance to school. We will be able to announce the results of the vote on Tuesday 11 October.

Year 6 Election for House and Vice Captains for School House Teams: Last week the children voted for their representatives. I was incredibly proud of the Year 6 children who stood for election and presented their speech to the whole school. One of their first tasks will be to raise the profile of 'Digital Safety' both in and outside of school.

Early Reading and Brookhurst; Thank you to F2 staff for organising and presenting to F2 families our approach to Early Reading. We really do value the time given to this and your support. Again, can I remind **ALL families** the importance of reading to your child/ren and making time for the older children to read independently or to a family member at home.

Year 6 Residential Visit to Arete—North Wales: Next week our Year 6 children will be taking part in outdoor education activities in the fantastic North Wales countryside. I will be accompanying them from Wednesday afternoon to Friday.

Harvest Festival - Thursday 20 October: As part of our Harvest celebrations with the children, we will be working with Wirral Foodbank and kindly asking for donations of the following items: **F2 - tinned vegetables, Year 1 - tinned fruit, Year 2 - tinned meat, Year 3 - tinned tomatoes, Year 4 - pasta sauce, Year 5 - shampoo/body wash, Year 6 - biscuits and school staff - washing-up liquid.** Please can these items be brought into school on **Thursday 20 October.** The foodbank have informed us that they have plenty of BEANS and TEA so do not require any of these .

READY, RESPECTFUL and SAFE.

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'Magic Moments'

F2 We have really enjoyed retelling and acting out the story of Goldilocks and The Three Bears.

Year 1 The children have been gaining more experience at using a mouse / trackpad when using technology in the classroom. They had lots of fun creating their own digital pictures and developing their 'clicking and dragging' skills when exploring an online digital art application.

Year 2 In Science we planted bean seeds to investigate if it matters which way a seed is planted. This was inspired by the story of Jack and the Beanstalk when the beans were scattered onto the ground.

Year 3 This week, Year 3 have sorted foods into the correct food groups and discussed what a healthy diet is. We have learnt how to say how we feel and what our names are in French. We have particularly enjoyed learning and performing our magical poems in our 'Steps to Read' lessons which sparked a debate as to whether we would want dragons to be real or not!

Year 4 We have been reading about Mulan and evidencing themes such as difference, bravery, loyalty, friendship, family love, acceptance and respect.

Year 5 During our computing lesson this week, Year 5 worked with such maturity. We were continuing to learn how to share information by creating a collaborative Google Slides with up to 6 children working on one project! The children all stayed in their chairs and communicated through Google Slides in order to successfully complete their work.

Year 6 We have been investigating the effect of environmental variables on plants through observation of the germination of cress seeds. In Maths they have been consolidating their understanding of rounding and applying it to real life situations to ensure that they can estimate the amount of money needed to purchase different items.

Eco-Schools: Mrs Armstrong and Miss Ramejkis would like to congratulate all of the children who have been walking, cycling or scooting to school. We would also like to thank all of you who are 'parking and striding' to school. All of your actions have a big impact on the cleanliness of the area around school in the morning. This week all of the children who are active enough to earn their badges have received September's badge. A staggering 133 members of our Brookhurst Family are now wearing their badges with pride. We hope to see even more wearing October's badge next month!

Bike Safety - (Cycle to school week): Please can you ensure that your child/ren wears a safety helmet if cycling to and from school. There are a number of children who do and this is excellent. However, we are seeing an increasing number of children who are cycling without a necessary safety helmet. Thank you for supporting us with this and protecting the safety of your child.

Welcome to the Brookhurst BIG Family. Application for F2 admission to Brookhurst Primary September 2023. We will be offering families with children who are due to start F2 in September 2023 the chance to see our school in action. If you wish to attend, then please contact the school office to book your place. **All sessions will start at 9.30am on 17 November, 23 November.**

Kind regards

S. Williams

AND FINALLY..... Following the book fair we have been able to order a range of fiction books for class libraries totalling £600, from the commission of book sales. Thank you for your support. We really do need to improve the quality of texts we have and if any family works for a business that would be able to support us in the purchase of books, it would be greatly appreciated. **This week our Author of the week has been Stewart Foster**

Thank you to the 'Waszczak Family' for weeding our flower beds at the front entrance this morning.