



Right Start-Bright Future Newsletter

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Dear Families

Please can I take this opportunity to welcome all our families back to school and the start of the new academic year. I do hope that you have had an excellent summer break and ready for the new academic year ahead? The children have returned ready and keen to learn and are quickly settling in to new routines and their new classrooms. Over the summer break, school staff have given much of their time to prepare their classrooms and to plan an exciting curriculum for the new year ahead. Please can I direct you to the school website, where on the curriculum page you will find the autumn term curriculum map for each year group. Hopefully, you benefited from the 'meet the teacher' sessions that we held this week. It is imperative that we all continue to work in partnership and support each other. By sharing our class/school expectations, routines and curriculum content will prepare us all to support the children. Our main school focus for this year, is the teaching of reading. Please can I ask that you find time, to either read to your child/ren or hear them read for pleasure at home. (Audio stories are also excellent).

School Attendance Matters-We aim for 100% our target is 98%. A reminder that the Local Authority are strongly advising and monitoring holidays taken during term time. All holidays taken during term time will be unauthorised, unless exceptional circumstance. The Local Authority are likely to issue a penalty notice that exceeds an absence of ten sessions or equivalent of five days per term. **REMEMBER #EVERYDAYCOUNTS.**

Friends of Brookhurst School PTA. Tuesday 20 September 6.00pm A very welcome is extended to our AGM to all parents/carers of children who attend Brookhurst Primary. We need to appoint new Officers to the PTA committee and we really do rely on your support and time. I am so pleased of the work achieved by our retiring committee and they have kindly offered to support a handover to the new Officers. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like more information. We require a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. These roles can be shared. In addition, we require a team of willing volunteers. **Without our PTA we will not be able to run school discos for the children and other fun activities for our school families. We rely on our PTA to raise vital additional school funds that benefit ALL children.**

Dates for the Diary—A list of dates have been added to our on-line school calendar on the school website. We anticipate that more dates of events will be added, so please check regularly.

Parking outside school—A reminderIt is all our business to safeguard children and stopping on the Zig-Zag lines, parking on corners of junctions and blocking the pavement by a crossing, is irresponsible. These are not the behaviours we should be modelling to our children. Thank you all for your continued co-operation.

READY, RESPECTFUL and SAFE.

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'Magic Moments'

Year 1 We have built zero to ten number tracks with Numicon pieces and number cards., being marvellous mathematicians.

Year 2 We have explored habitats in the school grounds. They used magnifying glasses to make detailed drawings of their observations.

Year 3 We have come back to school with enthusiasm, eager to start their learning journey We have begun our History topic about WW2 and enjoyed getting outside to improve our overarm throwing. We have also started our new class stories, 'Charlotte's Web' and 'The Matchbox diaries'.

Year 4 This week, Year 4 have been learning lots of new vocabulary about the digestive system, including oesophagus, salivary glands, pancreas, intestines, rectum and anus. We attempted to label these body parts on an outline of one of our friends.

Year 5 We have been sharing our prior knowledge about The Victorians and discussing how they lived. We have also introduced our class reading texts; 'Rooftoppers' Katherine Rundell and 'Sky Chasers' Emma Carroll.

Year 6 We have spent time thinking about what it means to be in Year 6 and the values and attitudes expected of them. They compared this to DNA (what makes us individual and what makes us a class) and then created their own DNA bracelets showing the importance of each of the qualities to them.

Eco-Schools This week you will have received a letter informing you of how we are encouraging more families to either park and stride or walk to school. Children will self-report their daily journeys on the WOW Travel Tracker. At the end of each month, the children who have travelled sustainably to school at least once a week receive a WOW badge.

Welcome to the Brookhurst BIG Family. It has been a pleasure to welcome our new F2 children and their families as part of their induction to BIG school. We are all looking forward to Monday for their first day with us.

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 7 October, 17 November, 23 November.**

Peripatetic music lessons will begin next week. Lessons will take place on the following days although exact times have yet to be confirmed. **Monday—Strings, Tuesday – Brass, Guitar, Flute, Clarinet and Piano.**

School Allotment—Kitchen Garden We are extremely grateful to the 'Gordon Family' who maintained our Kitchen Garden over the summer break—Thank you. . The children have been thrilled to see our pumpkins and marrows. We are now part of the RHS school gardening campaign and our ECO Team will also be working on maintaining this area. If you have some free time and can offer your help then please get in touch—it does make a real difference !

Kind regards

S. Williams

AND FINALLY..... We are all very saddened by the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. This morning we held a special assembly acknowledging her remarkable life and service. We are creating The Brookhurst BIG Family wall of remembrance during the national period of mourning. Families will be welcome to see this once it is finished and you are welcome to add your own family message to it. Please write your message and send into school by Wednesday 14 September.