



# Right Start-Bright Future

## Newsletter

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Dear Families

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school following the half term break. I am not disguising the fact that the first day back being Halloween, did make for a different kind of start! However, the children have regained their focus and there have been many 'magic moments'. This week has also seen the onset of more wintry weather. Can we ensure that children come to school suitably equipped for such weather, as it will be our aim for the children to be outdoors come rain or shine. Please can you ensure that coats, hats and scarves are named.

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

**Foundation 2 = 96%, Year 1 = 89%, Year 2 = 99%, Year 3 = 90%, Year 4 = 97%, Year 5 = 96% , Year 6 = 92%. Overall school attendance 94%. Well done to Year 2**

**REMEMBER #EVERYDAYCOUNTS.**

**Children in Need - 18 November;** Children are being asked to come to school in something yellow, spotty or Children in Need themed. We are asking for a donation of £1 or whatever is affordable to your family.

**ECO-Club:** This week we had the next set of our Walk to School badges for October being handed out to everyone who has been really active and walked, cycled or scooted to school. An amazing **152 badges** were given out this week. It is fantastic to see so many children wearing their new badges already with such pride! We are asking that if your child has earned more than one badge, that they only wear one to school at a time.

**Christmas Jumper Day 8 December in aid of Save The Children and Alder Hey:** Our ECO Club are kindly asking families to donate any unwanted Christmas t-shirts or jumpers to help us to reduce the number of 'new' Christmas items that are bought. This will help reduce the amount of impact we have on The Planet.. They need to be clean and in good condition. The ECO Club will run the sale of the Christmas t-shirts and jumpers on **Thursday 1 December at 3:20pm** in the school hall. Christmas t-shirts will go on sale for 50p and Christmas jumpers £2.00. Please can the items be in school by 30 November. All children are asked to wear a Christmas t-shirt or jumper and to donate a £1 or whatever is affordable on the **8 December**.

**Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal:** Next week, the children in Year 6 will be selling items from the Royal British Legion at the end of the school day. We will be focusing on 'Remembrance' in school next week .through history and some wonderful newly purchased fiction texts and picture books,. For Example , 'FARThER' by Grahame Baker-Smith.

**Our Author of the Week:** Rashmi Sirdeshpande.

# READY, RESPECTFUL and SAFE.

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### 'Magic Moments'

**F2** This week F2 have had great fun exploring pumpkins, creating their own leaf men and finding out about the festival of Diwali

**Year 1** The children really enjoyed developing their computing skills by creating some vibrant digital paintings. The children really enjoyed experimenting with all of the different tools the Paintz web application makes available to them. Year 1 created Halloween and Bonfire Night themed pictures, some of which combined digital painting and typing skills!

**Year 2** We have listened to stories set on islands, linked to our book The Storm Whale. The children have loved coming up with their own island characters to create their own island story

**Year 3** We have created their own spooky poems using expanded noun phrases. They have also learnt some interesting facts about spiders and some children were brave enough to hold a tarantula skin. There were some wonderful thoughts and opinions in our philosophy lesson where children were great at remembering to respect other views and taking turns at listening and discussing ideas.

**Year 4** We have been planning news reports relating to Charlie Bucket inheriting the chocolate factory from Willy Wonka. We have planned our headlines, opening paragraphs, chronology of events for the main report and an eyewitness quote using speech. We will be writing, editing and redrafting these next week.

**Year 5** We have been finishing off our Design Technology project and completing our bags that we have been sewing. We then had to evaluate our finished products and think about what had worked well and which stitching techniques worked well for us and those that didn't.

**Year 6** We have enjoyed sharing our knowledge of the adaptations that animals have made in order to both survive and evolve. We have also taken part in a live lesson with the author Jeffrey Boyke and looked at how we relate to pieces of music, how they affect us and also how they portray the events of the day.

**Friends of Brookhurst School PTA:** Please look out for the **PTA Newsletter** which will be coming your way next week. Last night the PTA shared their plans for the forthcoming **Christmas Social** on **6 December at school 4.00—6.00pm**. This really does promise to be a wonderful event to start the festive celebrations. There will also be a special visitor on the evening! Ho! Ho! Ho!

Kind regards

*S. Williams*

**AND FINALLY.....** I am delighted to share with you that we now have light and heating installed in the first of 'Our Pods' on the playground.. This is an exciting development and one which will provide additional learning spaces and an outdoor 'Reading Den' for the children to use at break times. The PTA have kindly agreed to fund the purchase of soft furnishing and additional reading materials for the children.

We have reminded the children about being SAFE this weekend if attending any firework displays. Enjoy!