



# Right Start-Bright Future

## Newsletter

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Dear Families

There has been great 'industry' of learning in school this week. All classes have impressed me with their positive attitudes to learning and recalling their 'new' knowledge. I had the treat of working with Year 1 and the start of their history topic on Toys. I introduced them to toys of the past and my collection of 'Wombles' and yes we did sing the 'Wombling Song'. The children were soon able to make the connections of how the Wombles recycle and upcycle the things that they find, making comparisons to our lives today.

The school calendar has been updated on the school website for the spring term.

**School Attendance Matters**-We aim for 100% our target is 98%. **Foundation 2 = 98%, Year 1 = 100%, Year 2 = 96%, Year 3 = 95%, Year 4 = 99%, Year 5 = 99% , Year 6 = 98%. Overall school attendance 98%. Well done to FS2, Year 1, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6.**

### REMEMBER #EVERYDAYCOUNTS.

**Friends of Brookhurst PTA:** Please can we remind you that the collection date from school for 'Cash for Clothes' is the morning, **Friday 10 February 2023**. Please can we ask that you provide your own bags as the company cannot get them to us in time. We have no space in school to store the filled bags, so all donations need to be left on the school site by the car park entrance on **Friday 10 February – Thank you.**

### 'Magic Moments'

**F2** – have thoroughly enjoyed exploring our two new focus texts called 'Star in the Jar' and 'Tiny Little Rocket'. These wonderful stories have inspired us to further investigate space and our Solar System - we're looking forward to zooming into some space adventures!

**Year 1** – have enjoyed starting their new topic of Toys. They have started looking at stories to do with toys, and have spent an afternoon examining toys from the past and comparing them to toys of today. In maths they have been thinking about the tens and ones that are in 11, 12 and 13 and how they can represent them pictorially.

**Year 2** – have started to learn about the Great Fire of London. In our music lesson we listened to some fire music and then created our own, with a focus on pitch. Some groups accompanied their performances with a dance!



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**Year 3** – have immersed ourselves into a new book called ‘Jemmy Button’. We have created similes and used some wonderful vocabulary to describe the setting. In science, we used torches to reflect light off a mirror and in PE we created a sequence of balances and jumps in gymnastics.

**Year 4** – have been investigating how sound is made. We have focused on the concept that movement plays a role in making sound. We used musical instruments, elastic bands, rulers and tuning forks to identify vibrations and came to the conclusion that movement is needed for sounds to be made.

**Year 5** – This week we have been really immersing ourselves in our reading and writing lessons. Both topics are themed around Space. Throughout both lessons, we have been learning about the first lunar landing this week. We listened to the audio of the last 13 minutes of the landings, looked at the newspaper headlines from the moon landings and began to read our book 'Where we once Stood'. As a whole class, we have been working very hard on making connections between all of the information we have been learning.

**Year 6** – In science, Year 6 took part in a very exciting circulatory system workshop! The children learned more about the heart including the different parts and functions of each part. Year 6 had a chance to dissect lamb hearts in order to perform close scientific observations. They applied their knowledge by taking part in a fun interactive quiz at the end of the session.

**Eco Club** - Yesterday we took delivery of our brand new litter pickers, high visibility jackets and litter picking hoops. During Eco Club, we even had the chance to model our new equipment and tested them out on the playground (we do really struggle to find any litter on there). We have also participated in the Big School Bird Watch. We would love for everyone to have a go at the Big Bird Watch at home this month, and submit your bird counts to the RSPB. If you do take part, please email us any photographs so that we can share these as part of our Green Flag Award.

Kind regards

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AND FINALLY..... Our author of the week is **Jenny Pearson** and applications to start Brookhurst Primary School in September 2023 close on **Sunday 15 January 2023**.

