





Dear Families

The children have been superb this week and have enjoyed the cold snap and the dusting of snow. Mr Bate has worked tremendously hard, clearing pathways for us all on to the school site. Thank you Mr Bate.

Installation of New FS2 Outdoor Canopy: We are thrilled with the improved outdoor canopy that will provide improved protection from the weather for the F2 children and their outdoor learning. This is in line with requirements of the early years curriculum. We are now awaiting the delivery of new resources which we know the children will love! In the coming months we will also be installing new outdoor equipment for our older children. This will enhance our current outdoor play equipment.

Internet Safety: I am currently working with our House and Vice Captains on improving the culture of 'Internet Safety' for the children who have tablets, phones and PC's. Please can I ask that all families ensure that the children have restricted internet access set up at home. Also, please can you check content of any What's App groups that your child may be a member of. We are finding that issues outside of school hours are impacting on children when in school, which distracts from 'learning' curriculum time. We need our families to have that increased scrutiny on what takes place on-line outside of school hours.

School Attendance Matters-We aim for 100% our target is 98%. Foundation 2 = 96.3%, Year 1 = 97.6%, Year 2 = 96.8, Year 3 = 98%, Year 4 = 95.7%, Year 5 = 95.7%, Year 6 = 96.7%. Overall school attendance 96.7%. Well done to Year 3!

REMEMBER #EVERYDAYCOUNTS.

100% Attendance = 190 DAYS OF EDUCATION

95% Attendance = 180 DAYS OF EDUCATION

90% Attendance = 171 DAYS OF EDUCATION

85% Attendance = 161 DAYS OF EDUCATION

80% Attendance = 152 DAYS OF EDUCATION

75% Attendance = 143 DAYS OF EDUCATION

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.







'Magic Moments'

- F2 In F2 this week the children have enjoyed learning all about famous astronauts. They watched Neil Armstrong take the first steps on the moon and were fascinated by Tim Peake playing ping pong with a water bubble.
- **Year 1** have enjoyed reading the stories of 'The Teddy Robber' and 'Old Bear'. They have used these books to think about reasons for doing things and how to keep on trying when the first attempts don't work. They also enjoyed looking at toys that were played with by their families, and investigated an artefact box from the library that had even older toys.
- Year 2 have been excellent Historians this week. They have many questions about the Great Fire of London, and we are beginning to find out the answers to some of them. Their enthusiasm for learning has been brilliant.
- **Year 3** This week, year three have considered visibility and safety by designing a reflective piece of clothing. In English, we have been descriptive by thinking carefully about our vocabulary and by using expanded noun phrases. In gymnastics, we have controlled different rolls which was lots of fun too.
- **Year 4** have been recording audio as part of our computing work. We have learnt that we require quiet spaces to avoid background noises and that we need to prepare the audio we are recording so it flows. We have also tried to edit audio in preparation for making podcasts.
- **Year 5** have been learning about Alexander The Great during our history lessons. To help us understand the impact that Alexander the Great had, a number of children helped explain his empire by role playing different historical figures/ places. We had lots of fun as a class learning about and acting out Alexander the Great the conquering a number of empires.
- **Year 6** have been continuing to develop their knowledge of Ancient Egyptian beliefs and culture. In our history lesson this week the children conducted independent research using a selection of secondary historical sources with the aim of finding out what certain animals represented in Ancient Egyptian culture and how highly valued they were. Year 6 were fascinated by just how highly valued cats were!

School Calendar: Please check the school website to make sure that you are fully informed of key events taking place in the weeks ahead.

PE UNIFORM: We are seeing an increasing number of children coming to school in branded sportswear on the day they have PE. This is not our Brookhurst PE Uniform. On a PE day children need to wear unbranded navy blue joggers, house team coloured t-shirt and a Brookhurst Hoodie (Year 6 can wear their 'Leavers Hoodie' rather than purchasing a PE hoodie for 6 months). Thank you for your support.

ECO News: Once again we have issued our Walking To School Badges for the previous month. It is brilliant to see that each month a couple more badges are given out and I have less and less 'spare' badges. Keep this up everyone, we are all making a big difference! We have also been invited to take part in next year's badge design competition, more information will be shared with the children shortly about this.

Kind regards

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AND FINALLY...... Yesterday, our 'Dolce Catering Team' created a wonderful Chinese lunch as part of the celebrations for Chinese New Year. Please do check out the online spring menu as the hot meals produced are extremely tasty and nutritious.



