



Right Start-Bright Future

Newsletter

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Dear Families

The ice cold weather has produced some challenges this week but the beauty of nature has been wonderful for the children to observe. Ruby in Year 6 was keen to show me how the blades of grass now resembled white pipe cleaners growing on the school field. At the same time we need to remind the children of the dangers of winter and the tragic event that took place in Solihul. Today, in our final assembly of the year, we have thought about keeping ourselves safe and about the four boys who sadly died. The Brookhurst BIG Family sends our deepest condolences to the families of Finlay, Samuel, Thomas and Jack.

It has been wonderful to meet invited families in school this week to see the wonderful Christmas performances. These were truly special and the children really did give their very best to impress you. They retold the Christmas story, albeit through the perspective of the Barmy Sheep and then the nine lessons and carols. Your applause demonstrated your appreciation and rightly showed how proud we all are of the children. Can I again thank the staff for providing the children with the opportunity and high standard of performance.

School Attendance Matters-We aim for 100% our target is 98%. **Foundation 2 = 97%, Year 1 = 91%, Year 2 = 96%, Year 3 = 98%, Year 4 = 87%, Year 5 = 85% , Year 6 = 91%. Overall school attendance 92%. Well done to Year 3.**

REMEMBER #EVERYDAYCOUNTS.

At the beginning of January 2023 and in line with Wirral Local Authority Policy, I will be writing to families where a child's attendance for the autumn term 2022 is below 90%. Evidence shows that low attendance at school results in low levels of pupil achievement. Where attendance is a significant concern, then an action plan for improvement will be agreed and monitored for the remaining academic year. Please see this as a supportive measure, as we want the very best academic, social and emotional standards for the children at Brookhurst Primary School. We will also be celebrating the children who have achieved our school target of 98% or more.

ECO Club: A massive thank you to everyone who has brought their old batteries in for recycling so far. We already have collected over 2500 which is around a third of last year's total collection in just a couple of weeks. Please remember to keep saving your old batteries from going to landfill and bring them in on the first week back.

Friends of Brookhurst PTA: Today all classes have received a class gift off Santa. These range from board games to books and craft sets for the children to enjoy during 'indoor playtimes'. All children also received a tube of smarties or similar. Thank you so much to our PTA for organising SANTA to call into school.



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‘Magic Moments’

F2 – We have once again been extremely proud of F2 this week. Their first Nativity and playing the ‘Baarmy Sheep’ will be a special moment.

Year 1 – We have been studying sculpture and creating our own train themed sculptures using 'junk modelling' as our main method. Year 1 looked at a range of sculptures and concluding that 'sculpture' refers to 3D art. They then constructed some mini sculptures in response to some prompt cards. Year 1 concluded the session by building sculptures of trains that we have looked at in our latest history topic.

Year 2 – We have made Christmas cards as our Design Technology task for this term. Having tested out different mechanisms over the past few weeks, they designed a Christmas card that included a moving part. We definitely have some future engineers amongst us!

Year 3 – We have learnt the role and importance of angels and why some people choose to put them on the top of their Christmas trees.

Year 4 – We have been studying poetry as part of our English reading and we were about to tell the difference between cinquains and limericks using beats, syllables and rhymes. We also performed our favourite stanzas of poems about mythological creatures.

Year 5 – This week in Year 5 we have been using our peers' history research to find 3 facts about 9 significant people who are linked to Liverpool. We had to go around the classroom and using our historical enquiry skills we had to decide which 3 facts were the most important to record in our history books about each person. By doing this we were able to learn about a wide range of people linked with Liverpool from Kitty Wilkinson to J.A Brodie to Lord Derby.

Year 6 – Have been busy completing their DT unit by making soup from a variety of ingredients. This is a culmination of their work tasting and evaluating soup, looking at the seasonality of fruits and vegetables, adapting a given recipe to fit their own ideas and finally making the soup itself. All four House Teams made a different soup and all were tasted by the people who made them and Mr Williams.

Kind regards

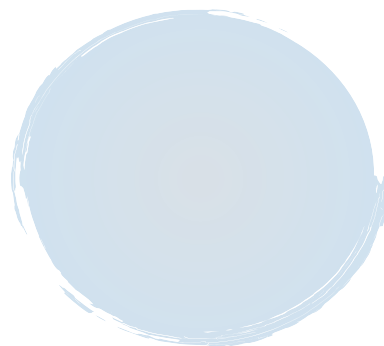
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AND FINALLY..... Please can we say a massive congratulations to the children for a very successful autumn term. Not only do they achieve in school but also outside of school and the clubs that they attend. On behalf of us all at school can I wish you all a merry Christmas and to relish your family time. Best wishes for 2023 and school will re-open on **Wednesday 4 January 2023**.

Sssshhhh.....There are only ‘9 sleeps’ till Christmas Day!





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