



Right Start-Bright Future

Newsletter

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Dear Families

What a wonderful first week back and the welcome summer like weather made such a difference. It is refreshing to catch-up with the children about what they got up to over the half-term break.

We started last week focusing on how we show 'mutual respect' to others and celebrating our differences. We discussed in assembly not to be judgemental, because somebody may not be the same. We considered the welcoming attitudes we need to learn, so that we are prepared for life in modern Britain. From September, we will be exploring ways in how we will further enhance the teaching of diversity and equality as part of the Brookhurst BIG Family. Alongside side this, we are continuing to develop the Brookhurst bespoke curriculum. This is informed by the requirements of the National Curriculum, so that the children will know more and remember more as they progress onto the next stage of their education. The development of this work is an enormous task and staff are working extremely hard alongside Specialist Leaders of Education and underpinned by our vision, 'Right Start-Bright Future'. I am confident that over time, the newly created Brookhurst curriculum will make learning even more fun, memorable and challenging, ensuring the children know more and remember more. We are also working on applying greater consistency in the quality of education, so to improve the academic performance at the end of key stage 2. This will take time, as we implement the bespoke Brookhurst curriculum and build upon prior learning and only accepting the highest of standards across all phases. Please see attached our Curriculum Policy for more information.

School Calendar: Can I direct you to look on the school website 'School Life' to see all the updated events on the school calendar. It is as always a very busy last half term. Fingers crossed we have great weather for the **Sports Afternoons** on **28 June 2.00pm (Years 3,4,5,6)** and **29 June 1.30pm (F2, Y1,Y2)**. Entrance to each of the events will be via the children's entrance next to Brookhurst Pre-School and **gates will be open 15 minutes prior to the start**. These gates will be locked at the start time. Entrance to school after these times will be via the main entrance. Should you need to leave before the end of the events then please see a member of staff. We anticipate that each afternoon will be 60 – 75 minutes. Families will need to bring their own chairs or picnic blankets. Please can you pass this information onto other family members who will be attending as school is unable to provide chairs. The PTA will be selling refreshments for the spectators. This year and if there is time, the **adults race** will be the '**Egg and Spoon**'. You have plenty of time to practice and all entrants must be wearing trainers if taking part.

School Attendance Matters-We aim for 100% our target is 98%. **Foundation 2 = 96.7%, Year 1 = 98.3%, Year 2 = 91.9%, Year 3 = 97.1%, Year 4 = 94.8%, Year 5 = 91.7%, Year 6 = 95.4%**. Overall school



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attendance = **95.1%**. Unfortunately, this term we are no way near the excellent attendance classes were achieving in the autumn and spring terms.

REMEMBER #EVERYDAYCOUNTS.

‘Magic Moments’

F2 – We have been enjoying the story of Emma Jane’s Aeroplane and discovering new and exciting places across our world. We used our imaginations to plan a trip and packed a suitcase with the items we needed. The children impressed us with their discussions and explanations of why we made our choices (and a bit of a giggle when we pulled out a frying pan from the suitcase!)

Year 1 – We have enjoyed the start of their new book in English, and are intrigued to see how the hero changes people’s minds. They have also been looking at what makes a half, and how many different ways a shape can be coloured to show halves.

Year 2 – Last week we completed some fantastic homework when researching the work and life of David Attenborough. We found out many interesting facts and connections very close to home. This will be explored further together in class. One member of the class has a relative that helped make ‘Boaty McBoatface’.

Year 3 – Thank you to those children who brought in branches for shelter building last week. The class worked super well as team members to create some great structures to their shelters and we are waiting to see which survives the recent storms! We have also carried out some investigations with some plants to find out more about transportation and roots.

Year 4 – Within our geography unit, we have been studying the continent of Europe. We have been exploring population landmass and each individual flag. We have also researched what Europe has to offer with regards to landmarks, historic monuments and Eurovision!

Year 5 – Last week in Year 5 we started our new music topic on Musicals. As a class we really enjoyed learning about the change in musical theatre from Opera to Jukebox Musicals. We were thinking about the features of different types of musical theatre. We particularly enjoyed watching and listening to different types of musical theatre songs!

Year 6 – Last week Year 6 really enjoyed exploring variables in games in Computing. The class learned more about what variables are by watching highlights from the She Believes Cup and recognised that the score display changed each time a goal was scored. We explored the way that this was achieved via a program being put in place. Year 6 then worked in pairs to design and create basic games on Scratch. In doing so, the children were required to create a score variable that changed as they played the games.

Eco News: Earlier this year our Eco Club had a visit from a local artist who helped us create our own paper flowers. During half term this exhibition has now opened for members of the public to visit. If you would like to see our work along with many other local schools, please pop down to Thurstaston Visitor Centre.

Kind regards

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AND FINALLY..... Claire House Children’s Hospice are organising a **3K run at Birkenhead Park** on **Sunday 18 June 12pm**. The entry charge is £5 per child and further information is available at: clairehouse.org.uk/clairebear3k.

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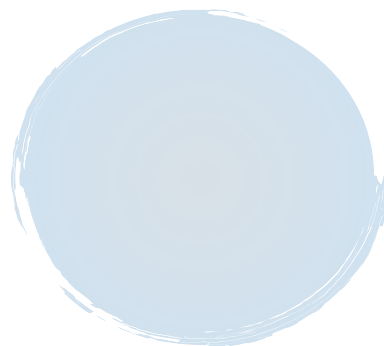
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