



Right Start-Bright Future

Newsletter

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Dear Families

Here we are at the end of another busy and enjoyable academic year. The children have given their very best and all deserve a restful summer break. I do hope you enjoyed reading about their progress and achievements in the end of year school report. This year we have tightened our assessment procedures by including more summative assessment to inform the teacher assessment. Within our key stage 2 classes, we still have some significant attainment gaps to close, so that we are achieving in-line with national expectations. I am pleased to say, that the end of key stage 2 results have improved on last year. We know from our school monitoring and that by the Local Authority, we are addressing and closing the achievement gaps. Staff training on 'teaching reading', implementing greater consistency to improved teaching and having higher standards and expectations for ALL children. We continue to develop and enhance the Brookhurst Curriculum. We now need more time for the improved consistent teaching approaches to embed alongside more precision teaching to close the gaps.

The next academic year, should see the return of an Ofsted graded school inspection. This time last year, Ofsted reported that should we have had a 'graded' inspection, the school would not have maintained the overall 'good judgement' (This was not a surprise and we already were and have continued to take prompt action to improve). Our end of year school self-evaluation does grade our overall school effectiveness as 'requires improvement'. We anticipate that by the end of the next academic year we will have increased evidence to demonstrate that we are a securely 'good' school, but we need to achieve higher standards in line with national expectations at the end of key stage 2. With your support and partnership and increased accountability of the children's performance and the quality of teaching, I am confident that we will achieve this.

Year 6 Leavers Celebration: Yesterday, year 6 performed their end of year 'Leavers Celebration' to their families. Sharing their memories of their time in school, musical talents, dance and reciting poetry from the Alan Ahlberg anthology; Please Mrs Butler. The appreciative and proud audience demonstrated their joy. The service finished with an emotional presentation from the F2 Buddies to their year 6 Buddies. We wish our year 6 all the very best for the next stage of their learning journey into high school – you will be missed. This year the Governor's Award for contribution to school life, has been presented to Aiva in year 6. Well done Aiva and thoroughly deserved.

Friends of Brookhurst PTA- Please can I pass on my gratitude to the PTA who have had a fabulous year and organised many superb events for the Brookhurst Big Family. I do hope they will continue to go from strength to strength with your continued support. Please look out for the AGM. early in the autumn term.



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School Attendance Matters-Please see the following overall attendance for the academic year 2022-23
Foundation 2 =96.43%, Year 1 = 94.94%, Year 2 = 95.88%, Year 3 = 95.68%, Year 4 = 96.33%, Year 5 = 94.86%, Year 6 = 94%. Overall school attendance 95.44%. Well done to F2 and Year 4.

Water Safety: Karl and Alex, local swimming coaches joined in our school assembly and shared the need to be 'Safe in the Water'. They arranged a competition for the children to highlight and promote water safety. Thank you to all the children who took part. The overall winners were Lana-Rai in key stage two and Elsie in key stage one.

Staffing: I know that many of you have noticed that Mrs Neild has been absent from school for the past month. I am pleased to share with you that following a fall from a ladder at home she is making a slow but steady recovery. We really have missed her and I am extremely grateful to Miss Hughes who has kept our school office running during one of the busiest times in school.

Mrs Cheers who has been a Teaching Assistant at Brookhurst for over ten years has decided to resign from her position. I know this was a tough decision for her and we are all extremely grateful for all that she has done for our school. To mark her departure, she has decided to cut her hair off in aid of the Little Princess Trust. As a send-off she'd love it if families could support here in cutting off her hair, by donating to the Little Princess Trust.

The link to my Just Giving page is: www.justgiving.com/page/jenny-quirk-1689314091635

We are looking for a professional hairdresser to help with the cut during Thursday's assembly 10:15 – 10:30 am. If anyone is interested in helping, could they contact the school office.

Summer Reading and Maths Challenges

This year the children adopted the phrase '**Reading is our Rocket Fuel**' which is now proudly displayed in our library. The summer holidays is an ideal time to top up our fuel levels with lots of reading so we are launching a Summer Reading Bingo challenge. Complete as many of the activities on the bingo sheet as possible and return them to school by Monday 11th September. All returned bingo sheets will receive a certificate and will be entered into a draw with the chance to win some great prizes. If you'd like to share any photographs of your reading activities, please email them to hwilliams@brookhurst.wirral.sch.uk so we can display them in our library. Wirral libraries are also running a Summer Reading Challenge - follow the link for more information <https://www.wirral.gov.uk/read2023>

Maths multiplication tables- We are setting a challenge for all children from year 2 and above to learn the times tables and to be a prestigious member of the '**Times Tables 2 minute Club**'. When the children feel confident in the autumn term, they can put themselves forward to be tested and see if they achieve the times tables within the 2 minutes. From September: **Year 2:** x2, x5, x10, **Year 3** x2,x3, x4, x5,x8, x10. **Year 4- 6:** x2,x3,x4,x5,x6,x7,x8,x9,x10,x11,x12.

Can I take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support over this last academic year. It is an absolute pleasure to lead the Brookhurst Big Family, alongside a staff team and governing body who really do want the very best for each individual child. We will only achieve this with the support of families. Please take time to recharge, enjoy the summer break and we look forward to welcoming you all back to make more 'Magic Moments'. The autumn term starts for the children on **WEDNESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER.**

Kind regards

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