



# Right Start-Bright Future

## Newsletter

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Dear Families

We had a wonderful start to the week with a visit from the author and storyteller Richard O'Neil. The children responded superbly and it was a delight to hear their enjoyment from the classrooms. He talked about how to make the 'ordinary', 'extra-ordinary' within our writing. These skills were soon transferred and Year 5 treated the whole school by sharing their writing after their session with him. As Richard politely commented, 'All classes have fully charged batteries at Brookhurst'. He was extremely complimentary about the children and the relationships he observed with staff and children. He reinforced how our school feels like a 'BIG Family'. Please can I thank the PTA for funding his visit and magic moments created for the children.

Dear Mr Williams,

I wanted to write to let you know how much I enjoyed my visit to your school today. Firstly, I have to say a massive thank you to all of the children and adults who gave me a huge warm welcome. From the initial signing in to the help from the site manager to get my things to my car at the end of the day. The children's listening was brilliant and their teachers were wonderful joining in with the sessions and encouraging the children to do so through word and modelling. Everyone was so inclusive, positive and caring to each other like a big fabulous family.

I feel very fortunate to have been a visitor and as I said in assembly my day was joyful.

Please pass on my thanks to everyone.

Very best wishes

Richard

All Key Stage 2 classes had a visit from the Dogs Trust. Here, the children were told about ways of treating dogs as pets and respecting them and their space. Although no real dogs were brought into school, there was a very real-life looking Black Labrador in the classes.

**Ofsted – Parent View:** Following on from the last Ofsted Inspection in July 2022, we do anticipate a return visit this academic year. You will have no doubt have seen the news coverage and the changes made to the process by the new HMCI Sir Martyn Oliver. Like us, he is keen to hear the views of school families about their school. Please can I direct you to the school website and complete the Parent View questionnaire – Thank you.

**Children's Mental Health Awareness Week – 5 February 2024:** We will once again be supporting this in school and we have made great strides with the introduction of 'My Happy Minds' and our 'My Happy Mind Heroes' in school. The theme this year is 'My Voice Matters'.



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**School Attendance Matters**-We aim for 100% our target is 98%. F2 = 96.1% Year 1 = 99%, Year 2 = 99 %, Year 3 = 98.4%, Year 4 = 96.3%, Year 5 = 94.8%, Year 6 = 92.3%. Overall school attendance = 96.6%.

Well done to Years 1,2 and 3!

**REMEMBER #EVERYDAYCOUNTS.**

### 'Magic Moments'

**F2** - This week F2 have welcomed their first Mystery Readers! The children were so excited to close their eyes, count down from 10 and then open their eyes to see who had arrived. This week we have loved "Goldilocks and the Three Bears" and laughed and giggled all the way through "The Book with No Pictures". We can't wait to welcome more Mystery Readers next week...

**Year 1** - This week Year 1 have been investigating the meaning of different musical terms such as tempo, rhythm and pulse. They enjoyed being sharks, swimmers, speedboats and surfers to help them understand this. In Science we have looked at what all plants have in common, and planted some seeds which we will be watching over the next couple of weeks.

**Year 2** - This week we have been recapping our 'g' grapheme in our phonics lessons. Using this grapheme we were able to be writers and write our own short story about visiting a zoo. The children were super writers and used their imagination to produce fantastic short stories.

**Year 3** - This week, Year 3 have had two excellent visitors to the classroom. We thoroughly enjoyed meeting Richard O'Neil, an author who inspired us to write our own creative stories. We also enjoyed learning how to treat dogs through our visit from the Dogs Trust. This week we started a new topic about the Ancient Egyptians by looking at a timeline and generating questions that we would like to find out. In RE we discussed our identity, creating pictures all about ourselves.

**Year 4** - This week, we have been setting up our science 'eggs-periment' where we have been investigating tooth decay. We are trying to find out what drinks decay teeth and what are healthy for teeth. We used eggshells to replicate teeth enamel and water, tea, lemonade and vinegar as our liquids. We also repeated this but we coated our eggshells in toothpaste first to see if it would give any resistance to the liquids.

**Year 5** - We have been analysing our cliff hanger narrative this week as part of our Hound of the Baskervilles topic. We all embodied the life and soul of Sherlock Holmes in our role play lesson, before completing some role on the wall activities to describe Mr Holmes' character using some fantastic vocabulary. 'He became a man of action, no longer the languid dreamer of the past' was one example! Super effort with our writing this week Year 5 - well done!

**Year 6** - This week, Year 6 started to compose a setting description based around the expeditions of Charles Darwin. The children focused on their use of ambitious and exciting vocabulary to describe the rainforest that Darwin and Captain FitzRoy explored as part of their journey. It was wonderful seeing Year 6 experiment with different sentence structures and how they could use formal language and dialogue to develop character.

**Eco News:** This week we have started our Eco Club with some amazing and enthusiastic children! We have already started our Green Flag application for this year by completing our Environmental Review and thinking about what we would like to do this year. Thank you again to those who have brought their batteries in, counted and labelled this week we have collected a large amount. I am going to share our total so far next week when I have counted the ones that have come in without being counted. Please continue to send in any batteries that you have to be recycled.

**Sports News:** Well done to our Year 4 children who came joint 3<sup>rd</sup> in a football tournament this week. Great attitudes, skill and team work were in abundance. Mr Eborall was full of praise about their performance.



Kind regards

*S. Williams*

Steve Williams

AND FINALLY..... Again, we have had a complaint from a very concerned grand parent about inappropriate parking of vehicles outside of school during drop off and pick up times. She has rightly pointed out that the adults are modelling irresponsible choices to their children and putting the safety of others at risk. The PCSO has been informed.



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