



Brookland Junior School Newsletter

'Be kind, be respectful, be the best that you can be'

08.11.2024

Welcome Back

I hope you all had a lovely half term! The children have come back to school and have instantly got stuck in to their new learning. It has been a delight to have so many of them come and show me their learning and give me the opportunity to read some fantastic pieces of writing! Year 6 have very much impressed me with their writing on the text 'The Wisp' with a special shout out going to Buddy, Andrew, Everly and Jessica for their excellent vocabulary choices.

The school has been a hive of activity this week and the children have been fascinated with the transformation of the gazebo area which has been taking place this week. Thank you to Pine class for being so sensible and patient with their change of entry and exit to their classroom. The first week back has flown by and before we know it we will be into our Christmas festivities, so here is to another fantastic half term for all!

Children In Need - Friday 15th November

On Friday 15th November we will be joining the nation by participating in Children In Need. A letter has been emailed to you today with all the details you need. In summary, it will be a non-school uniform day for the children (and adults) and we encourage everyone to come in wearing something spotty. All donations are online and can be made by clicking on this link: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/brookland-federation-1729763410204>

Anti-Bullying Week - Wear Odd Socks - Friday 15th November

Next week is also national Anti-Bullying Week and so we are asking children to 'Wear Odd Socks' on Friday 15th November. Children will be taking part in a variety of assemblies and activities linked to anti-bullying with our school focus being on 'being kind' and 'showing kindness.'

Message from the PTFA - The Little Recyclers - Tuesday 26th November

We hope you all had a wonderful half term and are ready for the next chapter... My question is, are you thinking of having a clear out before the festive holidays? We want your clothes, shoes and bags that you no longer need. Brookland Junior School have teamed up with The Little Recyclers and together we help stamp out landfill waste, recycle unwanted clothing and raise funds for our school!! Simply fill a bag or 2 of your unwanted item and drop them to school on **Tuesday 26th November** and The Little Recyclers will do the rest...did I mention we get 45p per kilo!!

Please see poster for more info...or simply contact your class Rep for more information. Thank you, Jodie.

Football Match

Yesterday, Brookland's Year 6 football team put on an impressive performance to secure a 7-0 victory away at Longlands Primary School, in what was a fantastic display of teamwork and individual skill. From the outset, Brookland controlled the game, moving the ball well as a team to score some great goals. A few particularly splendid goals came from Freddy, who scored a bicycle kick, and from Louie and Tayla, who put shots in from distance. Riley, Tayla, Carmelo, Romeo, Harrison, Eniz, Louie and Freddy all played key roles in a well-rounded team effort. The clean sheet was equally impressive, as the defence remained strong throughout and the team should be proud of their performance.

OPAL - Outdoor Play and Learning

The OPAL founder Michale Follett is running a free webinar for parents on Wednesday 13th November at 7:30pm-8:30pm. This is an opportunity for parents to hear the OPAL founder himself share top tips on making play part of everyday life for children. You can join the webinar by clicking on this link: [Play every day! Tickets, Wed 13 Nov 2024 at 19:30 | Eventbrite](#)

Author Visit

Before half term, we were lucky enough to have Neal Zetter visit our school. He did some poetry workshops with Year 5 and performed poems to every year group. Our Year 6 librarian volunteers also had a small group session with Neal where they asked further questions and discussed book recommendations.



Reminders:

1. Weekly home learning attached
2. In the wet weather, please send children in with wellies so they are able to still go on the school field at lunchtimes.
3. Blue Tokens in Tesco - If you shop at Brookfield Farm Tesco, please ask for the blue counters and pop them in the community grants stand and support Brookland Junior School. The PTFA are supporting the school to raise money for our new sensory gazebo/garden area and your support will be very much appreciated, thank you!



Key dates:

Fri 15th Nov - Children In Need

Fri 15th Nov - Wear Odd Socks for Anti-bullying Week

Wed 20th Nov - Flu vaccinations

Tues 26th Nov - PTFA Little Recyclers - bring in your unwanted clothing

Thurs 5th Dec - Flu Vaccine - mop up session

Thurs 19th Dec - Last day of term - school finishes at 1:25pm

Fri 20th Dec - Occasional Day - school closed

Mon 6th Jan - INSET DAY - school closed

Tues 7th Jan - Children back to school

PE DAYS

Year 3 & 4 - Monday & Tuesday

Year 5 & 6 - Wednesday & Thursday

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