



# Right Start-Bright Future

Newsletter

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Dear Families

**Children's Mental Health Week:** From 6-12 February 2023, schools, families and communities across the UK will take part in Children's Mental Health Week. This year's theme is **Let's Connect**. For this year's theme **Let's Connect**, we are encouraging children (and adults) to connect with others in healthy, rewarding, and meaningful ways. People thrive in communities, and this connection is vital for our wellbeing. When we have healthy connections – to family, friends and others – this can support our mental health and our sense of wellbeing. And when our need for rewarding social connections is not met, we can sometimes feel isolated and lonely – which can have a negative impact on our mental health. We are very proud of the connections we have here as part of **The Brookhurst BIG Family**, but we can always improve. My request to you, is that you refrain from using parent class 'Whats App' groups to discuss any potential concerns relating to school. Instead, direct your questions to school staff so that you have the correct factual information. Such a connection between school and home is vital and one that we pride ourselves on here at Brookhurst. There is no such thing as a 'daft' question or a concern you may have, so please engage with us here and we can always find a solution.

**School Attendance Matters-**We aim for 100% our target is 98%. **Foundation 2 = 96%, Year 1 = 96.6%, Year 2 = 94.5%, Year 3 = 100% Year 4 = 94.2%, Year 5 = 98.8%, Year 6 = 95%**. Overall school attendance **96.3%**. **Well done to Year 3 and Year 5!**

### REMEMBER #EVERYDAYCOUNTS.

100% Attendance = 190 DAYS OF EDUCATION

95% Attendance = 180 DAYS OF EDUCATION

90% Attendance = 171 DAYS OF EDUCATION

85% Attendance = 161 DAYS OF EDUCATION

80% Attendance = 152 DAYS OF EDUCATION

75% Attendance = 143 DAYS OF EDUCATION

**Safer Internet Day:** Our House and Vice Captains are currently researching and designing a display in school that we will use as a reminder to our Brookhurst BIG Family about 'Internet Safety'. **Safer Internet Day is Tuesday 7 February**. This may be an opportunity for you as family, to remind each other of how we keep ourselves safe when accessing the Internet.



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## 'Magic Moments'

**F2** – Our new book 'Beegu' has really captured F2's imagination this week. We were worried why the little alien was so sad. We decided to write letters to her to try and cheer her up. F2 are waiting excitedly to see if she replies and what happens in the rest of her story...

**Year 1** – have been learning about the UK Space Port - SaxaVord - and have taken part in a live lesson about how to be an astronaut. They also looked at the materials that were needed to make a space suit. In English, they have been writing character descriptions and looking at how emojis represent feelings.

**Year 2** – this week we have been seeing the amazing houses that the children have been bringing in from home. Their fantastic houses have now created a mini 1666 London scene in our classroom. The children are really proud of their creations.

**Year 3** – have become authors this week, writing a return narrative with some wonderful description and vocabulary choices. They have also begun learning how to multiply larger numbers by a single digit number.

**Year 4** – have been learning about the Maya civilisation this week and have found that they were intellectual and forward thinking. We have learnt that they had their own number system and were keen mathematicians, as well as being excellent architects and astronomers.

**Year 5** – In our 'Steps to Read' lessons we have been learning all about War of the Worlds. This has been a tricky text with lots of new and exciting vocabulary. We have enjoyed visualising what the alien beings look like along with seeing our character has developed over the novel.

**Year 6** – enjoyed using their History lesson to conduct independent research in order to develop their knowledge of The Great Pyramid of Giza as part of our work on Ancient Egypt. The children used a range of secondary historical sources to gather factual information. The class particularly enjoyed using an interactive digital tour of the interior of the pyramid in order to become more aware of numerous chambers and long passages. This led to Year 6 producing multiple labelled cross sections of the pyramid as well as detailed notes.

**Eco News:** This week we have been celebrating our fantastic team work, as for the month of January **we have topped the leaderboard for the Wirral** as the **most active school for the month**. We also **finished 35th in the country**, which is outstanding! As a result there will be a slight delay in receiving our badges for January, as so many children have achieved their badge, we have had to order additional ones as we don't have enough! We have also ordered more badges for the rest of the year as we hope we can continue to keep making a difference to our air quality around school!

In addition all of our children have been invited to participate in designing a badge for next year. Some classes have done this in school, others have been sent home. Once they have been completed, can you please return them to Miss Ramejkis before half term. The competition theme is British Nature, our Eco Team will also be selecting a winning design per class.

Kind regards

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Steve Williams

AND FINALLY..... Today we recognised and thanked all the children who submitted a written application to be their class Reading Ambassadors. The quality was superb and we now have two Reading Ambassadors per class from Year 2 –Year 6.

