

Brookhurst Primary School Brookhurst Road Bromborough Wirral CH63 OEH Headteacher: Steve Williams

Right Start-Bright Future Newsletter 13 March 2023

Dear Families

I do hope that you all had an enjoyable half-term break. It was wonderful this morning to welcome all the children to school in celebration of **'Brookhurst World Book Day'**. The sense of fun and love of reading was infectious. Reading is very much at the heart of all that we do and I am very appreciative of how the school community is embracing our consistent approach to raising the profile of reading. Our **'Reading Ambassadors'** have today presented in our special World Book Day assembly. **'The Tiger Who Came To Tea'** won **'The Brookhurst Book Battle'**. This week we have opened our outdoor **'Reading Pods'**. These are available at lunchtime for children to read in a quiet, heated and comfortable place. The enormous bean bag seating within the Reading Pods has been kindly funded by the PTA. We also have the additional Pod with a selection of adult books and this will operate as a **'Book Swop Shop'** for families. Please leave any donated books on the table inside the first Pod. The Pods are open at the end of the school day for your use.

Thank you to families who were able to join F2 this morning for the **'Play and Stay'** session. It was a pleasure to see your children sharing their learning space.

Sports Premium Funding: Hopefully you will have noticed or heard about the newest playground installation. This has been funded by the Sports Premium allocated to our school.

Installation of LED lighting in and outside school: I am delighted to share with you, that Mrs Nield was successful in a bid for funding to replace all our school lighting. Cost efficient LED lighting was installed over the half term break and the improved lighting is so noticeable. Hopefully the reduction in energy costs will be equally as impressive!

School Attendance Matters-We aim for 100% our target is 98%. Foundation 2 = 97.3%, Year 1 = 97.9%, Year 2 = 96.4%, Year 3 = 97.9%, Year 4 = 97.6%, Year 5 = 91.7%, Year 6 = 94.3%. Overall school attendance 95.4%. Well done to Year 1 and Year 3 who were within touching distance of 98%!!!

REMEMBER #EVERYDAYCOUNTS.

Ready, Respectful and Safe

'Magic Moments'

F2 – We welcomed a member of their family or their buddy to a stay and play session today. The children really enjoyed sharing their learning environment and day to day activities with our visitors.

Year 1 – This week we have started to look at a non-fiction book as part of our Steps to Read. The children have enjoyed learning about seahorses and coral snakes. We have started to create our own dance based on the weather in PE, and have enjoyed dressing up for World Book Day.

Year 2 – This week we started our new Geography topic on the United Kingdom. The children had produced some fabulous research for homework and we started our topic off with the children sharing their work. We were really impressed with their knowledge and enthusiasm.

Year 3 – We have started a new History topic and found out about the Roman Empire and how it grew

dramatically. Some of us had the chance to start our first Forest School session this week too.

Year 4 – This week, we had an art day, focusing on Maya art and the influence of shape and mosaics. We completed our own shape boards, explored with shapes to make patterns and used iPads to make kaleidoscope photos before designing Maya masks.

Year 5 – This week in Year 5 we were very lucky and had a visitor from Urenco. They taught us all about Uranium and we carried out some science experiments that helped us better understand how they work in their day to day jobs. All of the science experiments we did linked very closely to our Year 5 science topic of Materials.

Year 6 – This week in Year 6, the children have started to engage with a new geography topic based around the continent of North America. Over the course of our first week back from half term, Year 6 have world maps and atlases to locate the Prime Meridian and the Equator in relation to the continents. They have also used longitude and latitude to suggest why specific continents have different types of climates. Towards the end of the week, Year 6 looked at North America more specifically to identify the countries making up this continent.

Eco News: We have been asked by First West Kirby Scout Group to help them collect plastic soft drink bottle tops. We have a collection box in the school main entrance. This week in Eco Club the children were starting to clear some space in the school garden and preparing potatoes to plant there very soon! Please remember if you have any old batteries to bring them into school, we are still participating in the Big Battery Hunt. If they can be counted and labeled that would be great.

Mrs Parsonage and I will not be in school next Thursday and Friday as we are both attending The Wirral Senior Leaders Conference. We will both have access to our emails and be in regular contact with school.

Kind regards

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AND FINALLY...... **Safeguarding** is **'ALL our Business'**. One of our school families shared this website with me. It's important that we are protecting our children and know exactly what they may come into contact with, ensuring we have the correct security and agreed procedures for safe internet usage at home.

https://beinternetlegends.withgoogle.com/ Next week PCSO Shone will be working with Years 5 and 6 on being and keeping ourselves safe.

Focused Author: SF Said. SF Said says, "Happy reading! There's a book for everyone out there, so if you haven't yet found your favourite – keep reading! It could be the one you open next....."

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