



Right Start-Bright Future

Newsletter

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Dear Families

Happy New Year to you all! I hope that you had a joyful Christmas. It has been wonderful to welcome the Brookhurst BIG Family back to school and to start 2024 so positively. We welcome the spring term as one of the loveliest times of year in school, as everyone sets their new intentions for 2024 and the year ahead. (I just hope that we can keep to them!!!!)

At Brookhurst we really do emphasise the importance of **'EVERY DAY COUNTS'**! On Monday, the DfE issued a press release announcing their **National Drive to Improve School Attendance**. You can read the press release [here](#). I hope the information below on Attendance and Emotionally Based School Avoidance (EBSA) provides some useful material for you. Also, the NHS guidance which aims to help you to decide whether to keep you child off school.

Where a child has an attendance below 90%, then families will have received a letter. On occasions where there is no improvement over the term, then a managing attendance meeting takes place and targets for improvement agreed. This is a supportive process and can include our Local Authority attendance officer.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

<https://familytoolbox.co.uk/resource-list/emotionally-based-school-avoidance-ebsa/>

<https://familytoolbox.co.uk/resource-list/wirral-support-for-emotionally-based-school-avoidance-ebsa/>

Our 100% School Attendance Club: In assembly this morning we celebrated the children who for the whole of the autumn term have achieved 100% school attendance. We have 21 children in the 100% Club and we hope to see this number increase for the spring term. I know that many of the children this morning want to achieve 100% for the academic year. Well done to them all.

School Attendance Matters-We aim for 100% our target is 98%. F2 = 99.6% Year 1 = 93.1%, Year 2 = 99.1%, Year 3 = 91.8%, Year 4 = 98.3%, Year 5 = 96.8%, Year 6 = 90.8%. Overall school attendance = 95.6%. Well done to F2, Years 2 and 4!

REMEMBER #EVERYDAYCOUNTS.



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WE NEED YOU FOR BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK!!!!:

11-15 March 2024.

The theme for this year is 'Blue Planet'. We are working with 'STEMsation' to create workshops for the children to work scientifically and to understand the impact of our lives on the Planet. To further enhance this, we are keen for parents/ family members to come and share with the children their jobs and the role they do in their workplace. This may be in the chemical industry, medicine, climate change, transport, utilities and power. Please email Miss Ramejkis if you feel you could come and talk with a class about your role. We will offer support and handy hints. Please email: tramejkis@brookhurst.sch.uk

Who is our visiting author? Continuing our focus of reading being at the heart of the curriculum, we will be welcoming a children's author to school on 22 January. This week the children have been reading clues and trying to work out who the mystery author is. The author will work with each class throughout the day. The PTA are kindly funding this visit for the children. Can you work out who, from two of the clues below?

"He has loved books since reading his first one when he was four years old"

"When he's not writing and telling stories he's making traditional wooden toys"

'Magic Moments'

F2 - F2 have been looking for signs of winter this week - and there have been plenty, brrrrr! We have been identifying British birds and we have shown kindness by making a tasty bird feeder using fruit, cheerios and pipe cleaners. We hope the birds of Bromborough are ready for a feast this weekend!

Year 1 – This week we have jumped straight into our learning looking at plants in Science and thinking about what we already know about them. We have also enjoyed using the BeeBots in our Computing lesson as we start to learn about robots and how they can make our life a little easier.

Year 2 – This week in Year 2 we have been investigating if things are living, dead or if they have never been alive. We went outside to find a range of different items, we used sorting hoops to group the items. After carrying out our investigation we had to complete a table to show the different items.

Year 3 – Year 3 have started their new year with a great attitude to their learning. This week they have investigated the reflection of different objects and written poetry to thank Mother Nature. We have discussed gender stereotypes and listened to Chinese music too.

Year 4 – This week, we have been making books about the human impact on habitats in science. We have found that humans can have both positive and negative impacts and have shown this detail in our mini books to finish our topic of living things. We have also discovered that the need for palm oil has caused deforestation and burning of forest areas which add to carbon emissions.

Year 5 – We have been exploring and handling Ancient Greek artefacts this week in Year 5. We posed questions about the artefacts considering their use, history and useability in today's modern world. This struck up some interesting discussion around modernisation of pottery and how we can identify the symbolism behind each vase by looking carefully at the images. We have also begun our new class novel and writing unit around the Hound of the Baskervilles - I think we may have some future detectives on our hands!

Year 6 – This week in Art, Year 6 looked closely at famous war themed art from historic conflicts. They worked very well as a large group to dramatically recreate a scene from a Second World War painting so that they could consider how the figures in the scene would have felt. It also allowed them to better appreciate the artistic choices of the composer of the painting.



Eco News: I wanted to thank everyone who has been asking friends and family for batteries to be recycled. We have already filled our school bin once! Please keep collecting batteries for recycling. If they can please be labelled and counted before coming into school – Miss Ramejkis.

Spring Term Year Group Curriculum Maps: Please can I direct you the school website and the Curriculum Page. Here, in 'Curriculum Maps' you will find an outline of the subjects and themes that are being taught over the spring term. Here, you will also find links to support your child with their learning. Please can I remind all families in Year 2 – Year 6 the importance of learning the multiplication tables, and reading for pleasure from a range of texts.

On-Line Safety and Use of Tablets, Laptops and Phones: I know that a number of children have had some lovely gifts at Christmas and many have had electronic devises. Please can I remind families to ensure their Wifi filtering is ensuring safe accesses to the internet. Can I also request that children have a good time away from their devises before bedtime. This week we have noticed some very tired looking eyes in school. Thank you.

Kind regards

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AND FINALLY..... It is looking like another chilly week is ahead of us. Please can we ensure that children come to school with a warm coat, hat, and scarf. Please can all items be labelled clearly with your child's name – Thank you.

