



Right Start-Bright Future

Newsletter

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Dear Families

Every week is busy, exciting and memorable at Brookhurst Primary School. This week has been no different, in fact even more special! We were informed at 10:00am on Monday that our school was going to be subject to a two-day graded Ofsted inspection. Although, only four terms since their last visit and in my mind three months too early, we embraced the process with open arms. The inspection was thorough, conducted with respect and the whole of the Brookhurst BIG Family were tremendous. The inspectors were quality assured on the second day by His Majesty's Inspector – so we were all under immense scrutiny! Due to protocol, I am unable to share the outcome with you at this stage and will be delighted to do so when we can. The inspection team commented on the wonderful supportive comments that our families had written. Unfortunately, we do not get to see them, so my heartfelt thanks and appreciation for your ongoing support. We all want the very best for the children and working together we will succeed.

School Uniform: A reminder that the requirements of our school uniform are on the school website. We pride ourselves in having a uniform that is practical and reflects our high expectations. We are seeing children coming to school in more casual clothes that do not represent our high school expectations. This is becoming a regular pattern and we do understand there may be the occasional day when adjustments need to be made and we will work together. We have a great stock of nearly new uniform in school if you need to restock, as children do have the unexpected growth spurt! Fashion shoes/trainers are not to be worn – Plain trainers for PE only. On our return after half-term, Year 6 can wear their Leaver's Hoodie on a PE day.

Science Week: On Wednesday after school and at the end of a two-day Ofsted inspection, the staff spent two hours with the STEMsation Team to plan our Science Week 11 – 15 March 2024. This is going to be a highlight of the term and the children are going to be so immersed working scientifically. We will be providing more details nearer the time.

PCSO visit: On the 11 and 12 March the PCSO will be visiting years 5 and 6 and spending the day with each class. Here, he will cover on-line safety, cyber bullying, keeping safe, knife crime – the impact of drugs and alcohol on the body. This is now an annual visit and it is always so informative and memorable for the children as we prepare them to become responsible citizens.



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School Attendance Matters-We aim for **100%** our target is **98%**.

F2 = 97.1 % **Year 1 = 99%**, **Year 2 = 98.3%**, **Year 3 = 98.4%**, **Year 4 = 93.8%**, **Year 5 = 97.4%**,
Year 6 = 91.7%. Overall school attendance = **96.5%**. **Well done to year 1, 2 and 3!**

REMEMBER #EVERYDAYCOUNTS.

‘Magic Moments’

F2 - This week there have been so many magic moments in the learning landscape of our Sunshine Room. We have been flipping high frequency word pancakes, building spectacular landmarks of London using 3D shapes to replicate the rooftops, making potions in our Investigation Station and retelling and acting the story of Little Red Riding Hood with masks and costumes.

Year 1 – This week we have completed our first piece of ‘published’ writing after several days of planning and drafting. The children are really proud of the work that they have produced. We have also planted some seeds and bulbs in pots which we will be using to decorate our outdoor area when they have grown.

Year 2 – This week we have time travelled back to 17th Century London to see what it was like to live in London then. We were really surprised to learn about what the houses were like and what people did with their waste! We will be building on this new knowledge as we continue to learn about The Great Fire of London.

Year 3 – Year three have enjoyed learning about the course of a river’s journey this week, learning lots of new vocabulary. In Science, much fun was had when dissecting a flower to find all the different parts before learning about their functions. We also found out about Guru Nanak who began the religion of Sikhism.

Year 4 – This week, we have been excellent scientists. We used ceramic tiles and permanent markers to create identical symbols that we then tested different toothpastes on. The idea was to brush off the permanent marker and see which toothpaste was the best for cleaning these. We recorded our results and wrote up some fantastic conclusions.

Year 5 – This week we have been looking at the largest UK Exports, and discovered cars, medicines and aerospace trade were the biggest. We delved deeper into this locally by looking at the three main companies in the North West who trade in these areas. Airbus, Vauxhalls and Phizer were our focus. We have also been studying the modern trade in Peel Ports, Liverpool. The children were astounded when they discovered this was on their doorstep! If you, or anyone you know, works in any of these areas we would be very grateful if you would be willing to come in and talk to our class about the different roles that could be future opportunities for our children.

Year 6 – Year 6 enjoyed taking part in an outdoor orienteering session as part of our PE learning this week. This built on our indoor orienteering course from last week. The children worked well in small groups to navigate the course (based around the school grounds) and to complete their target routes. They supported each other with map reading and with navigation.

Eco News: Last week during our Eco Club we decided one of our areas to work on is Litter. We briefly discussed arranging for the children (across school) to take home our school litter pickers and equipment to do their own litter picks in the community or wherever you go! I will be posting a survey on School Spider to see if this is something our school community would be interested in. If it is, I can start to look at how we will do this ready for after half term. Thank you, Miss Ramejkis.

PTA NEWS: No Ofsted inspection was going to interfere with our planned school disco. A massive thankyou to the PTA and the many volunteers who stepped in to help. The children always love the Disco. The Rags to Riches raised £146.00 which is an amazing amount and again thank you for your contribution.

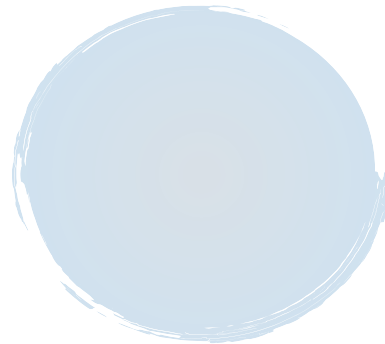


Kind regards

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AND FINALLY..... Time to re-charge and get some quality time with family and hopefully some rest. We have the lighter mornings and evenings to look forward to. School will re-open on Monday 26 February.



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