



BROOKE HILL ACADEMY NEWS

A SNAPSHOT OF OUR WEEK.

I seem a little late to the party saying Happy New Year given this is the first newsletter of 2024! Christmas seems like a distant memory! 2024 certainly got off to a memorable start with the flood, but we don't stay still for long and managed to get sorted after a day of cleaning and sorting! We are busy liaising with the insurance companies and things are moving forward at a pace to ensure that our classrooms are refurbished in the not too distant future. Having said that, although we have lost some bits from classrooms, they are still functional and children have what they need to facilitate learning and play opportunities.

Year 2 and 5 have started 2024 enhancing their music learning with recorder and clarinet tuition. we will be inviting parents in at the end of the term for a musical extravaganza! Last night saw our Young Voices travelling to Birmingham to perform as part of a 6000 piece choir. What an experience! Many thanks to everyone who came along to support. Curriculum letters outlining learning for this term have now been shared, please let us know if you have any queries.

I am absolutely thrilled to share our new school website with you all. This is a more modern and hopefully more user friendly version than the last. This will be regularly updated with our news and updates. please have a look via <https://brookehillacademy.com> and let us know your feedback.

Many thanks to all the families that attended our EYFS maths morning this week. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive and it was lovely to welcome visitors into the classrooms to learn alongside children. Our next one is 16th January for Years 1 and 2, we hope to welcome as many people as possible.

It has been a lovely yet busy first week. Have a good rest and enjoy your weekend.

Mrs O'Shaughnessy

Next Week

MON - KS2 FDS club, Story Telling, KS2 Textiles, Art Club, KS1 Messy Play

TUES -Y1/2 Maths Workshop for parents -9.10am, Card Making club

WEDS - KS1 FDS club, Beth Daniel Drama club, Gymnastics club.

THURS - Open the Book assembly. KS2 RYDA Street Dance, KS2 Paper Mache, KS2 Business Enterprise.

Fri -

Please note that school led after school clubs finish at 4.15pm this term.

Please let the teacher know if your child is unable to attend a club they have signed up for.



HOUSE POINT TOTALS FOR THIS WEEK

Stocks

627

Castles

689

Horseshoes

567

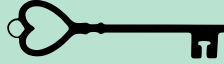
Acorns

579

We are trying to create an inspiring writing display in school to showcase examples of writing across school. As part of this, if anyone has any spare keys they are able to donate to school, that would be very much appreciated.

The more unusual the better!

Please mark for the attention of Mrs O'Shaughnessy.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO EVERYONE WHO HAS HAD A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK. CALLUM, SIDNEY, ROSALIE, OLIVE, BRODY, JASPER, GEORGE & HARRIET



We are looking to recruit parent / family helpers to come into school to listen to some readers.

Even if you could spare us 20 minutes after you have dropped your children off in the morning we would be very grateful.

It is a lovely opportunity to get involved in school life and support our lovely children.

If anyone feels they would like to offer some time, please can you contact school and we will make arrangements to secure times and days.

Many thanks in advance.

Absence Notifications

You can notify us of your child's absence via the ParentMail App or by phoning the school on the usual number (01572 724214) selecting option 1 and leaving a message, or emailing the school office.

Whichever method you use please make sure you tell us which class your child is in and the nature of any illness (**poorly or unwell is insufficient**).

You should inform us of your child's absence by 9.05am. at the latest

School closure procedure in the event of bad weather.

In the unlikely event that we have to close the school due to bad weather, we will notify you by ParentMail/text as soon as the decision is made. Information will also be on the school website and social media.

We will endeavour to stay open whenever possible.



Census Day Menu

18th January 2024

Hot Dog

or

Vegetarian Hot Dog

With Chips, Peas and Baked Beans

Syrup Sponge & Custard

caterlink
feeding the imagination

PRIDE OF BROOKE HILL AWARD

Blossom Class - Lexi

Apple Class - Rafael

Willow Class - Thevindu

Maple Class - Huckleberry

Acer Class - Lamar

Chestnut Class - Callum

Rowan Class - Charlie M

Redwood Class - Sammy

Elder Class - Bella

Hazel Class - Jacob

Oak Class - Daisy

Attendance Awards

Rec/KS1- Apple

KS2 - Chestnut

Whole school attendance 95.87 %

Attendance is something we celebrate each week in our Celebration Assembly on a Friday.

We are required to collate and update the attendance figures for the local authority each week.

Going forward we will be monitoring attendance closely to ensure that we are hitting the targets given to the school by the DFE.

Meet a Governor



My name is Amanda Hutson and I am the Support Staff governor, appointed to the Governing Body in the Autumn term of 2023.

I have recently moved back to the area after living in Hertfordshire for the last twenty-five years, raising my three children.

I have previous experience of governance having been Chair of Governors in two previous schools and have worked in primary schools for the past thirteen years as a Primary PE Specialist. I am passionate about everyone in our community developing a lifelong love of physical activity and having the knowledge and understanding of why this is such an important part of our future health and happiness.

It has been a pleasure to have joined Brooke Hill Academy which is obviously such a strong community school within the local area.

Head lice in school

We are getting repeated cases of head lice in some classes, please check your child hair regularly and particularly if you receive a head lice notification from school. If you find head lice please continue to treat and check until they have cleared.



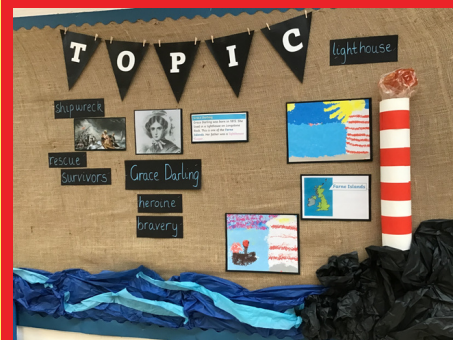
This week in Pre-School...

We've been thinking about our new topic All Around the World. The children have been really interested in this weeks first stop...
Antarctica!

The children have been busy helping to rescue animals from ice blocks, making penguins and learning all about the life in Antarctica.

Year 1 and 2

Our topic this term is Grace Darling. The children excitedly acted as detectives looking at different pictures to investigate who they will be learning about. Nearer the end of term, the children will be making lighthouses, so please could you save any kitchen rolls when finished with and any clear yoghurt pots. Thank you!



Maths Workshops

At Brooke Hill we value parent support. Next term, we will be offering maths workshops for parents. The purpose of these will be to share calculation methods with you and to invite you through to class to work with your child in maths.

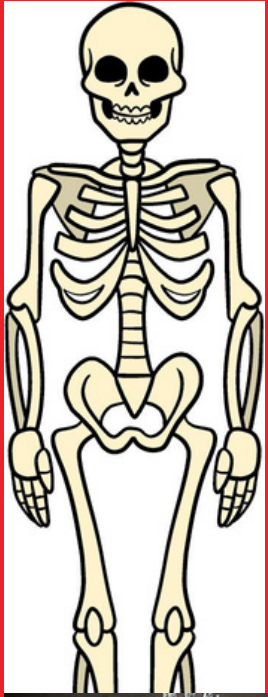
The dates are as follows:

Tues 16th Jan - Yr 1/ 2

Weds 24th Jan - Yr 3 / 4

Fri 2nd Feb - Yr 5 / 6

These will start at 9:10 and will last for approximately an hour.



Year 3 / 4

Year 3 / 4 have settled back into school fantastically after the festive break. This week we have been discovering all about the human skeleton, naming the bones, and looking at it's function. We have also started on our historical topic of 'Innovation and Industry' during the Victorian era. We have travelled through time, looking at the periods of history that took place between our last topic of the Vikings, all the way to the Victorians- where we have looked at some of the significant dates during the period.



Year 5/6



This week we have started our new topic 'The Tudors'! In English we have started our new class book 'Treason' by Berlie Doherty. In the story Will, the paige of Prince Edward has to flee Hampton Court and go into hiding in the back streets of London, hoping to free his father who has been accused of treason. This week the children have learnt about the features used in newspaper articles in preparation of composing their own newspaper article set in Tudor times.

In history the children discussed what they already knew about the Tudors and what they would like to learn during the topic. They discussed the Tudor family tree and the advantages and disadvantages of being a Tudor monarch. After learning about Henry VIII wives many of the children decided they didn't want to be a Tudor monarch after all.

The children then answered questions based on the Tudor family tree and discussed which monarch was their favourite and why.



Fun Fact: People in Tudor times didn't eat with a fork – they ate using knives, spoons and their fingers!

