



BROOKE HILL ACADEMY NEWS

A SNAPSHOT OF OUR WEEK.

It's been a busy old week in school this week with lots of super learning. Year 5 and 6 are busy writing newspaper reports on our recent flooding, Year 3 and 4 have been writing Haikus and KS1 have been painting Grace Darling and making lighthouses which will light up and link with the children's knowledge on electrical circuits! The children seem really engaged in their topics and always share what they are up to with enthusiasm.

This week we welcomed families from KS1 to come and learn about what we get up to in maths. Feedback was really positive and we are looking forward to the Year 3 / 4 one on 24th January. The sessions start with sharing the calculation policy and year group expectations, then families go through to classrooms to learn alongside the children and solve problems. Please do come along if you are able.

Sporting success was our this week - both our basketball team and boccia team have made it into the finals - well done to all of the children who attended.

Next week, we are looking forward to welcoming families from Willow class. The children have been working hard on their class assembly and are looking forward to performing in front of an audience.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs O'Shaughnessy

Next Week

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

TUES -Willow class assembly 9.10am, Card Making club

WEDS -Y3/4 Maths Workshop for parents KS1 FDS club, Beth Daniel Drama club, Gymnastics club.

THURS - .Special Menu (see below) 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

648

Castles

712

Horseshoes

590

Acorns

591

Willow class will be presenting their class assembly on Tuesday 23rd January at 9.10am, all parents/carers are welcome to attend.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO EVERYONE WHO HAS HAD A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK

DAISY AND ELSIE



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

We're Going on a Bear Hunt
Thursday 25th January 2024

Menu

- Oozy Mud Pie (Cottage Pie)
- Forest Vegetable Pie (Seasonal Vegetable and lentil pie)
- Dark Forest Vegetables
- Snowstorm Cake (Jam and Coconut Sponge)

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feeding the imagination



Phones



If your child brings a phone to school please remind them that they must put it on their teacher's desk, first thing in the morning.

PRIDE OF BROOKE HILL AWARD

Blossom Class - Arya

Apple Class - Hudson

Willow Class - Louie

Maple Class - Freyja

Acer Class - Esme

Chestnut Class - Katy

Rowan Class - Scarlet

Redwood Class - Poppy

Elder Class - Peyton

Hazel Class - Toby

Oak Class - Sam

Attendance Awards

Rec/KS1- Maple
KS2 - Chestnut

Whole school attendance 95.71 %

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.

We will be sending attendance letters, relating to term 2 out over the next week.

Please note that going forward all term-time holidays of over 5 days will be referred to the local authority as standard.



Meet a Governor

Abby Oakenfull

Abby is one of the community governors at Brooke Hill Academy. She lives and works in Oakham, is a married mother of two children with an excitable springer spaniel called Willow. Abby has a keen interest in primary education and the health and wellbeing of both students and staff. She is a qualified nurse and currently works as Head of the Medical Centre, Mental health lead and DSL at Oakham School. Previous to this role Abby was Head of Year 6 and Year 7, DSL, and pastoral lead at an independent girl's school in Leicester, educating girls from 3-18.

Abby is committed to supporting both staff and parents in ensuring teaching standards are maintained and that all children are happy and thriving, leaving Brooke Hill with happy memories and a love of learning.

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.

KS1

This week we have enjoyed our Maths workshops. Thank you to those parents who came along, we appreciate your support. I hope you will agree that we had lots of fun taking part in a range of maths activities and the children really loved it!

The children have thoroughly enjoyed our new topic 'Grace Darling' and have been eagerly learning about her bravery in history.

Just a reminder that in DT we will be making 'Lighthouses'. We ask that if you have any kitchen roll tubes and clear yogurt pots that you kindly send them in with your child. This is much appreciated, 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:

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 and 4.



This week we have been learning all about the amazing innovations that took place in the Victorian times. Did you know that the London Underground was built in 1863 to help with congestion on the streets. The first trains were steam powered, which made visibility very bad and was really dangerous. It wasn't until the 1880's that electric underground trains started to be used.

Reception

This week in Reception we have been finding out all about hibernation. We enjoyed learning which animals hibernate and why they do it. We also discovered what happens to the animals' bodies to help them survive the winter and that hibernation is very different to sleeping! We enjoyed making some lovely cosy homes for the animals using different materials in the classroom.



Year 5&6

This week Years 5 and 6 have been enjoying their clarinet lessons with our special music teachers. If your child has brought a clarinet letter home, please sign it and send it back so that they are able to bring the instrument home to practise.

