



# BROOKE HILL ACADEMY NEWS

## A SNAPSHOT OF OUR WEEK.

This week has been busy and productive in school. Each Friday during Celebration Assembly the children share what they have been up to. Year 6 are busy writing newspaper reports on the recent flooding, Year 3 and 4 have been learning all about the human body, KS 1 have been writing diary entries on Grace Darling and EYFS are learning all about animals who live in the arctic. The writing outcome in KS1 have been particularly impressive this week - well done all.

Many thanks to all the families who attended the Year 3 and 4 maths information session. The children enjoyed welcoming the adults in to class to take part in the lesson. The last of these sessions are is for Year 5 and 6 next Friday at 9.10. We look forward to welcoming families.

Mr Smith has been busy this week creating a magical reading area in Year 3 and 4 for the children to sit and enjoy a book. The mural has gone up this week and the children's reactions have been magical. Mrs Bartlett is going to start work on the painting next week and work alongside the children. I can't wait to see it all finished.

Upper KS2 experienced sporting success at basketball this morning - well done to all attended.

Have a lovely weekend and see you on Monday.

Mrs O'Shaughnessy



### Next Week

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

TUES - Card Making club

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

THURS - . KS2 Paper Mache, KS2 Business Enterprise.

Fri -Maths Workshop for Y5/6 parents, 9.10am.

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

686

Castles

732

Horseshoes

615

Acorns

613



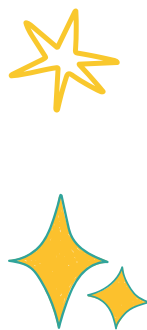
We are looking to recruit parent / family helpers to come into school to listen to some readers.

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.



**HAPPY**  
*Birthday*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO EVERYONE WHO HAS HAD A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK

*Betsy, Ezmae, Lula, Harry and Jaden*

## PFA EVENTS

**Friday 9th February - Wonka Film Night for Key Stage 2**

**Please see information below:**

**3:45pm-6pm.**

**£2.50 entry with tuck shop available, items 20-50p**

**Cushions/blankets welcome.**



**Wednesday 14th February - Valentines Day red/pink themed non uniform.**

**Class teachers will tick off children's £1 donation. (All children donating will have their names put into a raffle).**

**Friday 1st March- Elemental Film Night for Key Stage 1 & Foundation.**

**3:45pm-6pm**

**£3.00 entry to include an ice lolly.**



### 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



**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 - Bailey

Apple Class - Milo

Willow Class - Amy

Maple Class - Bella

Acer Class - India

Chestnut Class - Thomas B

Rowan Class - Elodie

Redwood Class - Sophie

Elder Class - Nya

Hazel Class - Josh

Oak Class - Florrie

## Attendance Awards

Rec/KS1- Maple  
KS2 - Red Wood

**Whole school attendance 95.66 %**

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.

Attendance letters, relating to term 2, have been sent out.

**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

Hi, I'm Eleanor Claridge and I'm a Parent Governor and chair of the BHA Local Governing Board (LGB).

I'm mum to James (year 5) and Henry (year 1) and married to Mr Claridge, who is a TA at the school. We moved to Oakham in February 2021 and I joined the LGB not long afterwards as a way of becoming more involved with the school and the local community.

I often get asked what the role of a governor is. Governors don't get involved with the day to day running of the school but are appointed to offer strategic guidance to the school. Parent governors are in addition able to give a parent's perspective. For me, this means both supporting and challenging the school's leadership team to drive improvements for the benefit of the children, something that I am passionate about

If you would ever like to know more about the LGB or what we do, please do get in touch. I'm usually on the playground for drop offs so feel free to say hello!



# Special Menus

## Valentine's Day Menu

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024



Saint Valentine's  
Roasted Chicken

You Gotta Pizza My  
Heart

(Cheese & Tomato Pizza)

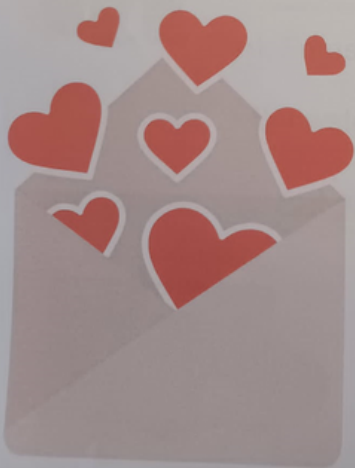
Romantic Roast  
Potatoes

Carrots and Sweetcorn

My Heart Melts for  
you Biscuits

(Melting Moment Biscuits)

**caterlink**  
feeding the imagination



## EXPAND YOUR MIND

World Book Day

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Horrid Henry's Hot Dogs

The Witches Snatching Fingers

(Veggie Hot Dog's)

All served with

Gruffalo Poisonous Tusks

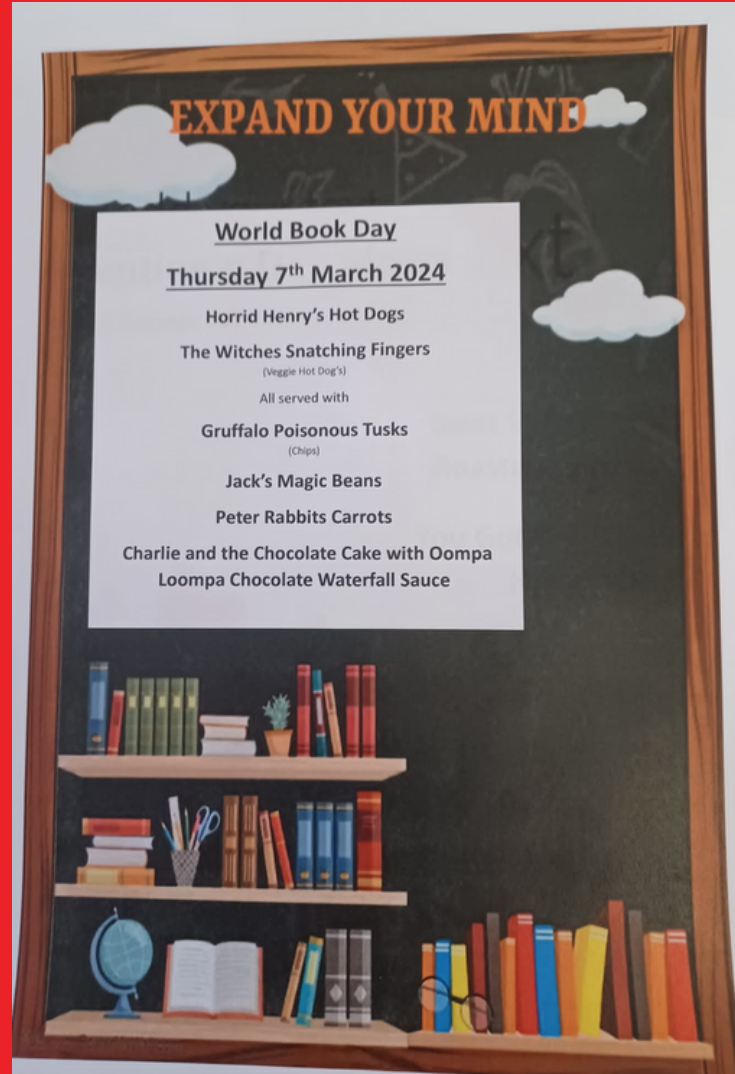
(Chips)

Jack's Magic Beans

Peter Rabbits Carrots

Charlie and the Chocolate Cake with Oompa

Loompa Chocolate Waterfall Sauce



## Maths Workshops

At Brooke Hill we value parent support. This term, we are 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:

Fri 2nd Feb - Yr 5 / 6

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

## Year 1 and 2

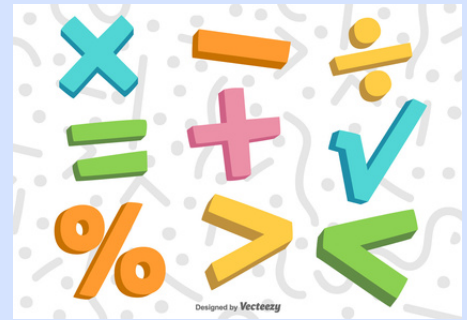
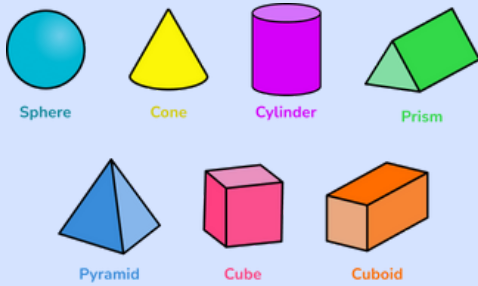
Key Stage 1 have had another wonderful week of learning. Firstly, a huge well done to Willow class for their amazing class assembly on the 4 seasons! They all did a fantastic job and Miss Lawe and Miss Bangs are very proud of them! Thank you to all the parents/carers/grandparents who came to support the children. This week we have continued to learn about Grace Darling and even wrote a diary entry imagining we are her saving the people from the shipwreck. In Science, we are beginning to look at how seeds and bulbs grow and will plant some to observe over the next few weeks. Also, we are continuing to focus on team building for our PE lessons and the children are very much enjoying this.



## 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 3 and 4

Year 3 and 4 welcomed parents into school this week, on Wednesday, to learn about expectations in Year 3 and 4 Maths. Parents then went through into the area to see the Maths in action with the children. It was a lovely session, so a big thank you to all of those parents that were able to attend. We hope you found it useful.



## Pre School

This half term the children have been learning about different places around the world. They have particularly enjoyed looking at our giant map of the world. They've also discovered a new way to travel around our playground. Despite the lack of snow we've had the sledges out so that the children can drag each other around. They love it and have become very inventive, attaching the sledges to the scooters and bikes to help pull them along!

