



BROOKE HILL ACADEMY NEWS

A SNAPSHOT OF OUR WEEK.

Another term down, the time seems to be flying! It has been a busy week in school, crammed with enrichment, which has been a pleasure to see.

Starting at the top of the school, the week started with a Tudor experience day. This allowed the children to immerse themselves in their topic learning about daily life, weaponry and dancing. The children were all thoroughly engaged and the writing outcomes have been superb. I also had the pleasure of being a part of the clarinet music lesson yesterday, I have to say I was really quite impressed! Their week has ended with a creative writing workshop, very kindly delivered by Mr Bartlett.

Year 3 and 4 had their termly DT day on Wednesday learning about levers and pivots. This is when the open plan comes into its own, with the children working within different groupings and working as a team to deliver a planned outcome.

Year 1 and 2 have been up to all sorts this week ranging from making leavened bread to making lighthouses with electrical circuits. EYFS have been busy learning how to tell the time.

This morning in assembly, we drew our 'Always Raffle'. 14 children will be joining Mrs Foulkes and Mrs Brown for toasted marshmallows at the start of the new term. Well done all.

Many thanks to everyone who supported the Business Enterprise club yesterday. They managed to increase their investment by a whopping 50% - Alan Sugars in the making!

It has been a busy yet successful term. Both children and teachers are ready for a rest. I look forward to welcoming everyone back next term refreshed and ready to do it all again.

Mrs O'Shaughnessy

W/C 26th February

MON - Dress for an Adventure Day, KS2 FDS club, Story Telling, KS2 Textiles, Art Club, KS1 Messy Play

TUES - Reception Balance Bike Sessions. Card Making club

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

THURS - KS2 Paper Mache, KS2 Business Enterprise Clubs,

Fri -

Term 4 starts on Monday 26th February

Please note that school led after school clubs will finish at 4.30pm in term 4
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

833

Castles

843

Horseshoes

781

Acorns

730



Parents' Meetings For School Trips

Year 5 Kingswood Residential parents' meeting will be held on Monday 25th March 3.30-4pm

Year 6 London Trip parents' meeting will be held on Thursday 18th April 3.30-4pm.

All information will also be sent out to parents who are unable to attend

PFA EVENTS

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

3:45pm-6pm

£3.00 entry to include an ice lolly.

Reminder - KS2 (Years 3-6) School Dinners

Please remember to book any dinners required for the first week of term. All dinners must be booked and paid for, on ParentPay, in advance.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO EVERYONE WHO HAS HAD A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK

Jaishaan

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 - Laurey

Apple Class - Ava

Willow Class - Charlotte

Maple Class - Ava

Acer Class - Rory

Chestnut Class - Poppy-May

Rowan Class - Tim

Redwood Class - Ronnie

Elder Class - Hadyn

Hazel Class - George M

Oak Class - James

Attendance Awards

Rec/KS1- Willow
KS2 - Oak

Whole school attendance 95.58 %

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.

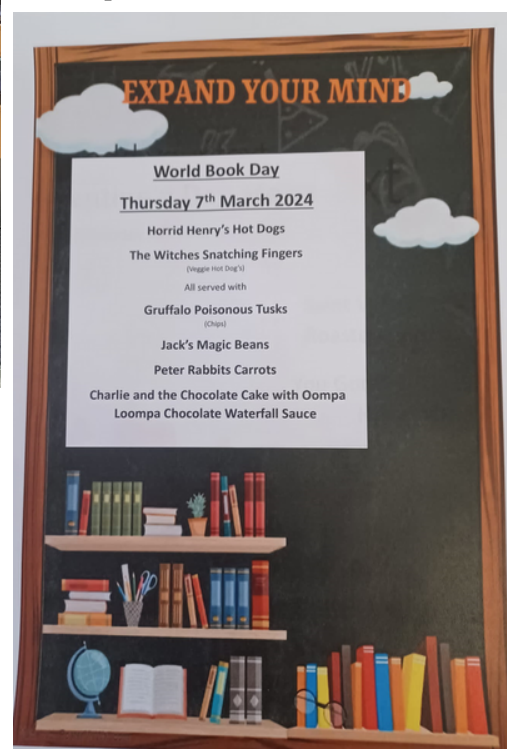
Going forward we will be monitoring attendance closely to ensure that we are hitting the targets given to the school by the DFE.

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



WELL DONE

Special Menus



Reception

We have had a busy week in Reception this week with our learning focused around the celebrations of Pancake Day and Valentine's Day. On Tuesday we read the stories 'Mr Wolf's Pancakes' and 'The Runaway Pancake' and we discussed why we celebrate Pancake Day each year. The children were all allowed to visit our pancake cafe and choose some toppings to add to their pancake. However, there was a small catch! They had to all have a try at writing their order down first! They were all very keen to have a go at writing down which toppings they would like on their pancake. Once they had done this they were able to visit the cafe with their order! I think there were lots of satisfied customers!



Year 1 / 2

Key Stage 1 have had another wonderful week of learning. In Design and Technology the children have made a circuit to create a light for their lighthouses. In Literacy we have been writing a Non-Chronological Report about plants and the children have amazed us with how much they know! We are very much looking forward to our learning next term!



Year 3 and 4

The Year 3 and 4 children had an exciting challenge on Wednesday during our DT Day. We learnt all about linked levers and how they are put together to create a grabber. Do we use a fixed or moving pivots to allow our grabber to function? Once decided, the children came up with some fantastic products ranging from dragons to sharks. Task 2 was to make a safety gate which could be used to protect workers and members of the public from moving machinery. Lets hope it works when we showcase our learning next term.



Art Fan Club

This term we have had great fun, clashing our colours on the colour wheel. We studied works from Andy Warhol and Henri Matisse, then set about making our own examples of portraits, soup cans and scissor-art!



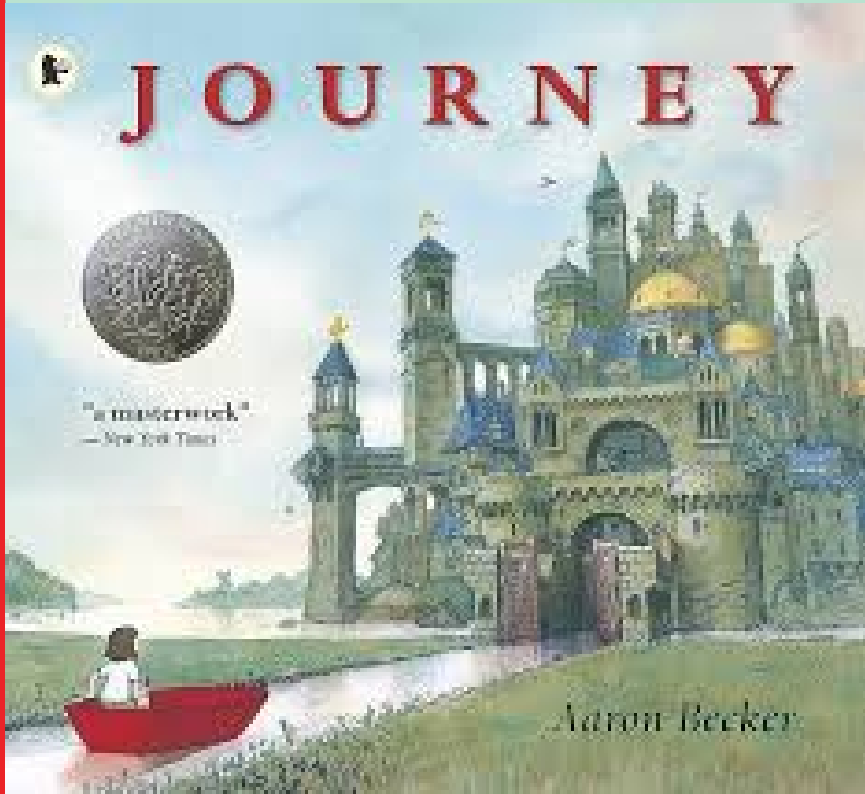
Year 5/6

This week in Year 5/6 we had our Tudor Workshop. King Henry VIII came in to greet his loyal subjects and discuss his reign with them. The children took part in a range of leisure and entertainment activities including archery, Tudor board games and Tudor dancing. They also looked at and discussed the Tudor weapons and armour. The children had the option of asking the King some of their own questions which they had devised over the course of the topic. King Henry even knighted some of the children at the end of the day which he had been incredibly impressed with.

Thank you to 'Historic Workshops' for such a wonderful, engaging and informative day!



Monday 26th February



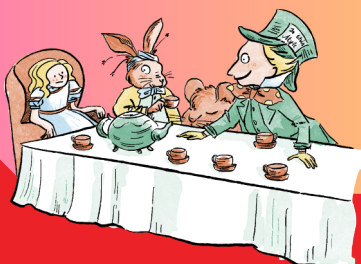
Next term the whole school topic will be based on the book 'Journey' by Aaron Becker.

On Monday 26th February the children can come to school dressed for an adventure! They can be as creative as they would like with their adventure themed outfits but these could include hats, boots, rucksacks, binoculars etc. We can't wait to see all of their ideas!



World Book Day

On Thursday 7 March 2024 it will be World Book Day. We're inviting the children to come in dressed as a character from their favourite story.



BLOSSOM CLASS

ANOTHER LOVELY WEEK IN PRE-SCHOOL. THIS WEEK THE CHILDREN HAVE LOVED LEARNING ABOUT AUSTRALIA AND CELEBRATING BOTH VALENTINES AND PANCAKE DAY. WE PARTICULARLY ENJOYED MAKING AND TASTING PANCAKES AND VOTING FOR OUR FAVOURITE TOPPING! WE HOPE ALL THE CHILDREN HAVE A LOVELY HALF TERM AND LOOKING FORWARD TO AN EXCITING NEW TERM THINKING ABOUT JOURNEYS!



You are invited to Brooke Hill Academy BookNics

To celebrate our love of books and reading at Brooke Hill Academy, we invite all parents to our indoor BookNics, Reading Picnics to enjoy with your child or children!

Research shows that social reading environments matter, so holding a Booknic is a perfect chance to read, relax, enjoy a drink and biscuit and discuss books together, to build reading memories and offer support for reading at home.



All BookNics will be held from 3pm-3.30pm in the school hall. Please see below for the dates for each class:

Apple Class- Reception (Mrs Gipson): Wednesday 13th March

Willow Class- Reception/Year 1 (Mrs Lawe): Tuesday 5th March

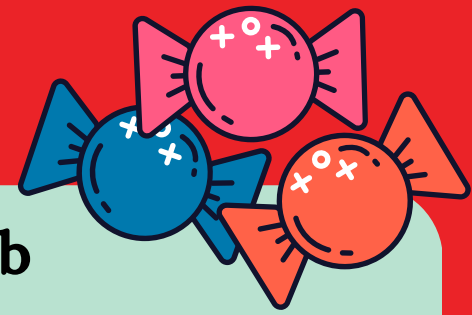
**Maple Class- Year 1/2 (Miss Frost) and Acer Class Year 2 (Mrs Hall) :
Tuesday 12th March**

**Chestnut Class- Year 3/4 (Miss Kerr) and Redwood Class- Year 3/4
(Mr Walden): Thursday 7th March**

Rowan Class- Year 3/4 (Mrs Bradford): Thursday 21st March

Elder Class- Year 5/6 (Miss Jackson): Thursday 14th March

**Hazel Class (Miss Taylor) and Oak Class (Mrs Stuart): Wednesday
6th March**



Business Enterprise Club

On Thursday 15th of February Business Enterprise Club hosted their first Tuck Shop and we wanted to say thank you for all the help and support. We managed to take £20 and turn it into £50.

Apologies to everyone who came but missed out on the food. We sold out of food just after 10 minutes but there will be another event at the end of next term. We would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Rawlings, the person who made this happen.

By Ellis, Brody and Tayla from Elder Class