



# BROOKE HILL ACADEMY NEWS

## A SNAPSHOT OF OUR WEEK.

Its been a busy one this week! Monday saw the official opening of our school kitchen area. We were proud to welcome a number of guests to school to be a part of the opening including the Hitchens Barn team and the High Sherriff of Rutland. The school councillors from KS1 and Upper KS2 did a brilliant job of welcoming our guests, serving tea and scones and helping with the opening. We were very proud indeed.

Sports wise we have been very busy. Mr Walden accompanied the football teams this week who came back with medals, similarly the dodgeball team and I would like to congratulate the cross country runners who took part in the weekend event. I believe the weather conditions were somewhat challenging to say the least - well done to those who participated.

Literacy seems to be the theme to write about this week - many thanks to families who attended our Booknics - it is always time well spent sharing a story. The children are still working hard on our whole school text 'Journey', the writing on display in classrooms is great!

World Book Day saw an amazing array of costumes from favourite texts, many thanks for supporting with this. Last term, Mr Bartlett hosted a creative writing workshop for our children in UKS2. The children were given the option of continuing with this writing, to create a final piece. It has been so lovely to see the amount of children who have continued with this in their own time to create some super pieces. We are so impressed, Mrs Steele is typing them up to go onto the new school website. Many thanks to Miss Taylor and Mrs Bartlett for sourcing such great rewards, signed copies of David Walliams books.

Have a lovely weekend all.  
Mrs O'Shaughnessy

### Next Week

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

TUES - Maple Class and Acer Class BookNic 3-3.30pm. Card Making club. Year 5/6 boys football development festival @ UCC

WEDS - Apple Class BookNic 3-3.30pm. KS1 FDS club,

THURS - Elder Class BookNic 3-3.30pm. KS2 Paper Mache, KS2 Business Enterprise Clubs,

Fri -

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

930

Castles

919

Horseshoes

864

Acorns

827



## 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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO EVERYONE WHO HAS HAD A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK.

*Finley, Tiliie, Stanley, Ted, Joshua and Alfie*

## 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

## Pre-School Parents' Evenings

We will be holding our Pre-School parents' evenings on Tuesday 19th March from 3.40-6.10pm and Wednesday 20th March from 3.40-5.30pm. If you would like to book a 10 minute appointment please speak to a member of the Pre-School staff.

## Reminder - KS2 (Years 3-6) School Dinners

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



## 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 - Lily

Apple Class - Arlo

Willow Class - Finn H

Maple Class - Isla

Acer Class - Olivia

Chestnut Class - Emily H

Rowan Class - Emilia

Redwood Class - Arya

Elder Class - Violet

Hazel Class - George A

Oak Class - Sam

## Attendance Awards

Rec/KS1- Maple  
KS2 - Chestnut

**Whole school attendance 95.62 %**

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 for the period 4th September 2023 to 16th February 2024 have now 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.

# WELL DONE



# Parents' Evenings - Reception to Year 6 - now includes Oak Class

We are holding our Parents' Evenings on Tuesday 19th March and Wednesday 20th March from 15:45 to 18:15.

Bookings are to be made through ParentMail. These will be available to book from 18.00 onwards on Sunday 3rd March and close 3 days prior to the first session.

Please look out for the ParentMail notification. If you cannot find a timeslot to suit you please contact your child's class teacher to make an alternative arrangement.

## World Book Day Tokens

We had a wonderful day this Thursday celebrating World Book Day! The children came in to school dressed as their favourite characters. Check out the following page in our newsletter for the wonderful photos of some amazing costumes around school.

You can download your Book Token at:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/digital-tokens/>

**The Book Token gives you a £1 book for free!**

The offer is valid until the 31st March 2024.

You can redeem your World Book Day £1/€1.50 book token at the following retailers:

Your local independent bookseller

Asda

Blackwell's (selected stores only)

Sainsburys

Tesco

The Works

Waterstones

WH Smiths



# 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**



## Year 3/4

On Tuesday, the Boy's football teams were back in action to see the completion of the Rutland league. Both teams lay in second position of their respective leagues, knowing winning their remaining games would see them as champions. Brooke Hill's 7 a side team won 2-0 against St Mary and St John's, drew 0-0 with Bringhurst and won 10-1 against Leighfield. This saw them finish second by 1 point to overall champions Bringhurst.

The 5 a side team played Bringhurst B, winning 2-0 and then Hallaton, winning 1-0, with a last minute goal. This was enough to see them crowned as 5 a side champions.

Mr Walden would like to thank all of the boys for their exemplary behaviour and sportsmanship. They were a real credit to not only themselves, but their parents and the school. Well Done to all involved.

## YEAR 2 AND YEAR 5/6 PARENTS EXCITING ANNOUNCEMENT:

### **MUSIC CONCERT TUESDAY 19TH MARCH AT 2:30PM IN THE HALL AT SCHOOL!**

AS YOU ARE ALREADY AWARE, YOUR CHILD IS CURRENTLY PART OF AN AMAZING PROJECT ORGANISED THROUGH THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS TRUST (NMPAT). THIS 10 WEEK PROJECT PROVIDES THE OPPORTUNITY FOR CHILDREN TO LEARN AN INSTRUMENT FREE OF CHARGE AT SCHOOL.

YEAR 2 CHILDREN ARE CURRENTLY LEARNING THE RECORDER AND YEAR 5/6 CHILDREN ARE LEARNING THE CLARINET. THEY ARE BEING TAUGHT BY PROFESSIONAL CLARINETTIST GARETH HUMPHREYS, WHO IS PART OF THE NMPAT TEAM.

THE CULMINATION OF THE PROJECT WILL BE A SHORT CONCERT WHERE THE CHILDREN WILL SHOWCASE THEIR LEARNING. THE CONCERT WILL LAST APPROXIMATELY 35-40 MINUTES AND WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE SCHOOL HALL ON TUESDAY MARCH 19TH. IT WILL START AT 2:30PM. YOU WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE YOUR CHILD HOME AFTERWARDS.

PERFORMANCE IS A VITAL PART OF LEARNING AN INSTRUMENT SO WE HOPE THAT LOTS OF YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SUPPORT THIS EVENT BY BEING PART OF THE AUDIENCE!



WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE.



## Year 1 and 2

Key Stage 1 have really enjoyed exploring our school book 'Journey' this week. Also, there have been so many wonderful costumes for World Book Day! We all had a lovely day of learning and completing activities. In Geography, we have been learning about climate and weather. Year 1 have also been keeping a class weather diary which is very exciting to fill in every week.

## RECEPTION

This week our work on the book 'Journey' continued with a focus on hot air balloons. We found out a little bit about the history of them and then enjoyed making our own. In maths, we have been learning number bonds to 10. We also loved World Book Day and everyone looked amazing in their costumes. We read lots of our favourite stories and talked about our favourite characters.

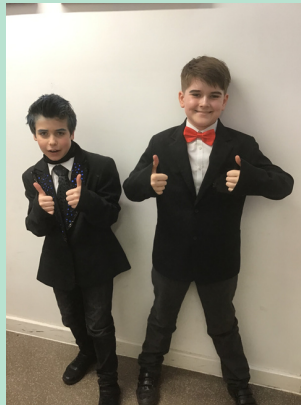
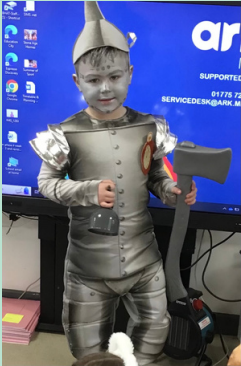




# World Book Day 2024

WORLD  
**BOOK  
DAY**

7 MARCH 2024





# YEAR 5/6

YEARS 5 AND 6 HAVE HAD A BUSY WEEK WITH LOTS OF THINGS READING THEMED! BOTH OAK AND HAZEL CLASS HAD THEIR BOOKNIC AND IT WAS LOVELY TO SEE LOTS OF FAMILIES COMING TO SHARE A STORY AND A BISCUIT WITH THEIR CHILDREN. WE HAVE BEEN PLANNING AND WRITING A SETTING DESCRIPTION FOR OUR OWN FANTASY STORIES THIS WEEK, WE CAN'T WAIT TO SHARE THEM WITH YOU SOON! TODAY THE CHILDREN ALSO HAD A WEBINAR WITH AUTHOR AND EX-TEACHER MATT GOODFELLOW. MATT IS A POET AND WE WILL BE READING ONE OF HIS BOOKS 'THE FINAL YEAR' AS ONE OF OUR CLASS SHARED STORIES IN THE SUMMER TERM. WE WERE LUCKY ENOUGH TO HAVE HIM ANSWER SOME OF OUR QUESTIONS AND WE HAVE ALL WRITTEN A SHORT POEM, INSPIRED BY MATT'S ADVICE 'YOUR VOICE MATTERS AND YOUR EXPERIENCES MATTER.'

