



# BROOKE HILL ACADEMY NEWS

## A SNAPSHOT OF OUR WEEK.

It has been a busy week this week with so much going on!

For those of you who follow us on Facebook, you will have seen that earlier in the week, we waved our Year 5s off on their PGL residential. This is always a highlight of KS2 as the children embark on what is usually their first ever residential. The children have taken part in a host of physical team building, sunset walks on the coast and so much more over the last few days. They have had an absolute blast and we are looking forward to welcoming back some tired faces later today - both staff and children! We are incredibly lucky that we have staff who are willing and able to attend residential to enable the children to have such rich experiences. Many thanks to our adults who attended.

Today we start the work to renovate the KS1 area. We are very excited and are hoping to turn it around at pace. The plaster at the bottom of the walls is coming off on Monday and the drying works for the floor will commence. The new flooring has been ordered and is ready to be laid as soon as we get the go ahead.

Today is Purple Up Military day where children were invited to wear purple if family members are in the forces - thank you to all the children who took part.

Today we share our OFSTED report with all of our families. We are incredibly proud of its findings which we feel are accurate and fair. We maintain our 'Good' rating and will be working on the points for improvement for the remainder of this year and next. Many thanks to all of our families who sent messages of support. We are very proud of our school and the community within it.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

### Next Week

MON - KS2 FDS ,Craft, Summer Sports, & Phonics clubs

TUES - Gardening Club & Maths Booster, Mexican Cantina

WEDS - FDS, Super Scientists, Portrait clubs

THURS - Pre-School Stay & Play, Fabric Collage clubs, Reading Boosters

FRIDAY -

Please note that school led after school clubs will finish at 4.30pm in terms 5 & 6. 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

1173

Castles

1157

Horseshoes

1163

Acorns

1046



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

*Freya, Freyja, Eloise, Layla-Leigh, Zeynep, Katie, Callie, Emilie and Logan*

## Bricks Wanted!

If anyone has any spare bricks/blocks, suitable to be used for a shed base, that they can gift to school, we would be very grateful. We will need approximately 30.



Please can we ensure that children wear the correct socks in school please. These should not have a logo and should be white, black or grey. Many thanks for your support.

### 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 - Poppy

Apple Class - Freddie

Willow Class - Florence

Maple Class - Isla

Acer Class - Emilia

Chestnut Class - Harry Q

Rowan Class - Esmae Rose

Redwood Class - Matilda

Elder Class - Rowena

Hazel Class - Lottie

Oak Class - Sam

## Attendance Awards

Rec/KS1- Maple  
KS2 - Rowan

**Whole school attendance 95.82 %**

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 4/09/2023 to 28/03/2024 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.



# WELL DONE

# Rail Safety



Due to increasing incidents of trespass on the railway in our area, we have been asked to share this rail safety information with our families.

Over 21 million students, parents and teachers from across the UK have already watched these videos which has led to a significant decrease in the number of fatalities and injuries in their area through watching the rail safety videos.

NEW Primary school version: Suitable for KS1  
<https://learnliveuk.com/ks1-primary-school-safety-talk/>

NEW Primary school version: Suitable for KS2 <https://learnliveuk.com/network-rail-primary-school-safety-talk>

Please copy and paste the links into your browser if necessary.

## Year 1 / 2

**We have had a lovely week in KS1. Year 1 and 2 have written a fact file all about King Charles III and amazed their teachers with their knowledge of the royal family. In Geography we have been learning about the oceans around the United Kingdom and plotted them on a map - which was very interesting! Well done for all the hard work KS1!**

## BUSINESS ENTERPRISE



*ON THE LAST THURSDAY BEFORE THE EASTER HOLIDAY THE BUSINESS ENTERPRISE CLUB HELD THEIR FINAL TUCK SHOP OF THE YEAR. THE CHILDREN WORKED HARD TO SET UP THEIR STALL IN THE RATHER INCLEMENT WEATHER. DESPITE THE RAINY DAY THE CHILDREN DID A GREAT JOB AND MANAGED TO SELL MOST OF THEIR STOCK. IN TOTAL THE STALL RAISED £91. THE FUNDS WILL BE SPLIT BETWEEN THE PFA AND FUNDRAISER TWINNING TOILETS. A HUGE THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT AND CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE CHILDREN INVOLVED.*

## Reception

We are really enjoying this term's topic of plants and minibeasts! We focused last week's learning around the story 'Superworm' and loved going on our very own worm hunt! We found lots of worms in the school grounds which then inspired our writing for the week. This week we have read 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and we are so excited as we have our own class caterpillars. It is lovely to see how much they have grown each day and we are all eagerly waiting for them to make their cocoons and eventually turn into butterflies. We have found out lots of facts about caterpillars this week and written our own factfiles and produced some lovely caterpillar art work.



### SATS Booster Interventions



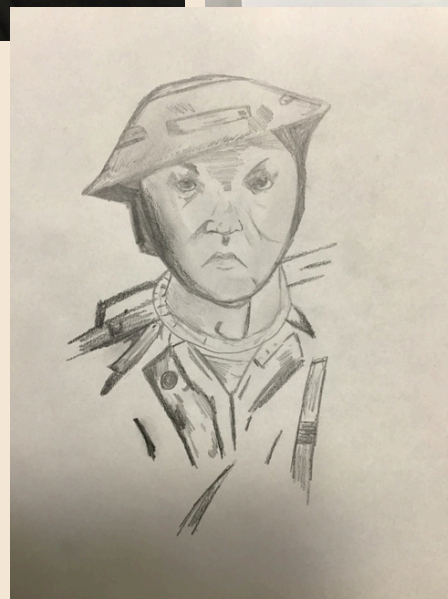
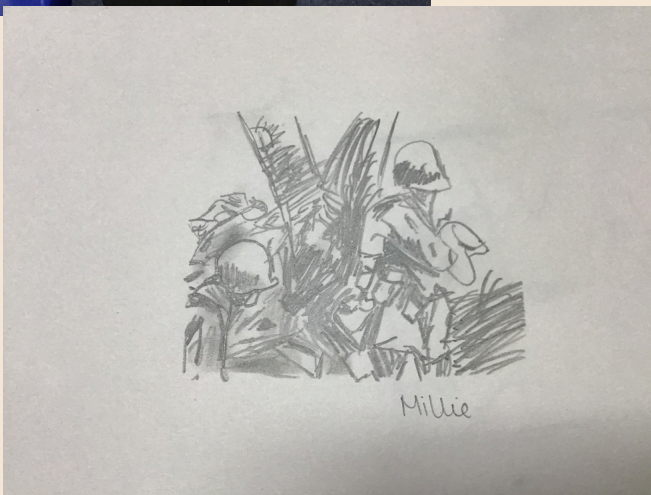
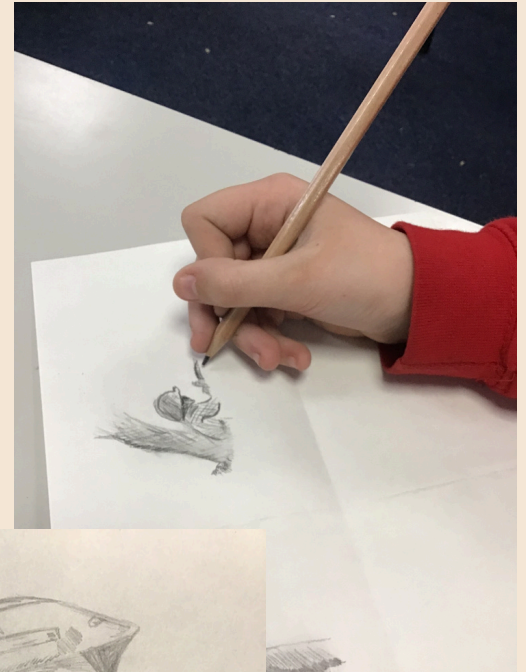
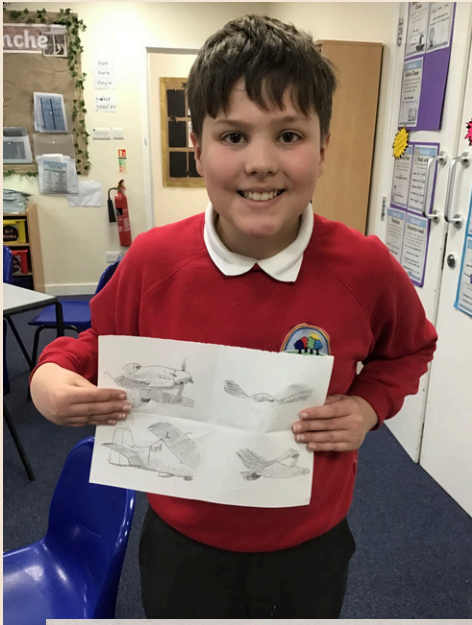
For the four weeks running up to SATS Miss Jackson, Mrs Mitchell and Mr Walden will be running further optional boosters after school to support the children with their test technique and consolidate the learning that has taken place in school. The Maths Booster will run on Tuesdays from 3.30-4.30 and the Reading Booster on Thursdays from 3.30-4.30. A sign up sheet has been sent out to all of our Year 6 parents and put on SeeSaw.

The tests will be administered on the following dates:

- Monday 13th May 2024 - Spelling, punctuation and grammar (45 minutes).
- Monday 13th May 2024 - Spellings (20 minutes approx.)
- Tuesday 14th May 2024 - Reading (60 minutes)
- Wednesday 15th May 2024 - Maths paper 1 - Arithmetic (30 minutes)
- Wednesday 15th May 2024 - Maths paper 2 - Reasoning (40 minutes)
- Thursday 16th May 2024 - Maths paper 3 - Reasoning (40 minutes)

# Year 6

This week Year 6 have been very busy revising for their upcoming SATs. We are so proud of the mature attitude to their revision and how hard they have been working. This week, Year 6 have also continued their artwork based on WWII. They learnt about different shading styles and had a go at using them to create tone and texture in their sketches. We have also enjoyed cricket lessons on the field whilst the weather has been good!



## Year 3/4

This week Year 3 and 4 have been working hard identifying significant landmarks as part of their Egyptian topic. We have also been looking at the functions of leaves on plants in their science experiment. The seeds we planted last week are also doing well, and the roots are spreading nicely. The children also enjoyed using a microscope to look at the underneath of a leaf.