



Brookland Infant and Nursery School

# NEWSLETTER

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**Enjoyment of learning, achievement for all**



Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your support this term. We feel very fortunate that we have been able to hold some events to make school seem as normal as possible. There have been times when the guidance on Covid seemed to change on a daily basis and I know that this has led to some frustration for you - and for us; but working together has helped keep those frustrations to a minimum. We will wait to see what the Government expects of us in January!

### **Christmas Performances and the Christmas Fayre**

I would like to congratulate the children, teachers and teaching assistants for putting on the fabulous Christmas performances, it was a joy to hear the singing and watch the acting. It feels like we have now started Christmas properly this year. The videos are now being edited and will hopefully be with you before the New Year. They are not of a professional standard by any stretch of the imagination, but I hope they still give the flavour of the performances.

Thank you for the fantastic support for the Christmas Fayre, it was great to see the children (and some adults!) racing around with such excitement. Also, a big thank you to all the many members of staff who organised it so brilliantly.

### **Attendance**

Congratulation to those children who got 100% attendance this term - it wasn't easy! A certificate and pencil will be coming their way in January.

We also want to celebrate all the children who got over 96% attendance by giving them a certificate. We have taken Covid isolating into account.

I also need to give a gentle reminder to parents and carers that good attendance is key to good attainment and is a good habit to get into; taking unnecessary holidays or days off in term time is not setting a good example for children to follow.

Finally, I would like to say have a Merry Christmas and happy and healthy break for those that do not celebrate Christmas.

We look forward to seeing you all back on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January** to make a start to 2022. Let's hope it is a less disrupted year.

*Mrs Atkinson*

You can keep in touch with us via [admin@brooklandinfants.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@brooklandinfants.herts.sch.uk). We will be monitoring this email address throughout the school holiday.



# Thank you

## Christmas Fayre

In these very challenging times, our plans for the Fayre had to keep changing right up until the last minute but it all came together in the end and was a great success.



Thank you to all of you that supported our Christmas Fayre either by sending in items for the tombola, raffle or cake stall, helping on the day, buying raffle tickets, coming to the Fayre.

Thanks also to all the staff that gave up time to help and especially Mary, one of our lunchtime staff, who was the main organiser and managed to provide such a variety of raffle prizes.

**We raised an amazing £2000 from the Fayre and the raffle of hampers at the concerts.**

## Christmas Concerts

Unfortunately we were only able to offer 1 ticket per family for our concerts this year. Despite the challenges of children and staff absences all the concerts were able to go ahead and were enjoyed by all.

Thank you for following our rules and wearing face coverings and many of you also showed us your negative lateral flow test result.

As Mrs Atkinson said in her letter above, the video links will be with you shortly.

## Charity Events



### Jeans for Genes day

We raised £400

### Children In Need

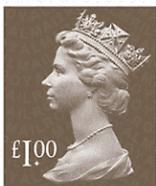
We raised £580



Our Poppy Appeal raised £90 for the Royal British Legion

### Wear Christmas Jumper Day

We raised £266 for Save the Children



### Recycle Stamps for UK Air Ambulance Services

Please remember to save any postage stamps (UK or from abroad) you receive and send them into school in the new year. The Air Ambulance Service is grateful for our support.



## Morrison's 'It's Good to Grow'

Thank you to those of you that shop in Morrison's and registered your 'It's Good to Grow' vouchers for our school. We had 2286 vouchers to spend and have used these to order items for our allotment.



# School Meal Booking System

Please remember to order your child's meals for next term.

- Lunch orders need to be placed before 8:55am on the day
- If your child is absent please remember to cancel their meal
- If no lunch order is received, a Jacket Potato will be provided for your child
- You can place meal orders up to 10 weeks in advance

If you need any support with the SchoolGrid system please contact the School Office when we return to school in January.



## Admissions

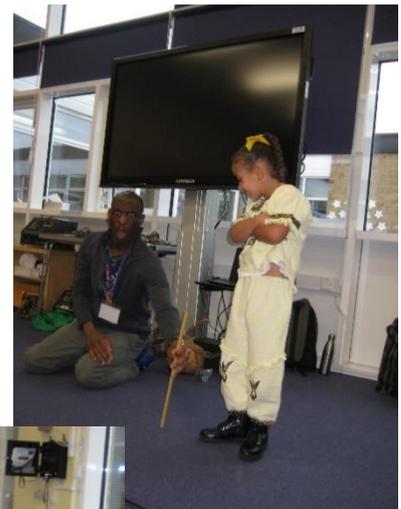
The Primary Admissions system closes on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022. If you have not yet submitted your application then please apply online via the link below:

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/school-admissions/primary-junior-and-middle-schools/primary-junior-and-middle-school-places.aspx>

Parents of Year 2 children should apply for a place at the Junior School and parents of nursery children should apply for a place in a reception class.

## Year 1 – Wow Day

On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November Year 1 celebrated the end of their learning on Africa by experiencing a workshop called 'Stories from Africa'. During the workshop they heard the tale of How Anansi Became King of All Stories and How the Zebra Got His Stripes. The session was interactive and the children took part in the different stories by being involved in the storytelling. A great day was had by all.



# Forest School and PE

This term in Forest School:

**Year 1** have been learning about leaves and trees. Using maps of our forest they have marked where and what the trees are in Elmwood forest, identifying trees from their leaves. They have created some amazing maps.



We have also been finding homes, who lives in what home and how it is made. They then worked in groups to create their own homes. Well done year 1.

In **Year 2** they have drawn their own forest school maps and recorded on them everything they have found in the forest. They then learnt how to make a group den. They used tarpaulins and rope to build a den to keep them safe and dry. Working as a team, they had to decide where in the forest it was best to build a den.



Year 2 were also given a challenge to see if they could make a raft that would float. Again they worked in small groups to complete this challenge. Every Year 2 team were successful in making rafts that could float. Well done year 2.



**Reception** children took part in PE lessons for most of the term but were able to experience Forest School for a few weeks at the end of term.

Reception children did Gymnastics in their PE lessons and have been learning different ways of travelling on the floor and on apparatus such as benches and different high bars. They have used different shapes to travel across the hall such as tuck shape, pike shape, front support, back support and more. Challenge your child at home to see if they have remembered the different shapes they have learnt in PE.

At the end of term reception had a walk over to forest to see what mini beasts they could see and what homes they could find. We all had great fun in searching for our mini beasts. Well done reception.