

**'Appreciation'
'Positive and
supportive
Relationships'**

Brookfield Newsletter

14th November 2016

**'Achievement'
'Confident and
Independent
Pupils'**

'LEARNING TOGETHER ACHIEVING MORE'

Events this week...

Assessment and anti-bullying week

- Wednesday - KS2 anti-bullying workshops
- Thursday - Headteacher's update 9.00am
Y2 to National Gallery
KS2 anti-bullying workshops
- Friday - Y1 PAC Maths 9.00am
National Take - Over Day

Curriculum news

Assessment week

This week, children from years 1 - 6 will be undergoing assessments in reading, writing and maths. Please could you make sure that children get plenty of sleep this week and arrive to school on time. Many thanks.

Welcome back Y6

I'm glad to report that Y6 had a very successful school journey at Sayers Croft. I had the pleasure of visiting Y6 last Tuesday and the children were enjoying themselves on a range of different activities, in good spirits and collaborating well with each other and the adults.



Photos of the school journey will be uploaded in time onto the school's web-site and an assembly will be held on Wednesday December 7th when Y6 parents/carers will be able to come in and find out more .

Anti - Bullying week



This week is anti - bullying week and staff will be reinforcing with children why bullying is totally unacceptable in any shape or form. Like me, many of you may be dismayed and shocked at Some of the behaviour during the presidential campaign. Some of the language and tactics used do not in any way reflect the types of values and beliefs which we aim to instil in our pupils. Teachers will be keen on the back of this event to reinforce universal values of tolerance, freedom and respect and to promote children's empathy and kindness



With this in mind, we will be holding 2 assemblies devoted to anti-bullying and on Wednesday and Thursday, welcoming 'Actionwork', one of the leading providers of anti-bullying training in the UK, to Brookfield. Each KS2 class will have an anti-bullying workshop led by an 'Actionwork' trainer. 'Actionwork' promise the sessions will be 'fun, energised and powerful' and will combine role-play, games, improvisation and discussion. These sessions have been fully funded through a grant received as a result of our involvement in a mental health in schools pilot last year. We will continue to promote kindness and respect through our weekly certificates and to praise children for their positive and supportive behaviour. At the end of the day, we want children to know that **'Love will always trump hate and fear'**.

5B's Assembly

Congratulations to 5B for their thought provoking assembly linked to Louis Sachar's book 'There's a boy in the girl's bathroom'.



The children acted out their parts confidently and expressively and got us to think about why the main character was acting and behaving the way he was. Arising from this book has some been great opportunities to discuss behaviour and feelings and to use this as a stimulus for some excellent drama and writing.

Headteacher's Update - 17th November

This Thursday, I will be providing my termly headteacher's update at 9.05am in the lower hall. This will be an opportunity for you to hear about this year's school improvement priorities and to discuss some of the key challenges which the school is currently facing.

Positive and supportive Relationships

Please look out for a letter in your children's book bags this week, outlining ways in which parents, carers and grandparents can continue to support the school at this time. We are very grateful for your support.

National take Over Day - Friday November 18th

This Friday, Brookfield will be taking part in national 'Take over Day' where children will 'take over' the school! In the lead up to this, children have been applying for jobs within school and planning lessons they would like to teach.

They will also 'take over' the office for the day. Following on from last year's event, we hope the day will be a huge success!



Governors' Drop In - Tuesday 22nd November

Governors will be having their termly drop in next Tuesday at 9.05am in the library. Do come along if you can to share your ideas and suggestions

Poppies Appeal

Many thanks to all those who bought a poppy last week. It was great to be able to support such a worthy cause. In all we managed to raise £143 towards the work of The Royal British Legion.



Sports News

We are teaching football this half term and it is very important for your child to have appropriate footwear. Unfortunately this seems to be a regular reminder we have to make, so let's work together to get **all** children in the habit of bringing their PE kit. Also, please remember that we do not permit jewellery or watches in school. Stud earrings are the only jewellery we allow.

The half marathon entry date is end of this month. If you are interested please contact me.

I am now on 2 minutes 52 seconds for the dead hang challenge. How are you guys fairing??? If you need someone to time you or show you, I am more than happy to pop down to the playground before or after school to help.

News from the office

School Lunches

This half term's lunches are £80.50

Sickness bugs

if your child vomits or has an upset stomach please keep them at home for 24 hours clear of their last attack. This is to try to minimise germs spreading.

Beginners Women's Football

Calling women parents and carers - we are starting a beginners women's football session, every Friday 6 -7pm, at Highgate Newtown Community Centre, Bertram Street.

The first session is this Friday 18th November. We are a friendly group who need more people to join.

All levels are welcome and it is very good exercise!



** Winter Fair Special **

Brookfield PTA News
November 14th-20th 2016

Calling all helpers for the...

Brookfield Primary School WINTER FAIR!!!

Which this year is on **Saturday 3rd December**. Volunteer through your Class Reps or even better **join us at the Winter Fair Meeting:**

9.am Friday 18th November— held in the school library on the 1st floor

! URGENTLY NEEDED !

* Volunteers on the day

* Donations of prizes for tombola and Christmas raffle (eg Family tickets to shows, London Zoo etc down to bottles of wine, and everything in between!)

Come along and get involved we need a strong new team of helpers – however large or small your donation of time and/or prize donations - to help our Brookfield Primary School Winter Fair continue to thrive!

Many thanks for any help you can give and hope to see you at our **Winter Fair PTA meeting 9am, Friday 18th November!**

Special Request

Also, an unusual shout out: if you have access to a willow tree and could donate some long-ish twigs to make wreaths, drop us a line.

Sonia and Charlie, PTA joint-chairs

Contact us: brookfieldschoolpta@gmail.com

Advance notice - Annual General Meeting - Tuesday 29th November 6.45pm