

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

Brookfield Newsletter

24th April 2017

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

'LEARNING TOGETHER ACHIEVING MORE'

A shorter newsletter this week!

Events this week...

Monday - Weight and height checks for YR and Y6

Thursday - Maths challenge for Y6 group

First week back

I am pleased to report that the children have settled back smoothly and that the soft starts in KS2 are continuing to go well.

If you are a parent of a child in KS2, please make sure that your child enters the building by 8.55am at the latest, so lessons can start promptly.

Curriculum letters

This term, we are going to cancel curriculum mornings to see what difference they make.

Whilst we recognise the value of running curriculum mornings at the start of the year when parents/carers want to meet the new class teachers and explore the curriculum more fully, we feel that they are less valuable as the year progresses - as reflected in the numbers of parents who attend.

With resources becoming increasingly scarce, we are going to have to allocate our time and energies wisely and sensibly. Curriculum letters will be sent home this Wednesday and will have all the usual information in them

Easter Holidays

This Easter, I chose not to go away but to spend time in London catching up with family, friends and sleep. With the weather being so nice, I also took the opportunity to start running again and managed to improve my stamina and fitness levels. During assembly on Wednesday, I drew attention to a great walk which my wife and I took along the Regents Canal from St Johns Wood to the Angel and then onwards to St Pauls via a free lunchtime recital at St Lukes (Old Street). We then walked down to St Paul's across the Millennium Bridge and on to the Tate Modern. I challenged the children to think about how they could increase their activity levels and drew attention to the wonderful resources which they have on their doorstep - Hampstead Heath, Waterlow Park and Archway Splash to name but a few.

Say no to Racism

This morning, Laurel held an assembly on anti bullying with a focus on racism, linked to this half term's international Focus. If you suspect your child is being bullied, please come and speak to a member of staff about it and we will investigate it thoroughly, get back to you and take appropriate action in line with our anti bullying policy.



Sports News



Massive congratulations to both our swim teams! Our Y6 Inclusive squad won the event and their gold medals are in the post. Our Y3 - Y6 squad came 4th over all out of 14 schools and were just 2 points off third place. All 5 of our relay teams made the finals which we have never achieved before! It was truly an amazing day! The determination and comradery shown by the children was incredible and came to the attention of teachers and staff from other schools who praised them as well. Our parents were amazing - their help and support made the day even better!

We are aiming for a top two finish next year! After school sports clubs start this week and finish by 4.30pm. Collection will be from the Junior playground, Chester Road gate.

The Gymnastic Festival entry is open for last minute entrants until Wednesday 26th April. **PLEASE** hand them in by then to avoid disappointment. If you have any queries or concerns regarding PE, then please contact me on the email below or catch up with me in the playground. **h.khan@brookfield.camden.sch.uk**

Clubs News

All clubs start back this week.

There will be no Art club for KS1 this half term.

Other news

Pokemon Cards

Please would you make sure that children do not bring Pokemon cards into school, so they can't get lost, damaged or cause upset. Thanks.

News from the office

The cost of lunches this half term will be £67.20

Highgate Fencing Club

www.highgatefencingclub.co.uk

Held at Brookfield School every Monday from 7pm till 8pm. For more details please contact Tony Coton 07930 575481.

Your Community Centre Needs you!

Please do not forget that Camden's planning committee meeting - to decide the future of the Highgate Newtown Community Centre ((HNCC) - is on **Thursday 27 April, gathering at 6.30pm for a 7pm official start**, at the Camden Town Hall in Judd Street. Support your community centre by attending this important public meeting. To learn more about the future of the HNCC, visit:

friendsofhncc.wordpress.com

A great example of collaboration and kindness!



Did you spot this over the weekend?

Great to see Matthew Rees and a steward helping a fellow competitor (David Wyeth) out during Sunday's London Marathon. Collaboration and kindness at its best!



April 24th-April-30th



It's time for the **Brookfield Quiz Night** - at the Star on Chester Road on **11th May** - that's a Thursday, so no excuses!!! Rob Minto is your brain tormentor, sorry, quizmaster and the guardian of the Gnome of Knowledge.

Swot up on your general (and local) knowledge, and be prepared for a few surprises. Want to win? Then find five other team-members and get your tickets - £12 including curry - available this week from the office.

All proceeds go to the PTA.

There will be a raffle, an auction, and lots of fun. Promise.

We need you!

Organisers *desperately* needed for the Summer Fair and to take on the PTA chair role. The chair role is not so bad as you might think – mainly it's organising others to do things like write the newsletter, chair meetings and make sure the main events of the PTA year happen such as the....

Summer Fair...

You're all probably more than aware of the challenge we face as a community regarding our funding so if you can either come on board as part of the PTA committee or help organise our biggest annual fundraiser, you would be genuine superheroes. Come have a coffee with us and we'll convince you: brookfieldschoolpta@gmail.com

Charlie and Sonia
PTA Chairs