

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

Brookfield Newsletter

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

'LEARNING TOGETHER ACHIEVING MORE'

Events this week...

- Monday - Y1 to Little Angel Theatre
- Tuesday - Y3 drama workshop
- Wednesday - Y1 open morning 9.00am
Pupil Premium coffee morning 9.00am
4C class assembly 10.25am
- Friday - Y3 to National History Museum
Y1 puppet manipulation workshop
Y6 Camden Maths Challenge

Curriculum news

Around the year groups

There have been lots of wonderful activities taking place across the school this term. Here are just a few:

Nursery have started their Forest Schools sessions with Rebecca and despite the chilly weather have enjoyed exploring the great outdoors. Later on in the year, they will revisit the nature reserve to observe all the seasonal changes as well as participating in some other fun activities.

YR are delighted to have Meghan back. The children are making great progress with their phonics and looking forward to learning some traditional tales.

Y1 recently took a very exciting trip to The Museum of Childhood and learnt all about toys from the past as well as playing with them. This week, it is their turn to focus on Puppetry with the Little Angel Theatre Company.

Y2 are bracing themselves for the arrival of the chicks - an annual highlight! The children will watch them hatch in the incubators and will then use this experience to inspire their non fiction writing, art work etc

Y3 discovered much to their horror, that their one of the classrooms had been ransacked just before the start of the term. Needless to say they got this situation under control very quickly with some speedy detective work and used this memorable experience to inspire some great writing and story telling, linked to the story 'The Wolves in the Walls'.

Y4 are currently exploring some hot topics in their geography lessons including global warming and will be linking this to their work on rights and responsibilities NB Did you know that last year, was the warmest year on record? - surpassing the previous record set in 2015.

Years 5 and 6 were treated to an unforgettable performance of Hamlet last week in the top hall by 'The Young Shakespeare Company'. In the run up to the performance, the children studied the storyline of 'The Lion King' and will now use this and the play to inspire their writing for this half term.

Nursery Parent Tour



On Monday 30th January at 1.30pm, I will be holding a nursery parent tour for prospective parents.

We have a fantastic nursery with a team of dedicated and talented staff and have implemented lots of positive changes in recent months to include improvements to the outdoor area and the introduction of Forest Schools .

Closing date for applications is 10th February 2017. Do spread the word that there are still some spaces, particularly amongst family, friends and neighbours. Thank you!

Camden Spring Times tables Competition

Children in Years 3-6 have begun taking part in the inaugural 'Camden Spring Slam', a competition where the children are competing against other Camden schools to show off their timetables knowledge. Over 6 rounds, the children will be answering 50 times tables questions, with the class's average score out of 50 forming a league table against other Camden Schools.

Well done Class 3LG, who currently have the highest average score for a Year 3 class amongst competing Camden schools!

Keep practising those times tables at home. Children will be doing Round 2 this week. As an added incentive, the child who demonstrates the strongest times table knowledge in each Year Group will go on to compete in the Camden Spring Slam final on 24th March!



Other news



This year, Junior choir will be taking part in the Camden Music Primary Choir festival on March 17th. This is a brilliant opportunity for the children to sing with different schools from around Camden. Junior choir takes place on Thursday 3.30-4.30pm and we still have a few places left! If you are interested in taking part, please speak to Faye. Places will be given out on a first come/first served basis.

Pupil Premium Coffee Morning

There will be a coffee morning for parents and carers of children eligible for the Pupil Premium from 9 - 9.45am THIS WEDNESDAY (25th January). This is rearranged from the date given originally at the beginning of the year. I will be updating you on how the Pupil Premium is being used this year and taking any suggestions you may have for future provision. I hope to see lots of you there, Mel



Sports News

Dodgeball Champions



In line with our core value, 'achievement', I am delighted to report that Y3 pupils have been crowned Y3 Dodgeball champions for 2017!

Theo reports; *Having trained every lunch time for about a week, the strong Brookfield team did not disappoint and went through the tournament unbeaten and took home the gold medals. I couldn't have been more proud of the children as they showed great sportsmanship throughout, and played the tournament with big smiles.*

Here is a lovely email message from one of our parents
Last night we went to support Margot at the Brookfield Dodgeball Tournament. I could not have been prouder; not only because they won but because the Brookfield children stood out from the other schools as being:
A) *Team Players: helping each other and looking out for each other, and congratulating each other.*
B) *Good Sports: acknowledging they were 'out' and getting off the pitch with their heads held high, and shaking hands with their opponents after every match.*
C) *Fun Loving Sports Personalities: every Brookfield player had a big smile and went into the competition with an admirable spirit.*

Lastly, huge credit should be given to Theo who is excellent at his job and has fostered A, B and C - what a coach!!

What a great school. We are so happy to be part of Brookfield!

Have a happy weekend!

Other Sports News

Our Y5 and Y6 football team play the last fixtures tomorrow, Tuesday 24th Jan. Our last match will finish at 5.40pm and we will return to school by 6.20pm. Check the school website for this week's challenge; videos, PE and voilla!

Remember - *before an arrow can fly forward it must be drawn back first.* Don't let difficult moments stop you!, Haseeb's wise words (-;

Clubs News

Drama Club for Y1 and Y2 is starting tomorrow (Tues) Please check your child's book bag for a letter to see if they have gained a place.

News from the office

School Lunches

This half term school lunches will cost £64.40.

Spare clothes for Reception

Can you help the Reception classes re-stock their box of spare clothes for the children? If you have any unwanted/outgrown items especially underwear and trousers in sizes from 4 - 6 years, we would be really grateful. Just drop them along to either Reception class when you're passing.

Safety plea

During this very frosty, icy weather, children are not permitted to use the climbing equipment in the playgrounds, unless safe to do so. This precaution also applies before and after school until the weather improves and the danger of slipping has passed.

Brookfield PTA News

January 23th - January 29th

Fancy being (one of) the new PTA chair(s)?

Last year we told you that we're standing down from the PTA at the end of this academic year. We thought that since it's a job with many different elements, whoever took over would benefit from shadowing us so it's not the vertical learning curve it was when we took it on. We're pleased to say that a parent has volunteered to shadow us with a view to taking over the role.

BUT! it's really a job for more than one person (the last few committees have had at least two co-chairs), so this is a shout out to any of you who would like to join her in shadowing us. It's such a rewarding thing to do and in the light of the big financial challenges facing Brookfield, more important than ever. Dads especially welcome as we can always do with more fatherly contributions to the PTA.

Go on, get in touch and do your bit for our brilliant school!

Winter Fair

Thanks to everyone who was involved in the Winter Fair, especially Victoria, who did an absolutely amazing job of pulling it all together. Thanks to all of your efforts, we raised over £4,000 which will go towards things like funding the whole school's trip to the Christmas pantomime / ballet and ensuring projects like FAB can continue to bring some fantastic creative opportunities to our children.

Well done and thank-you!

Charlie and Sonia

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