

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

# Brookfield Newsletter

**27th February 2017**

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

**'LEARNING TOGETHER ACHIEVING MORE'**

## Events this week...

Monday - Y5 Maths Masterclass p.m

Tuesday - Y5 and 6 football league finals

Thursday - World Book Day

Friday - Y1 PAC Maths 9.00am bottom hall

*Advance notice—Reception open morning*

*Tuesday 14th March 9.00am*

## Curriculum news

### Assessment Week

Good luck to all those children who will be completing their termly assessments in reading, writing and maths this week. Please could parents/carers ensure that children are getting to bed in good time and arriving to school punctually. Thank you!



### World Book Day - Thursday 2nd March

This Thursday we will be celebrating World Book Day. Here are a few reminders about the day:

- Dress up as your favourite book character. The more creative, home-made costumes the better! A class prize will be awarded to the best-dressed class in both KS1 and KS2.
- Reception and KS1 parents and carers are welcome to join their child in the bottom hall at 9.00 for an interactive story-telling assembly lead by storyteller and writer, Tony Dallas.
- If you would like to donate a book for your class to enjoy, please remember to bring it in with the named label stuck on the inside front page
- Please come and join us for 'Bedtime Stories' from 5.00-5.30. Pyjamas and teddy bears are encouraged and hot chocolate will be provided! Parents and carers must accompany their child. (Please enter school through the office in Chester Road at this time please.)
- Come along to the book fair in the bottom hall at 3.30 where children will be able to use their £1 book vouchers.

## Mini Science Week



It's National Science week on the 10th-17th March so Brookfield school will be raising the profile of science teaching in school through a mini science week!

This will include usual science lessons, as well as additional workshops and activities throughout the week. We are lucky enough to have the Francis Crick Institute run activities for years 1-6, including: Year 1 workshop 'What's in the Bag?' workshop on the senses.

Year 2 Journey of a Germ Workshop

Year 3 Jaws, Joints and Jumping Juniors

Year 4 'Sounds like Fun'

Year 5 visits the Weston Discovery Lab at the Francis Crick Institute for a range of workshops linked to the upper KS2 curriculum.

Year 6 Science Communication and Microscopy Workshop

The Francis Crick Institute is a biomedical discovery institute and registered charity, dedicated to understanding more about health and disease. Excitingly, the Crick moved into a brand new state-of-the-art building in central London with 1500 scientists and support staff working collaboratively together. The Year 5 children will be immersed in this when they visit the institute during the week.

In addition to the workshops, Dr Szydlo will be coming into school on Monday 6th March to run his amazing Science assembly show for years 4-6.

It is set to be an enjoyable week of Science!

### Letter regarding the Consultation

Last Friday, you would have received a letter regarding the outcomes of the consultation. With this in mind, I know some of you will be curious to know about staff arrangements for next year. Unfortunately this is not something which we can share at present, as there could still be some movement between now and the end of the year.

## Mayor's Conference for Headteachers

On Friday, I had the pleasure of visiting City Hall to hear Sadiq Khan speak briefly about his vision for London schools. As a governor for 20 years at the primary school he attended, he is well aware of the pressures which schools are currently under



and has pledged his support in fighting for the best deal for London schools with regards to Fairer Funding, opposing the introduction of grammar schools and championing the arts.

Elizabeth (chair of governors) also attended a joint chairs meeting organised by the National Association of Headteachers who drew attention to the development of a joint union website ( [www.schoolcuts.org.uk](http://www.schoolcuts.org.uk) ) where you can sign an online petition. Do take part!

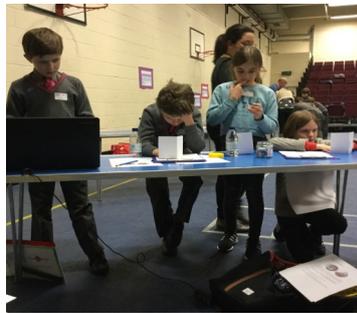
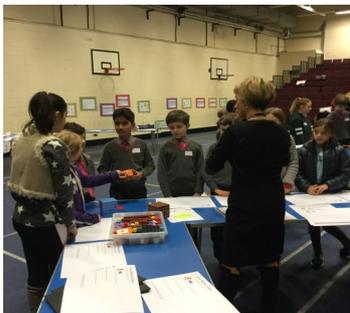
As I mentioned in my consultation letter, I would urge you to contact local councillors and politicians to lobby them regarding the financial pressures which schools are currently facing. Oliver Lewis (parent and local councillor) has been in touch and hopes to set up a meeting in school to talk about Fairer Funding in the coming weeks.

The financial challenges which all schools are under are extraordinary and already taking their toll with one headteacher (Mary Sandell) tending her resignation this week. She cited in a letter to parents that due to the bleak funding outlook, she didn't feel she could continue delivering the education which she felt her children deserved. Tough times indeed for everybody!

## Other news

### Y5 and 6 Maths Workshop with The Hall School

On Friday 10th February sixteen children from Years Five and Six were chosen to take part in a special joint problem solving workshop, organised by Brookfield and 'The Hall' Independent School.



The children travelled to 'The Hall' School and were paired up with their counterparts to participate in a range of Maths problem solving activities, extending their skills in visualisation, logic, systematic working, reasoning and trial and improvement. 'The Hall' made us feel very welcome, and our children collaborated fantastically with their partners. *Barnaby Howes*

## School's Web-site

We do hope that you are enjoying some of the changes to the school's web-site. It is still very much a work in progress, but hopefully providing a better flavour of what's on offer. If you have any suggestions or ideas for how we could improve it still further, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

## Farewell to Theo

Sadly, we say goodbye to Theo (Fit for Sport) this week as he leaves us to pursue some travel and then hopefully take up teacher training. We will miss him enormously, but wish him well with his future plans.

## Sports News

There will be no Tag Rugby this Thursday after school. Good luck to the girls' football team who play in the finals tomorrow from 12.30pm to 2.30pm at Talacre. As a matter of safety, we do not permit hooped earrings at school. If your child needs to wear pieced earrings it should only be studs.

## News from the office

This half term's lunches will cost £69

## Lee's Multi-Sports Sessions after school

Now that Spring is on the way, why not sign your child up for our sessions in the playground from 3.45pm till 5.15pm. Take part in football, penalty shots, basketball, table tennis and much more. Please see a list of times and year groups below:

Y1 and Y2—Mondays

Y5 and Y6—Tuesdays

Year 3 and Y4—Fridays

The cost of these sessions are £60 per term, but parents with more than one child will pay £60 for the first child, £40 for the second and a third child would go free.

*Families on low income would pay £45 for the first child, £25 for the second child and a third child would be free.*

**Sign up for this half term for £30 (concessions £22.50)**

Please contact Lee on 07903 405444 or speak to him in the playground on any of the evenings above before his session begins.

Coming soon...football golf sessions on the Heath.

Limited places—book early!



\*Don't forget to sign up to help Brookfield at  
[easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) \*

## Brookfield PTA News

### February 27th-March 5th

### PTA Quiz - call off the search!

We have found a new MC for the PTA quiz!!! Thank you to Rob Minto who says he feels ready to fill the almost unfillable shoes of Sharon White and Penny Crawford. Until she took on organising the event, Sharon's team was always the one to beat. She says she's now going to swot up and return triumphantly to regain the Gnome of Knowledge. Thanks to Sharon and Penny for their hard work organising last year's fabulous event. More details on the date for this year's battle to "Give a Home to the Gnome" coming soon.

### Summer Fair

Yes it's months away but we thought we'd ask as early as possible who might be interested in organising the Summer Fair. We have lots of people who can – and do – help out, but it's much, much easier the sooner organisation starts.

In the first instance, if you'd like to find out more, drop us a line. We helped organise it last year so we can offer plenty of first-hand advice.

### Chairing the PTA

...we also have lots of experience of what it's like to chair the PTA which we'd like to share. New Brookfield parent Eliane Glaser has kindly volunteered to shadow us with a view to taking over the chair role in September but it's not a job for one person. If you'd like to help Eliane and shadow us in the meantime, again, get in touch.

Sonia and Charlie, PTA Chairs

We like to hear from you!

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