

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

# Brookfield Newsletter

**28 November 2016**

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

**'LEARNING TOGETHER ACHIEVING MORE'**

## Events this week...

- Monday** - Y5 to Islamic Cultural Centre  
**Tuesday** - Y5 and Y6 writers group to Mount Carmel Secondary School  
Read, Write Inc for YR, Y1 and Y2 parents  
**Wednesday** - 3LW assembly  
Y4 CSSA Benchball  
**Thursday** - Cinderella Pantomime for Nursery, R and Y1 9.30am  
**Friday** - Y2 PAC Maths 9am bottom hall  
Y3 open morning 9am  
Y3 to Little Angel Theatre pm

## Curriculum news

### Key Dates for the next few weeks

Do take a note of the following dates in the run up to the end of term. The last 3 weeks promises to be full of great learning, fun and festive cheer.

- 2 December - Y3 open morning 9.00am  
6 December - KS1 festive concert 10.15am - 10.45am  
7 December - Y6 school journey assembly 10.25am  
8 December - Y4 open morning 9.00am  
Rock Steady assembly 10.25am  
9 December - Y2 production 2.00pm  
12 December - Choir visiting Holly Lodge senior citizens 2pm - 3pm  
13 December - KS2 festive concert 10am - 11am  
14 December - School Christmas lunch  
15 December - Nursery songs to parents/carers p.m  
Y2 and Y3 to Sleeping Beauty panto  
Years 4 - 6 to The Nutcracker Ballet  
16 December - Last day of term

### Y3 Open Morning

Following on from last week's Y5 Open Morning, this week it is the turn of Y3. Do come along if you can. The sessions provide a great opportunity to find out more about what is going on in class, to pick up some top tips for learning and to interact with your child in a fun and purposeful way. Last week one of the parents had this to say in an email, *'I walked away from the lesson yesterday happy, positive and having learned an awful lot myself! What a great classroom atmosphere you inspire.'*

### Brookfield Winter fair

This Saturday, between 12 - 3pm, will be the Winter Fair and I know that the PTA have been working really hard to get this ready.

The choirs will both be performing and there will be opportunities to visit Santa in his grotto, to take part in some craft activities and a gingerbread competition and to buy lots of seasonal gifts for family and friends, including year group t towels with your child's name and picture on it.



As always, it promises to be a great event and a sure fire way to get you all into the spirit of Christmas.



### Read Write Inc Training for YR, Y1 and Y2 Parents

This term we introduced our new phonics scheme, 'Read, Write, Inc.' with children in Reception and Key Stage 1 and we are already seeing the impact in their decoding and spelling skills.

Tomorrow morning, Tuesday 29th November, at 9am in the bottom hall, Katherine and Michelle will be explaining our new approach to the teaching of phonics and how it impacts reading and writing. The session will last about 30 minutes. We hope to see you there!

## The Place Dance workshops

As part of our partnership with The Place, over the last few weeks, Elyn and James (teachers from The Place) have been leading some dance workshops with both Y6 classes to create some pieces which the children will be performing to children and parents on Thursday 8th December (letter to follow).

Last week, we also had a visit from a representative of The John Lyons charity to see a workshop in action and Peter Laycock (The Place's Creative Learning Producer) also led some staff training in dance with the staff.

The training and workshops were both accessible, fun and inspiring.

Next term, students from The Place will be visiting Brookfield to perform to the children and there will also be further opportunities to see some performances at The Place in the new year.

We are also really pleased to have Damian back to lead the children in some dance workshops in readiness for The Camden Dance Festival. Damian is a dance specialist who loves working with Brookfield and it's great to have his expertise and input too.

## Behaviour Principles

Governor Mike Yule writes:

"Behaviour in schools works best when everyone engaged with the school is clear as to what is expected. Governors of all Primary schools are required by law to make, and frequently review, 'Behaviour Principles' which are drawn up in consultation with parents, staff and children. These are overarching principles, from which the school draws up its more detailed behaviour policy. The Governors have reviewed our behaviour principles and this week for homework we are asking children to discuss these with you. We welcome any feedback you and your children may have and we will consider these when we produce our final draft. The more specific your comments are, the better! Thank you very much in advance.

## Other news

### Donations

Many thanks to all those parents who have already approached me to enquire about how they can donate to the school. At present we are drawing up a list of possible projects which we will need to co-ordinate with the PTA and Fundraising Committee. This is something which we hope to have ready for the start of next term. In the meantime we have had one very generous donation which has allowed us to upgrade 2 interactive



whiteboards in years 5 and 6.

At present some of the interactive whiteboards need replacing as they are becoming unreliable due to their age.

The boards which we are replacing them with, are touch screen LCD boards with a brighter display and can be mounted on brackets which allow them to go up and down. For those classrooms which receive a lot of sunlight this is especially good news.

## Sports News

So we should all be past 5 mins for the dead hang right?... I'm on 5min 20sec so a few seconds off target but will have to just '*hang in there*'. (Enjoy the few days off and the new challenge will start next Monday.)

Tomorrow we have an inclusive basketball event for a group of Y6 children which will be bags of fun!

Finally, marathon entry forms can be found in the school office and I need them in by this week to meet the dead line. \*Pupil premium children will be supported by the school.

Let's all make 5 minutes to do an activity with our children this week (: Haseeb

## Clubs News

There will be no Art club this Tuesday and no Ballsports this Wednesday.

## News from the office

### Lost Property

Any lost property still unclaimed by the end of this term will be recycled. Please claim your items now, before it's too late.

## Final Note

### Donating to Highgate Newtown Food Bank this Christmas time

Over the course of the next few weeks, we are going to be inviting in 'Cross teach' and Rabbi Lisa to speak about a couple of key religious events - Advent and Hanukkah.

Both festivals remind us of the need to think of others and with this in mind, let us spare a thought for those in our community who are going to struggle in the next few weeks in the run up to Christmas.

Our local food bank at Highgate Newtown Community Centre will be in high demand and it would be great to donate some food and gifts by using our food collection point in the lower corridor.

In line with our priority to promote kindness, empathy and respect, let's brighten up the coming few weeks for some of our neediest families by opening up our hearts, thinking of others and sharing some of what we have.



# Brookfield PTA WINTER FAIR News

Saturday 3rd December 12pm till 3pm

November 28th-  
December 4<sup>th</sup> 2016



The excitement is building!!! The Winter Fair is only days away!!!!

The magnificent organising team has put a huge amount of work into making sure this year's fair goes ahead but we still need you to support us – all contributions however small are welcome!

## Four things we still need

**Ready...steady...Bake Bake Bake!!!** for the cake stall - we need as many cakes as possible

**Prizes still needed!** Kids' tombola prizes and bottles plus any prizes for the main raffle

**Volunteers for Winter Fair on Saturday 3rd** Please sign up through your class reps to support your Year/class stalls.

**Popcorn stall volunteers** Special callout to see who can run the popcorn stall (again, contact your class reps)

**And RAFFLE TICKETS are on sale** in the playgrounds this week. Buy your tickets - **£1 a strip of 5** - for some amazing prizes - **Bottles of festive alcohol**, **family tickets to London Zoo**, **meal tickets to local restaurants**, **Owl bookshop vouchers**, **chocolates**, **toiletries** and much more!!

**Thank-you to everyone who has donated so far!**

*And...*

**Don't forget our AGM – Tuesday November 29<sup>th</sup> at 6.45 in the main hall. Refreshments provided. Of course. - Creche provided**

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