

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

Brookfield Newsletter

6th February 2017

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

'LEARNING TOGETHER ACHIEVING MORE'

Events this week...

Random Acts of Kindness week

- Tuesday - Y2 open morning
Y2 drama workshop
- Wednesday - Y6 open morning
2G assembly / 3LW to CLC
- Thursday - Y4 open morning
- Friday - Y4 PAC maths 9.00am
Y5 and Y5 group to Maths event
PTA Valentine bake sale 3.30pm

Curriculum news

Random Acts of Kindness Week

This week we are going to be celebrating kindness by encouraging children and adults to share some special acts of kindness with one another. Children have been asked to secretly identify 3 people (a family member, a member of staff and a child from the school) and to consider carefully how they might be kind to them. If your child hasn't already thought who these people might be, do encourage them to do so asap. This morning, I got off to a good start by sending a positive whatsapp message to somebody who came for lunch yesterday and making my wife a cup of tea in bed. Linked to this, the PTA are also going to be holding a Valentine Day's bake sale on Friday.



Open Mornings

In line with our core value, **'positive and supportive relationships'** during the course of this week, Years 2, 4 and 6 will be holding their open mornings. Do come along and find out more about what the children have been learning in class.



Debate Mate' Success



Last week, the debating team won their first big debate at Highgate School. They were debating the motion " we believe it is better to be poor and honest than rich and dishonest". Our team was on the opposition. Each child had to debate for 3 minutes, outlining their points and why the audience should choose their side. The Y5 children on the team were Katy, Lucas, Hani and Jimmy.

SEND Planning Meetings

Many thanks to all those parents and carers who have been able to participate in this term's SEND planning meetings. We have had a good turn out and once our remaining meetings are rescheduled, we are confident that we will have seen / spoken to over 90% of parents and carers concerned. Thank you to Katherine (our inclusion leader), class teachers and parents/carers for making this possible.

Brookfield Play Centre OFSTED Report

Congratulations to Brookfield Play Centre who were awarded a good in their recent OFSTED inspection.

The inspector praised the team for:

- A wide variety of interesting activities that are designed to follow the children's interests.
- Strong leadership and effective team working
- Happy and settled children
- Good role models for the children to support children's behaviour
- A good working relationship with parents.

Thank you to Kevin, Mike, Rokib and Suzanne from P3 for the great service which they provide.

For a copy of the OFSTED report, please visit the school's web-site under Parents ... extended schools.

Trip to the Neasden Temple



Linked to their RE topic on Hinduism, Y4 visited Neasden Temple on Friday and thoroughly enjoyed their experience. Here are some quotes from the children:

Clemmie - *I thought the temple was really pretty and there were lots of Hindu patterns. It was made out of lots of interesting materials*

Emily - *I liked listening to the music and watching the ceremony. Somebody was waving several candles over the Hindu gods.*

Oscar - *I liked looking at all the different Hindu gods and how they dressed them.*

Marlon - *My highlight was seeing all the different Hindu gods and how they respected them by giving them food and waving around candles.*

Other news

It is Official

In line with our core value 'Achievement', Camden have awarded Brookfield an outstanding for our health and safety inspection. The inspection took place a few months ago and having addressed one or two recommendations, the LA have awarded us 96% as our final score. We believe that this is the highest score Camden have awarded a school to date.

Sports News

Year 3 will be starting their swimming lessons on Monday 20th February and a letter will be going home with all year 3 children this week. Information for the marathon will hopefully be shared this week as Haseeb is currently chasing the matter up. Also Haseeb has asked me to let you all know that I will be leaving soon. My final day at Brookfield will be on March 3rd as I have been offered a place at Exeter University to complete my PGCE. I would like to thank all the amazing children, staff and parents at Brookfield who have made my time here so enjoyable and rewarding. My personal highlight was seeing Haseeb's face when we finally won the CSSA cross-country! Theo (Fit for Sport)

News from the office

The cost of school lunches for this half term is £64.40

This is a very short half term, please remember we break up Friday and dinner money arrears need to be paid by the end of the week.

Highgate Library - craft workshop for children

Our local Library is offering free drop in craft skills sessions for children to be held every first Saturday of the month from 10.30am to 12.30pm.

All ages are welcome, but children under 8 years old must be accompanied by an adult.

The sessions are organised by Friends of Highgate Library in collaboration with Pomygrany3.

P3 After school club

If your child hasn't used the after school club for the last 6 months or more, you will need to re-register them as they will not be accepted unless this is done.

Asthma pumps

The cold weather often affects children who have asthma. Please make sure your child has an up to date asthma pump if they might need to use one in school.

Highgate and Newtown Foodbank

This week we are going to be taking the produce from the red bin in the lower corridor to Highgate and Newtown Foodbank. If you have got any spare produce, do pop it in either tomorrow or Wednesday.

Important notice about sickness

In line with the current infection control guidance from Public Health England, please note that it is necessary for children who have had bouts of sickness and/or diarrhoea to be kept away from school for **48 hours from the last episode of either vomiting or diarrhoea**. Please could you ensure that your child does not return to school before this minimum 48 hour period has passed, to make sure that they are properly recovered, and also to help prevent the spread of infection to others

Lost property

We would love to be able to reunite some of these clothes with yourselves before half term and with this in mind would love a couple of volunteers to help display some of these clothes this Friday for the end of the day. If you think you could give up half an hour to help with this, then do let the office know

And finally

It just remains for me to wish you all a very happy half term. I trust that you are all able to find some time to relax and unwind with your families and look forward to seeing you all on Monday February 20th

Brookfield PTA News

February 6th - February 12th

Valentines Bake Sale

Y4 will be putting the “sweet” into “sweetheart” after school in the main hall this **Friday February 10th** as they take charge of the mixing bowl for their Valentine’s Bake Sale. You can support them in two ways:

- 1) Bring in cakes and biscuits for them to sell or
- 2) Buy and scoff the cakes and biscuits.

Please remember that Brookfield is NUT FREE because some children have serious allergies, so we can’t accept any bakes that contain nuts (however delicious). **Thank you!**

ALSO thanks to the generosity of former parent Carol Dean (who we hope gets *lots* of Valentines cards) you have been able to order personalised Valentines Day cookies. If you’ve taken advantage of Carol’s fabulous offer, you can pick them up from the office on Friday.

We promise not to tell your Valentine...

Easyfundraising

Since we first promoted [Easyfundraising](#) two weeks ago **THIRTY** of you have signed up to support Brookfield! This is a really encouraging start and we're hugely grateful to those of you who have taken the few minutes to register.

The amount we’ve raised is starting to build up and if we continue with even this level of support we’re on course to raise over £300 a year. And that's with fewer than 40 people signed up. IMAGINE if we could get every Brookfield parent, grandparent and friend of the school on-board, it might be hard to believe but realistically we really could raise thousands of pounds a year.

Please remember to use the Easyfundraising website or app every time you shop online – if everyone gets involved we can raise a really useful amount of money for the school.

So if you haven't already, please sign up! Remember, it costs you nothing, takes no time at all and it's easy. Go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk and search for 'Brookfield Primary Highgate'.

Thank you!

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