



BROOKFIELD JUNIOR SCHOOL

Head Teacher's End of Term Message

Term 2 ~ December 2016



16th December 2016

Dear Parents and Carers

We have reached the end of an extremely busy term and we have enjoyed sharing our Christmas events and festivities with you. I thank the PTFA for the decorative tree in our hall and for their organisation of the Christmas Disco, Christmas raffles and Secret Room; thanks also to our school cooks for their delicious Christmas dinner and to Family Trust for their seasonally amazing panto.

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Parent Consultations, our special musical assemblies and the Yr4 Christmas performances. We send a particular thank you to parents and families who generously donated to the retiring collection ~ altogether we raised £127.26 for Text Santa charity. The children and the staff always work really hard to produce such creative performances and I thank all my colleagues for encouraging the children's talents in this way.

This term's homework projects have also showcased some extremely creative talents and I have been pleased to award many Head Teacher Commendations for the children's efforts ~ I thank you for your support and encouragement in this way, it is much appreciated. Thank you also for your encouragement recently when the children were learning their spellings for the First Brookfield Spelling Bee! There was a real 'buzz' of excitement ~ and not just from Mrs Eke's costume!!! We are proud to announce that Red Colour Team gained the most points throughout the event and have been awarded the Spelling Bee Challenge Cup ~ which now sits in our entrance hall.

Today we have congratulated our 'Super Heroes' who have shown continued effort and enthusiasm ~ always 'going that extra mile' to further their learning experiences. They are:- Eibhlin Costello and Thomas Hale in Yr3, Millie Collins and Shelby Reid in Yr4, Jayden Ibbertson and Lisa-Marie Hughes in Yr5 and Oliver Hutchings and Callum Clark in Yr6. They have all enjoyed a Celebration Tea with Mrs Blewer, bringing an invited guest.

The 218 children who have been well behaved this term enjoyed an extra playtime today as a reward for keeping to our high standards and expectations.

Preparing for the future ~ STEM

Our children currently live and learn within a highly technological age and at school we are preparing them for a future where Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics will play an increasingly important part in their everyday environment.

For more than a year now we have been developing our children's knowledge and appreciation of their environment through activities relating to Science. This has become a real focus within Brookfield and the children's enthusiasm for this way of learning is clearly evident ~ in their conversations, their books and displays around the school. We continue to drive forward their application of maths across other subjects in the curriculum and we have branched out to include aspects of technology and engineering.



Here are just some of the activities the school has engaged in this past year:-

- ✓ Yr5 K-Nex challenge and winners visit to BAE Systems for an area competition
- ✓ Yr6 Lego House challenge and winners visit to BAE systems for an area competition
- ✓ Year group science visits to Horton Kirby for practical sessions about different areas of the Science National curriculum

We have added a STEM logo to our school letters to show our commitment towards developing the children's understanding of STEM and the opportunities it can offer.

We are currently working towards the Primary Quality Mark for Science and the Primary Engineers Leaders Award. As part of the awards requirements, the children must interview an engineer. We are therefore, looking for any engineers who are willing to donate some time to speak to our children. If this is you, then please contact the school office so we can make some arrangements ~ Thank you!

Our School Council are promoting healthy eating, collecting bottles for building a greenhouse and developing opportunities for learning outside the classroom; our ECO Council are working on an ECO School Award and encouraging us to reduce/reuse/recycle.

Many more exciting activities, challenges and developments are planned for 2017 ~ keep a look out for how you can get involved too!!

In the meantime, it just remains for me to wish you and your families a festive Christmas and a Happy New Year.



We look forward to the children returning to school on Tuesday 3rd January ~ Breakfast Club will start on the first day; School Clubs and Crazy Feet start the following week.

Thank you for your continued support

Yours sincerely

M J Blewer

Mrs M Blewer
Head Teacher

Term 3 Dates for your Diary:-

09/01/17	Testing week
17/01/17	Young Voices Choir visit to London O2 (Yr5)
18/01/17	Yr3 Science Day ~ ROCKS
20/01/17	Yr3 Science Day ~ ROCKS
02/02/17	STEM challenge ~ meeting to explain to parents (after school)
06/02/17	STEM challenge details sent home
07/02/17	Safer Internet Day ~ parents invited to attend (details to follow)
09/02/17	STEM Day ~ activities and challenges
09/02/17	PTFA Valentines Disco (6.00-7.30pm)
10/02/17	Last day of Term



Term 4 Dates for your Diary:-

21/02/17	Term 4 begins
22/02/17	STEM challenge entries submitted
23/02/17	Science Fair ~ opportunities to visit (details to follow)
24/02/17	Science Fair ~ parents invited to attend (details to follow)
27/02/17	Book Week
06/03/17	Testing week
16/03/17	Parent Consultations
22/03/17	PTFA Mother's Day Secret Room
24/03/17	Comic Relief (Red Nose Day)
27/03/17	Bring your Mum to school afternoon
30/03/17	Easter Assembly ~ Yr5 parents invited
21/03/17	Last day of Term

