



BROOKFIELD JUNIOR SCHOOL



Head Teacher's Message Term 1 2016

Dear Parents and Carers

We have reached the end of the first term ~ it has been full of interesting events and activities and the weeks have just flown by!!
Our new children and new staff have settled in well and joined our Brookfield family.

We have had the opportunity to meet with you on several occasions so far including our Meet the Teacher meetings, Harvest Festival Assembly led by Yr3 and Big Coffee morning to raise funds for cancer charities.

Plus there was a fantastic response to our Grandparents Day which gave the children an opportunity to share some school time with their relatives.

It was lovely to see so many of you at these events ~ the children are always so keen to share their learning experiences with you. Thank you to my colleagues for organising and arranging these activities.

Not forgetting my thanks to our PTFA who organised the Autumn Disco, for the children's enjoyment and to raise funds for our school resources.

The other activities that the children have enjoyed include:-

- ✓ Science Week with a special day dedicated to Science and Technology themed challenges;
- ✓ Cultural week with an afternoon dedicated to finding out about Refugees and the difficulties that they face living in another country away from home;
- ✓ Yr4 dressed up as Greeks and had a fun day full of activities at Kent Life ~ they returned to school 'buzzing' with knowledge and excitement;
- ✓ Yr6 worked collaboratively to build Lego houses and entered a regional competition;
- ✓ Elections took place for our School Council and The ECO Team ~ they have started their plans to develop and improve the school environment.

We continue to encourage children to be helpful and compassionate towards each other, and in assemblies they have had the opportunity to say thank you for acts of kindness by our Brookfield Buddies.

We would like to say a big thank you to all families for supporting our Project 95 whereby we are endeavouring to really make a difference with our children's attendance at school ~ we are seeing early successes!

Thank you also for your support with the children's home-learning activities ~ you have helped develop and encourage their interest and enthusiasm ~ the Yr3 projects on display recently showcased your imagination and creativity ~ Well done!



During this first term the children have shown great efforts, enthusiasm and hard work across the curriculum ~ Well Done!

In particular Miss O'Sullivan and Miss Cunningham were extremely pleased with the way the new Year 3 children settled in to school life at Brookfield.

In Year 6, 25 children sat the 11+ tests ~ and we are very pleased that 7 successful pupils have been awarded a Grammar School placement for 2017.

Today, the 220 children who have been well behaved all term enjoyed an extra playtime as a reward for keeping to our high standards and expectations.

Across the curriculum we promote learning skills that will enable our children to develop their potential and make good progress. In Celebration Assemblies we acknowledge the efforts of our Mighty Mathematicians and Super Spellers. We also congratulate our weekly Learning Heroes who have excelled in their efforts. We are particularly proud of our 'Super Heroes' who have shown continued effort and enthusiasm throughout Term 1 ~ always 'going that extra mile' to further their learning experiences. They are:- Jenna Dyer and Bethany Taylor in Yr3, Adam Cherry and Sophie Harvey in Yr4, Oliver Ocsko and Paige Vant in Yr5 and Caitlyn Foale and Lillie Woolmer in Yr6. They have all enjoyed a Celebration Tea with Mrs Blewer, bringing an invited guest of their choice.

May I remind you of our Parent Consultation Evening coming soon:-

Thursday 24th November from 1.40pm – 8.00pm.

To make an appointment please sign the sheet on your child's classroom door. The sheets will be there from Wednesday 16th to Tuesday 22nd November.

Please note that Mrs Down is also available to meet parents to discuss specific additional provision and support that your child may be having. If you wish to meet with her, please make a note in your child's Home:School Communication book.

At the meetings we will talk about your child's progress so far and any targets to develop their learning further. In line with Project 95 we will also inform you of your child's attendance percentage to date and share with you some suggestions for ways in which you can support your child's learning at home ~ 'Helpful Home-learning Hints'.

We look forward to seeing you on the day.

In the meantime, I wish you all a restful Half-term break and we look forward to the new term starting on Monday 31st October.

Breakfast Club starts on that day, After School Clubs start the following week.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

M J Blewer

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Head Teacher

