



## BROOKFIELD JUNIOR SCHOOL Head Teacher's End of Term Message Term 3 ~ February 2015



Dear Parents and Carers

We are at the end of a very cold and windy term ~ though maybe just a little grateful that there wasn't any snow!?

Despite the weather, we have been busy and have enjoyed a variety of experiences here at Brookfield. In mid-January we had a particularly busy week with Science Day followed by sporting activities to raise funds for the PHAB Kids charity. The Theatre ADAD visit helped to heighten the awareness of safety around drugs and inappropriate substances for our Yr6 children and our Yr3 children thoroughly enjoyed putting on an entertaining assembly for us all about their class reading book.

Plus of course ~ Thank you to the tireless efforts of our valiant PTFA who organised the Valentine's Disco last night.

This week, for the first time at Brookfield, we joined the rest of the nation, indeed the rest of the world ~ in celebrating Safer Internet Day. This was a great success with 55 parents taking part in the activities with their children. Comments in our Visitor's Book and our Pupil Surveys show that it was greatly enjoyed by all and that it was both informative and fun. Throughout the year we are making every effort to enhance the understanding of our children and our families in matters relating to E-Safety. This event has certainly served to initiate important discussions and conversations ~ thank you for your participation. Further activities will be planned in future, so please do join us if you can.

We have reached half-way through this academic year, and so we have been assessing our children's progress with regard to the revised curriculum and the renewed expectations for each year group in Maths and Writing. The government's new programmes of study for each year group plus the extraction of levels makes it difficult to make exact comparisons with attainment last year, however, we are pleased with their overall progress and we look forward to sharing their successes with you at the Parent Consultation meetings next term.

Across the curriculum we promote learning skills that will enable our children to develop their potential and make good progress. In Celebration Assemblies this term we have acknowledged the efforts of our Mighty Mathematicians and Super Spellers. We have also congratulated 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 ~ always 'going that extra mile' to further their learning experiences. They are:- Aidan Hillier and Kaylon Jones in Yr3, Miranda Money-Noriega and Drew Morriss in Yr4, Abigail Bond and Chloe Wells in Yr5 and Katie Hart and Caitlin Arthur in Yr6.

They have all enjoyed a Celebration Tea with Mrs Blewer, bringing an invited guest.



Many visitors to Brookfield comment on the calm atmosphere around the school and the polite and well-mannered children. The 233 children who have been well behaved this term have enjoyed an extra playtime as a reward for keeping to our high standards and expectations.

We recently bade farewell to Mrs Ellis ~ a member of our support staff. Shortly after the beginning of the new term we will be welcoming Miss Halpin who takes on the role of PALL in Woodpecker Class. I am also excited to announce that our new FLO ~ Mrs Katie Till ~ will be starting after half-term and she will be making herself known to you as soon as possible.

It now just remains for me to wish you and your families a happy half-term break.

We look forward to the children returning to school on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February ~ 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

#### Dates for your diaries

- 23.02.15 Staff development day
- 24.02.15 Pupils return
- 02.03.15 Brookfield Book Week + Book Fair and Visits to Larkfield Library
- 12.03.15 Mother's Day Secret Room ~ PTFA
- 13.03.15 Red Nose Day ~ fundraising activities and events for Sports Relief charity
- 16.03.15 Bring Your mum to School ~ coffee and cake
- 19.03.15 Parent Consultations ~ 1.40-7.45pm
- 27.03.15 Yr5 Easter assembly 9.00am ~ Yr5 parents only
- 30.03.15 Celebration Tea for Super Heroes
- 01.04.15 Term 4 ends
  
- 20.04.15 Staff development day
- 21.04.15 Term 5 starts
- 22.05.15 Term 5 ends

