



## BROOKFIELD JUNIOR SCHOOL Head Teacher's End of Term Message Term 3 ~ February 2016



Dear Parents and Carers

We are at the end of a very cold and wet 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.

The Theatre ADAD visit helped to heighten the awareness of safety around drugs and inappropriate substances for our Yr6 children

Yr5 children (and staff) thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Harry Potter World, giving them experiences to stimulate and enhance their writing.

In partnership with Contract Dining ~ 10 lucky winners learnt how to make a healthy pizza, and I'm sure the families enjoyed eating their creations for tea!!

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

This week, we joined the rest of the nation, indeed the rest of the world ~ in celebrating Safer Internet Day. This was another success with 23 parents taking part in the activities with their children. Comments in our Parent and Pupil Surveys show that it was greatly enjoyed by all and that it was both informative and fun. This event has certainly served to initiate important discussions and conversations ~ thank you for your participation.

Our revised homework projects have proved highly successful, with an absolutely fantastic display of models and creative representations of the geographic Wonders of the UK by our Yr3 children. Parents were invited in to view the display and their comments suggested that they were also impressed with the calibre of creativity!!

Yr4 children have also been displaying their models of The Iron Man and once again I'm really pleased with their efforts and creativity.

So ~ a big Thank You to all families who have supported and encouraged your child's enjoyment of learning in this way.

Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) are key themes to the development of our engaging curriculum at Brookfield this year. Yr3 classes found out about Rocks in a fun and active way with Mr Berry, a visiting expert!

We also launched our STEM challenge last week ~ we hope you all enjoy taking part in the family challenges and look forward to the results that will be tested and displayed after half-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 and our Brookfield Buddies who have helped and cared for others.



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:- Jaiden Franklin and Oliver Gunner in Yr3, Mitchell Bennet and Jack Stanley in Yr4, Elle Jackson and Chloe Anderson in Yr5 and Daniel Layland and Tommy Woolley in Yr6. They have all enjoyed a Celebration Tea with Mrs Blewer, bringing an invited guest.

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 in previous years, however, we are pleased with their overall progress. We took examples of our children's Maths and Writing books to moderation meetings recently with 8 other Primary Schools and we are very proud of the good standard of work and neatness of presentation within our books. We will share them proudly with you at the Parent Consultation meetings next term.

Many visitors to Brookfield comment on the calm atmosphere around the school and the polite and well-mannered children. The 224 children who have been well behaved this term have enjoyed an extra playtime as a reward for keeping to our high standards and expectations.

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 Monday 22<sup>nd</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

- 22.02.16 Pupils return to school (Term 4)
- 25.02.16 Science Day ~ visit from The Mayor
- 26.02.16 Science Fair ~ parents invited to view the exhibition 9-10am, 2-3.00pm
- 29.02.16 Brookfield Book Week + Book Fair
- 03.03.16 Mother's Day/Special Lady Secret Room ~ PTFA
- 04.03.16 Bring Your Mum/Special Lady to School ~ afternoon activities in class
- 10.03.16 Family Trust Easter Workshop ~ Yr5
- 14.03.16 Family Trust Easter Workshop ~ Yr5
- 17.03.16 Parent Consultations ~ 1.40-7.45pm (except Nightingale Class)
- 18.03.16 Sport Relief Day ~ fundraising activities and events for Sports Relief charity
- 22.03.16 Yr5 Easter assembly 9.00am ~ Yr5 parents only
- 22.03.16 Celebration Tea for Super Heroes
- 24.03.16 Term 4 ends
  
- 11.04.16 Term 5 starts
- 27.05.16 Term 5 ends

