



## Head Teacher's End of Term Message Term 4 ~ March 2017



Dear Parents and Carers

It may have been a shorter term ~ but we have certainly packed a huge variety of exciting activities into each week.

We began with a focus on Science and activities from our STEM day were displayed at the Science Fair. Visiting parents, governors, and children from Brookfield Infants and Lunsford Primary School all gave really positive comments regarding our children's enthusiasm and abilities to explain and discuss their activities on display. We are also well underway with our application for The Primary Engineer Young Leaders Award ~ all children in the school have met with engineers to discuss their jobs, find out more about particular areas of engineering and ask their own questions. This has been a huge success – the children have all asked pertinent questions and many are now considering how their own futures may involve engineering. We entered 227 designs into the national competition and we eagerly await the results.

We are also eagerly awaiting the chirruping of tiny chicks as a pair of blue-tits are currently nesting in our Bird Box!!!

Follow the link <http://www.seenature.org.uk/schools/brookfield-junior-school/> to see for yourself what's going on inside our Brookfield Bird Box!!

Book Week followed and we took a magical theme with opportunities to dress-up, visit the local library and to enter reading competitions. Theo the Magician gave us a mesmerising assembly full of tricks and wizardry and we had the opportunity to try some card tricks for ourselves. The Book Fair was popular and I hope the children are enjoying their new purchases. Altogether they spent just over £900 (an absolutely amazing amount!) ~ which meant that we now have lots of new books in our class reading corners. Yr5 have been reading all about magic and wizardry and they had a great visit to Harry Potter World.

Across the whole curriculum, we engage our children's interest with many varied activities and wonderful experiences. This term we have included a cultural afternoon learning all about life and traditions in Russia and a Spelling Bee. We hosted our first Football Tournament for teams of Yr3/4 pupils from 7 local schools. The School Council and Eco Council have begun creating our Sensory Garden area and encouraged us to take part in the 2017 Waste Week Campaign where the children considered aspects of recycling, E-waste and landfills. We have been keeping fit and healthy by walking a mile-a-day around the playground and for Comic Relief the children took part in sponsored silences, and all sorts of fun activities which helped to raise our biggest total ever ~ £1320.20. The children readily gave their time and support and we thank you for your generosity towards this charity.

In this last week we have also enjoyed the lovely dance display from the Crazy Feet dancers, and of course the absolutely wonderful Easter Assembly led by Yr5.

*May I also draw your attention to the email (at the end of the letter) received from Young Voices ~ which is an activity and charity that we supported this year.*

As you can see, the whole Brookfield Staff Team has worked tirelessly to organise such exciting activities for the children and their families ~ and I thank them for their dedication and hard work.

Plus of course ~ Thank you to the tireless efforts of our valiant PTFA who organised the Mother's Day Secret Room, the refreshments for the Football tournament and the Easter Raffle (with its visually tempting display of goodies!).

Altogether 140 children enjoyed some fun activities with their mums and special ladies who visited on Bring Your Mum to School Day. We hope you also liked their small gifts to you. There was a great turnout for the Special Easter tea organised by Contract Dining and I know for those of you who attended that it was a delicious treat indeed.



It was also lovely to see so many of you at the recent Parent Consultations. I was pleased to hear your positive comments regarding the children's enjoyment of school activities and the pleasing progress they are making.

We have a few changes of staff to tell you about. Mrs Penfold has left us from Breakfast Club to concentrate on her studies to become a Teaching Assistant. Miss Payne and Mrs Gray will be starting as Breakfast Club Helpers after Easter. We have also welcomed the return of Miss Down, an art specialist, who has begun working on creative projects with Yr4 classes.

Across the whole 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:- Alfie Burton and Ryley Bresnahan in Yr3, Lauren Burr and Lily Makewell in Yr4, Kian Bilton and Lily Hunt in Yr5, Maisie Guechati and Ellie McCahon in Yr6.

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

Once again ~ we are proud of the children's good behaviour, and 231 children have enjoyed an extra playtime as a reward for keeping to our high standards and expectations throughout this term.

It now just remains for me to wish you and your families a happy Easter Holiday. We look forward to the children returning to school on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April ~ Breakfast Club will start on the first day; School Clubs start the following week.

Thank you for your continued support

Yours sincerely

**M J Blewer**

Mrs M Blewer

Head Teacher

### **A Big YV Thank You**

*Dear Teacher*

*Year on year your continued support of Young Voices helps us raise a huge amount of money and food for our chosen charities **Nordoff Robbins** (music therapy charity) and **Fareshare** (feeding disadvantaged children and adults across the UK). We would like to share this special news that last year's Young Voices concert tour raised **£22,870.38** in bucket collections for Nordoff Robbins and the proceeds of '**LOST FOR A DAY**', that amazing song Tabby recorded with Young Voices continues to raise money every day (see download details below).*

*Fareshare have asked us to say a massive thank you for donating **8,414 kilos** of food.*

***From the bottom of our hearts here at Young Voices, thank you.***

***'LOST FOR A DAY' can now be purchased through the [Amazon](#) store for just 99p with proceeds of each sale going direct to the Young Voices chosen music therapy charity, [Nordoff Robbins](#).***



### Dates for your diaries

18.04.17 ~ Term 5 starts  
26.04.17 ~ Yr3 visit to Chiddingstone Castle  
01.05.17 ~ May Day ~ Bank Holiday  
02.05.17 ~ INSET ~ staff training day (no children in school)  
03.05.17 ~ Children return to school  
08.05.17 – 12.05.17 ~ SATs Week ~ Yr6  
19.05.17 ~ PTFA Pyjama day and cake sale  
22.05.17 ~ Yr4 Science trip to Horton Kirby  
23.05.17 ~ Yr5 and Yr6 Football Tournament  
25.05.17 ~ Celebration Tea for Super Heroes  
26.05.17 ~ Brookfield's 50<sup>th</sup> Golden Party Celebrations ~ Term 5 ends

05.06.17 ~ Term 6 starts  
09.06.17 ~ Yr5 K-Nex challenge  
12.06.17 ~ Yr6 Science trip to Horton Kirby  
13.06.17 ~ Yr6 Meeting for Isle of Wight (6pm)  
14.06.17 ~ PTFA Father's Day Secret Room  
16.05.17 ~ Bring your Dad to school afternoon  
21.06.17 ~ Sports Day  
22.06.17 ~ Reserve Sports Day  
26.06.17 – 30.06.17 ~ Yr6 residential visit to Isle of Wight  
05.07.17 ~ Yr5 Science trip to Horton Kirby  
07.07.17 ~ Reports go home  
10.07.17 – 14.07.17 ~ Transition Week  
11.07.17 ~ PTFA Film Night for Yr2 and Yr3  
13.07.17 ~ Summer Fun afternoon for Yrs 3, 4, 5  
14.07.17 ~ Yr6 Prom  
18.07.17 ~ Celebration Tea for Super Heroes  
18.07.17 - 19.07.17 ~ Yr6 Play performances  
20.07.17 ~ Musical Showcase ~ Thank you to parent helpers  
20.07.17 ~ Yr6 Prize Giving  
21.07.17 ~ Term 6 ends

