



BROOKFIELD JUNIOR SCHOOL

Head Teacher's End of Term Message

Term 5 ~ May 2016



Dear Parents and Carers

It seems that there are no two weeks alike here at Brookfield as we are always planning exciting activities to enhance the children's enjoyment of the school curriculum.

This term we have continued to promote Science across the school. Miss Prince, Mrs Down and I have observed science lessons in every class which have clearly highlighted the children's keen interest in this subject ~ especially in the practical and investigative aspects. Our visits to Horton Kirby Educational Centre have also proved really exciting and a great opportunity to engage the children and develop their passion and enthusiasm for Science.

We also welcomed 5 new additions to our school ~ the chickens ~ Rosie, Nina, Zebby, Fleur and Misty, who are proving very popular indeed!

Other activities this term have included celebrating the Queen's 90th Birthday, the Yr3 Music Enrichment Day with special showcase in the afternoon, The Family Trust Assembly, Brookfield Buddies assemblies and the Yr3 assembly about the Ancient Egyptians. We welcomed many of you to these special events and we hope you enjoyed sharing the children's learning and their talents!

I must also mention my amazement at the wonderful creative talents on display with the homework tasks ~ Yr4 models of The Iron Man and Yr3 garden projects have recently been on display and have shown just how involved our families are in their children's learning ~ for this I thank you ~ your support and encouragement is very much appreciated.

I also thank our hard-working PTFA for their organisation of our Film Night and Pyjama Day to raise money for our school funds.

In particular this has been a busy term for our Yr6 children who put all their energies and concentration into ensuring that they could do their best in the end of year SATs tests. I would like to say very well done to each and every one of them for their efforts and also Thank You to every member of staff as it was a real 'Brookfield Team' effort in helping and supporting them along the way.

We have been particularly proud of our Yr6 writers ~ when we took their books to Writing Moderation together with other local schools, it was evident that our children write well, with creativity and with careful presentation ~ Well Done!

Yr6 children have also been very enterprising and organised many exciting stalls which were well supported by children in other year groups ~ helping them to raise funds for their Yr6 Prom. Good fun was had by all!

Across the whole school 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. For this term they are:- Aleysha Berwick and Molly Batchelor in Yr3, Tayla Carruthers and Dionne Bartholomew-Thomas in Yr4, Dexter Williams and Richard Greest in Yr5, Thomas Moore and Suranne Ventham 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 229 children have enjoyed an extra playtime as a reward for keeping to our high standards and expectations throughout this term.

I have some staffing news to share with you.

Our Receptionist, Miss Dean will be taking on a new role in September ~ she has been promoted to Pupil Admin Manager and she will be working across both Brookfield Schools. Our new Receptionist, Mrs Rachel Collier will be starting on Monday 6th June under Miss Dean's watchful eye!

Two members of staff will be leaving at the end of Term 6 ~ they will be furthering their careers at different Primary Schools. We shall be sad to say goodbye to Miss Palmer and Miss Underdown; we are currently interviewing for new teachers and will let you know who our new colleagues will be soon.

At the end of Term 6, Mrs Mercanton will return to teach alongside Mrs McDonald in Swallow Class. In September Mrs McDonald will then take up a teaching position in Brookfield Infants.

In Term 6 we have many further exciting activities planned ~ please see dates and details below.

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 6th June ~ 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

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Head Teacher

Dates for your diaries

06.06.16 ~ Term 6 starts

07.06.16 ~ IOW meeting for Yr6 parents

15.06.16 ~ Sports Day (16.06.16 = Reserve Sports Day)

17.06.16 ~ Bring your dad to school afternoon

24.06.16 ~ Staff development day (no children in school)

27.06.16 – 01.07.16 ~ Yr6 residential visit to Isle of Wight

28.06.16 ~ Yr4 trip to Maidstone Museum (details to follow)

30.06.16 ~ Meeting for Yr2 parents ~ 6pm

01.07.16 ~ Yr4 assembly ~ Yr4 parents

05.07.16 – 07.07.16 ~ Transition Week

07.07.16 ~ PTFA Film Night for Yr2 and Yr3 children

08.07.16 ~ End of year Reports go home

11.07.16 ~ Yr5 Science trip to Horton Kirby Educational Centre (details to follow)

12.07.16 ~ Yr4 Science trip to Horton Kirby Educational Centre (details to follow)

14.07.16 ~ Summer Fun afternoon for Yrs 3, 4, 5

15.07.16 ~ Yr6 Prom

19.07.16 - 20.07.16 ~ Yr6 Play performances

21.07.16 ~ Thank you to Volunteer helpers and Musical Celebration ~ 2pm

21.07.16 ~ Yr6 Prize Giving ~ 6pm

22.07.16 ~ Term 6 ends

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01.09.16 Staff development day

02.09.16 Staff development day

05.09.16 Term 1 begins

