

Broke Hall Primary School



Friday 7th October 2022

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Message from Mrs. Fairs:

The Autumn term is well underway, and the school is a-buzz with purposeful chatter and the hum of busy classrooms. It really is one of my favourite times of the year. Already we have welcomed parents and carers for share afternoons, learning together events and as volunteers: we have invited special visitors from the Stone Age to the Twentieth Century and had important talks from Suffolk Police. Whoever the visitor, I am always proud to open the doors to our school.

Mrs. Fairs

What have we been up to?

Aside from our usual learning, we have been enjoying several enrichment opportunities both in and out of school.

Year Six have visited The Hold, the purpose-built, Ipswich branch of the Suffolk Archives where we were treated to a fascinating behind the scenes tour and worked as real historians and archivists to learn more about genuine Suffolk crimes and criminals including an escape room featuring the infamous local horse thief and prison escapee, Margaret Catchpole.



Year Two went back in time to 1666 to experience what life was like in the capital at the time of The Great Fire of London. With an expert to guide them, they learned how the fire started, what led to it spreading so fast and how it was that so few people perished.



Year One have also been on a time travelling adventure to learn more about old toys. They had an online expert as well as activities in school which saw them making their own replica peg dolls, spinning tops and fishing games to take home.



Year Five welcomed families in to enjoy a Maths Café which is one of our popular “Learning Together” events. The children worked with their adult to solve puzzles and problems as well as enjoying tasty refreshments. Here is an example of one of the problems on offer. How would you get on?



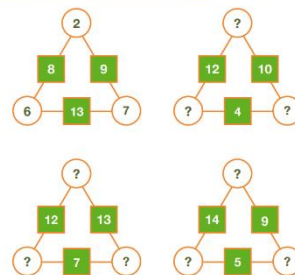
Arithmagons



Can you understand how the values of the circles determine the value of the squares?

Can you fill in the circles irrespective of what is in the squares?

Describe and explain what you have discovered.



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We love reading!

At Broke Hall we love reading and know how vital it is for learning, relaxation and fun. In school we study a wealth of texts from respected authors. We hope that you enjoy reading with your children as much as we do and are delighted to say we have our popular **book fair** returning to school this month. The book fair will be open for browsing and purchases from 3.20 on Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th October. Why not pop along and pick up one or two early Chri***s presents – every purchase results in a donation to our school so everyone wins.

Diversity is not just for October

October is globally recognized as Black History Month and we will be looking at the value of togetherness as well as highlighting the contributions the Black community make to Great Britain and the world. At Broke Hall, we recognize that diversity doesn't happen just once a year, however. Our curriculum celebrates the similarities we share as well as the differences between us and recognizes that we are one, global community with collective goals of respect, tolerance and inclusion.

Harvest and Food and Festivals Week

Autumn was traditionally celebrated as a time of plenty but in the current climate, more people than ever are finding life that bit tougher. This year, we will be supporting Families In Need (FIND) – a local food bank charity which has found itself busier than ever. **We are asking you to help us by sending your child with a non-perishable food item or toiletry on Friday 14th October**, just ahead of our Food and Festivals enrichment week which will see children learn about how Autumn is celebrated around the world. Thank you for your support and generosity.

Parent consultation evenings

Parent consultations are on Monday 17th and Wednesday 19th October after school. More details on how to book your appointment will follow shortly. Please note: this term, parent consultations will be all face to face and we ask that just one appointment is made per child.

HSA Annual Greet and Meet

The Broke Hall Home School Association invite you to attend their AGM. This is an opportunity to learn more about the important fundraising they do for your child and to see how the money they raise is spent enriching and enhancing the Broke Hall experience for every child. Please do come along and consider joining their number. The HSA will welcome you with open arms and whatever your skill set, there will be a role you can do to make a difference to every child. The AGM takes place on Monday 10th October at 3.30pm in the hall.

High School Places

Another reminder that it is time to apply for your Year Six child's High School Place. Information and the application form can be found here:

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-places/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place-20232024>

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The window for applications is small and the deadline is **October 31st, 2022**. To stand the best chance of securing a place at your preferred school, you should apply before the deadline as some schools are oversubscribed.

Dates for your diary	
Monday 10 th /Tuesday 11 th October	Book Fair open for browsing and purchasing
Monday 10 th October	HSA Annual Greet and Meet (AGM)
Monday 17 th October	Parent consultations
Wednesday 19 th October	Parent consultations
Friday 21 st October	Last day of this half term
Monday 24th – Friday 28th	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 31 st October	Return to school and High School application deadline
Tuesday 8 th / Thursday 11 th November	Year 6 height and weight measurement by the school nursing service

