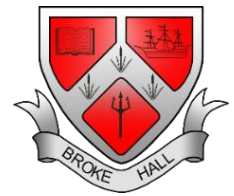


Broke Hall Primary School



Friday 21st October 2022

Newsletter 16

Message from Mrs. Fairs:

As the Autumn skies darken and the nights draw in, we turn our thoughts to lights and colour to brighten our lives. This is the thought behind our Food and Festivals Week, which has been a special focus over the last few days. Across the world, Autumn brings with it a whole range of festivals which celebrate, commemorate and illuminate. Each year group across Key Stages One and Two has been learning about a different Autumn custom and we hope you enjoy reading about them all in the pages below.

We are pleased to announce that our brand-new website is now LIVE! It is packed with information about our school and the wonderful learning that takes place here. It is also the place to get all the latest school news so be sure to check in regularly to keep up to date.

Thank you for attending the Parent Consultation evenings this week. If you were unable to attend and have a concern, please remember that our door is always open – don't wait until the next parents' evening to approach us.

May I also thank you all for your generosity towards our Harvest appeal – Mrs Noon's car was full to bursting with all the offerings for FIND, which were gratefully received. It has been a great opening half term to the academic year, and I hope the children enjoy a well-earned break. See you back on Monday 31st October.

Mrs. Fairs

Food and Festivals Week

Year One – Diwali

Across the world, Hindus, Sikhs and Jains celebrate Diwali during October. For Hindus, it symbolises the victory of light over darkness, good over evil and knowledge over ignorance. Year One have been learning about it through making diya lamps, learning the story of Rama and Sita and tasting delicious Indian snacks.



Year 2 – Sukkot

Sukkot is the Jewish festival with its roots in harvest. It is also known as the “Festival of Booths” because Jewish people traditionally construct shelters or booths from plant material which represent the shelters built by farmers to live in at the harvest time. Meals are often taken inside, and some may even be slept in.



Year 3 – the Chinese Festival of the Moon

In China, the mid-Autumn festival is a celebration of the rice harvest and many fruits. Ceremonies are held both to give thanks for the harvest and to encourage the harvest-giving light to return again in the coming year. It is the second most important festival in China after Chinese New Year. It is also celebrated by many other Asian countries, such as Singapore, Malaysia, and the Philippines.



Year 4 – Loi Krathong

Loi Krathong is a traditional Siamese festival celebrated by Thais to pay respect to the Goddess of Water and the Buddha. This stunning event is marked nationwide when people gather around lakes, rivers, and canals to release floating baskets or “krathongs” on waterways. Offerings of bread, fruits or coins are placed inside the krathongs and people make wishes on them and try to make amends for not taking care of the precious water. As the baskets float away, so too do feelings of negativity.



Year 5 – Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving Day is an annual national holiday in the United States and Canada celebrating the harvest and other blessings of the past year. Americans generally believe that their Thanksgiving is modelled on a 1621 harvest feast shared by the English colonists (Pilgrims) of Plymouth and the Wampanoag people. The customary Thanksgiving meal has a lot in common with the British Christmas dinner as many of our traditional foods, such as cranberries and turkeys originate from the Americas. The children have made Native American dreamcatchers and tasted pumpkin pie, cranberry sauce, and a whole host of other American favourites.



Year 6 – Día de los Muertos

The Day of the Dead (el Día de los Muertos), is a Mexican holiday where families welcome back the souls of their deceased relatives for a brief reunion that includes food, drink and celebration. Unlike Hallowe'en, which is spooky and macabre, Dia de los Muertos is life-affirming and celebratory. Year six have been decorating sweet biscuits, writing from the point of view of a spirit and making bright masks.



HSA Quiz Night

Don't forget to sign your team up for the HSA quiz which takes place on 11th November 2022. The deadline for applications is Friday 4th November. Sign your team up at brokehallhsa@outlook.com

Eat Well, Feel Well

Suffolk and North East Essex ICB, along with Norfolk and Suffolk Foundation Trust and partner organisations are hosting an eat well campaign to help raise awareness about eating well and its links to emotional wellbeing.

The campaign will include free workshops for parents that will explore:

- Promoting positive body image
- How to have a healthier relationship with food (preventing eating problems)
- Sharing resources and support available to families, schools, and young people.

More details about the campaign and how to book onto the workshops can be found on the Suffolk County Council website: www.suffolk.gov.uk/eatwell

Children in Need

We are pleased to be supporting the BBC Children In Need campaign again this year. Friday 18th November will be a non-uniform day. Children may wear their own clothes (something spotty if you have it) in return for a donation to the fundraising effort. We will have a Just Giving page to avoid the need for cash, but money can be brought in on the day. Thank you for your support.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/broke-hall-community-primary-school-cp-school-1666356621651?utm_source=copyLink&utm_medium=one_page&utm_content=page/broke-hall-community-primary-school-cp-school-1666356621651&utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_term=b084cf4d81094b67a5fe8a74f0a8328e

Football Camps

We have been advised of a number of football camps being held over this half term and the Christmas holidays. They are being run by Am-Pro Coaching and take place at Copleston High School on Monday 24th October, Tuesday 20th December and Wednesday 21st December. For more information or to book a place contact: info@am-procoaching.co.uk

Dates for your diary	
Friday 21 st October	Last day of this half term
Monday 31 st October	Return to school and Year Six High School application deadline
Tuesday 8 th November	Year 6 sewing share
Friday 18 th November	Children In Need non-uniform day
Wednesday 30 th November	Year 2 Reading Café (2R)
Thursday 1 st December	Year 2 Reading Café (2T)
Friday 2 nd December	Year 2 Reading Café (2V)
Friday 9 th December	Broke Hall HSA Christmas Fair
Friday 16 th December	Last Day of the Autumn Term
	Christmas Holiday
Wednesday 4 th January	Children return to school