

# Broke Hall Primary School



Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Newsletter 4

## Message from Mrs. Fairs:

I am writing this at the end of a wonderful week which once again has made me feel proud to be the headteacher of Broke Hall Primary School. Anti-bullying Week, Positive Noticing Day and our generous response to the BBC Children in Need appeal have highlighted just how kind, caring and empathetic our children and staff really are. I received a letter last week from FIND (Families In Need) who were very grateful for the enormous donation of food given by our school community. It said that the goods would be packaged up into Christmas Hampers and distributed locally to families who might otherwise go hungry. These are difficult times for many people but our consideration for others shines through.

Thank you for all your support, both past and future.

Mrs. Fairs



## Year 5 trip

Last week, Year Five journeyed up the coast to Dunwich where they studied the effects of erosion and learned about the fascinating demise of the once large and prosperous settlement. From longshore drift to tales of smugglers, this wonderful trip enhanced the children's geography knowledge in a very practical way.



## Football team

The football season is well underway and we are thrilled to report that the Broke Hall boys' team are undefeated. In a muddy match last week, the boys held off Britannia to secure a 1-0 win following two previous successes against St. Mary's and Whitton. As with many grass roots sports, finding people to referee games is very challenging and having the coach also officiate can be problematic. If you can offer your services as a referee for a home game or two, please contact our PE leads via [sport@brokehall.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:sport@brokehall.suffolk.sch.uk)

## Positive Noticing Day and Anti-bullying Week

Broke Hall Primary School promotes an ethos of kindness and support so the messages from Anti-bullying

Week and Positive Noticing Day were very familiar to us all. Positive Noticing Day is a movement set up by a well-regarded behaviour expert and this year had 600 schools sign up nationwide. We were proud to be part of that small group and hope that the movement reaches its target of 6000 schools next year. We are sure your child enjoyed coming home with their compliments tag and it made us all feel good to write them.



## Barbie Doll appeal

This may seem like a strange request, but we are looking for donations of old and unwanted fashion dolls (Barbie, Ken, Sindy, Action Man and the like) for an art unit taking place in the Summer Term for Year Five. You might be having a clear out ready for new toys which may be coming your child's way soon, or you may have older nieces and nephews who have outgrown them. They can be in any condition and can be sent in at any time. It is only the dolls themselves we are looking for, not the clothes or accessories. Please mark your donation for the attention of Mrs Abbott. Thank you.

## Snacks



It has been brought to our attention that a number of our children are eating snacks which are not in line with our healthy eating strategy. It would therefore seem timely to remind you of our existing policy. Children in Reception and Key Stage One are provided with a piece of fruit or vegetable (fresh or dried) to eat at breaktime. There is no need to send these children with a breaktime snack from home although you may do so, providing it falls within our policy. Children in Key Stage Two may bring a piece of whole fruit or vegetables if they would like a snack at breaktime. By "whole fruit" we mean fruit which has not been processed into wafers, strings, flakes or jellies which may seem healthy but are packed with sugar, stick to children's teeth and create a litter problem on the playground. A number of children appear to be taking a "snack" at breaktime, which is in reality, a part of their packed lunch and we will be discouraging this moving forward. Cereal bars, processed fruit-based treats and crisps are not permitted and children seen with these foods at morning breaktime will not be allowed to eat them. We are aware that there are some children with a legitimate need to have an alternative snack and other arrangements are in place for those individuals. Thank you for your support with this.

## Christmas fair

The HSA Christmas Fair will take place after school on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December and forms an important part of our festive preparations and celebrations in school. As last year, each year group is busy making items for sale at the fair and as well as this, there will be stalls from local businesses (cakes, jewellery, children's toys etc.) and our own Craft Club where you can pick up a special gift; refreshments, and of course, Father Christmas will be in his grotto. Please come along if you can.



## Safeguarding

Our children's social lives, for better or worse, are increasingly focused on the digital world and it is therefore important that we are proactive in keeping them safe online. The Children's Endeavour Trust put together regular safeguarding updates and this month's has some useful guidance and links for parents regarding online bullying, a new age rating for Roblox (along with the reasoning behind it), and guidance for parents of children with SEND.

Please see below for the relevant information and links:

### For Parents - Online Bullying

Online bullying is a concern for many parents. Online can often be a hidden aspect of many children's lives and children will not always talk if they are being bullied. Internet Matters have put some expert tips together for parents which are split by ages.

You can access the tips [HERE](#).

### Roblox - New Age Rating and Parental Controls/ BBC Radio-File on 4

Roblox is an incredibly popular games across all ages, but particularly children. Until now Roblox has been rated 10+ by ESRB and 7+ by PEGI. This has changed to 'Teen' by ESRB and 'PEGI ! Parental Guidance Recommended' by PEGI. Additionally, Roblox is introducing more parental controls to filter different experiences dependent on the age of the user. This is an interesting and welcome development due to the incredible amount of user-generated content within Roblox, and a change that I'm sure many parents will welcome

To read more you can view [THIS](#) article in Forbes.

The BBC radio programme File on 4 recently carried out an investigation and series of interviews into Roblox. You can still listen to this part of the programme [HERE](#) and what you hear may shock some. Wayne Denner has a guide to Roblox for parents [HERE](#).

Children play games within Roblox and lots of those games advertise their Discord server. Children join these servers and talk with other unknown persons, meaning this is a high contact-based risk. If you don't know what Discord is, it is a social media app which is extremely popular, particularly during and post-lockdown. You can find more information about Discord [HERE](#).

### For Parents - Helping Children with SEND to have Positive Experiences Online

Internet Matters have shared some expert reviews to help parents and their children have positive online experiences. The advice and guidance is simple, but simple is always best. You can find the link the expert panel [HERE](#).

### 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 24<sup>th</sup> October, Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December and Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December. For more information or to book a place contact: [info@am-procoaching.co.uk](mailto:info@am-procoaching.co.uk)

### Dates for your diary

Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 2 Reading Café (2R)
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Year 2 Reading Café (2T)
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Year 2 Reading Café (2V)
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Yr 1 2.30pm Performance to parents: A Snowman at Sunset
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS Nativity Performance pm
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Yr 1 9.15am Performance to parents: A Snowman at Sunset
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS Nativity Performance am
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Broke Hall HSA Christmas Fair 3.30-6.00pm
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Day in school – wear a Christmas jumper
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day of the Autumn Term
	<b>Christmas Holiday</b>
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	Children return to school