

Broke Hall Primary School



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Message from Mrs. Fairs:

The beautiful weather over the half term holiday did not prepare us for this week of storms and showers. It seems as if every time we have tried to take the children outside, the heavens have opened! This final half term is well underway with the children in Year 4 all having completed the Multiplication Table Check and the children in Year 1 have completed the Phonic Screening Check. The teaching staff are all busy writing the end of year reports – a chance to look back on how much we have done and how much the children have learned and grown. It reminds me of what a privilege it is to contribute to the development of children. Soon it will be time for the children to meet their new teachers, and the cycle will begin again. We would also like to say congratulations to Mrs Stebbings on the recent birth of her daughter and to Mr Balls who has also welcomed a baby girl into his family.

Mrs. Fairs

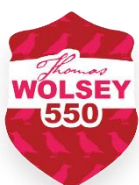
Little Woodland Heights project

For the past ten weeks, some children in Year Five have been lucky enough to take part in a project combining nature with sound exploration and music. We were one of only two schools accepted onto the scheme, which was coordinated by Mrs Waldock and Mrs Newland. The children had sessions with visiting leaders, Frazer and Steph, and went on a visit to Rendlesham Forest for inspiration. The sessions culminated in an outdoor performance in front of parents and the programme's deviser, Nick Roth, who is a professional musician and composer and flew in from Dublin especially. It was a wonderful experience for all involved and we were very grateful for the opportunity.



Radio Suffolk – Wolsey 550 Project

A small group of Year 5 pupils were interviewed live on Radio Suffolk on Wednesday morning about the Thomas Wolsey 550 project that the school continues to be involved with. This part of the project is for the children to help create a junior heritage trail around Ipswich which will launch in September. The children talked about the research that they have completed about famous local people who have played a key part in the history of Ipswich. The children talked very eloquently and showed an amazing knowledge of the history of Ipswich and these key people.



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Travelling book

As the American author, Dr. Seuss, said: "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." One of our Year Five children was recently passed a book that had come all the way from Mason Ridge Elementary School in Missouri, USA with the hope that it would be passed to another school in a different country and then another, and so on. We are hoping that a Broke Hall family will have contact with another primary-aged child in another school somewhere in the world and we can pass the book to them. The book, "*Stella Diaz Has Something to Say*" tells the story of a girl called Stella, who has come to the US from Mexico and her blossoming friendship with a new student and is suitable for Year Four and up. If you have friends or family around the world who would like to read this book and pass it on, please let the office know and we can get it packaged up and sent on its travels. How far will it go?

Year 4 visit to Lackford Lakes

Year 4 visited Lackford Lakes to study habitats as part of their science work. Despite getting fairly soggy (or as Zack said 'absolutely drenched'), the children thoroughly enjoyed the day. Pond dipping was a favourite activity, and the children were excited to have found a baby newt among lots of other water creatures. They also spotted a deer, a number of different birds and were able to compare the different habitats around the lakes.



Breaktime snack reminder

Please can we remind you that snacks for breaktime should be a piece of fruit or vegetable only. This is to encourage healthy habits and reduce plastic waste. Please support us by only providing healthy snacks and remind children that they should not take items from their lunchbox such as biscuits, crisps or cakes as a breaktime snack. Thank you.

Golden Jubilee

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, Broke Hall will begin a year of celebrations to mark our fiftieth year from September 2026. We are hoping to gather an archive of pictures and memories from the time and you, or someone you know may be able to help. If you, or a member of your family attended here during the nineteen seventies – especially 1976/77 - and have something to share with us, please send them (or copies of them if they are precious) to the front office, for the attention of Mrs. Abbott. Thank you in advance.

The Big Future National Survey

Dame Rachel de Souza, Children's commissioner for England is conducting a survey of children's views. She has written to schools:

It is crucial that I hear from as many children as possible in every school and college, in every community, across the country. The more pupils who participate from your school, the more accurately their experiences, views and aspirations will be reflected in the national picture that will help shape future policy.

At a time of significant change for children and young people, it is more important than ever that their views are reflected in policymaking. Through this survey, I can take the voices of your students directly to the centre of government.

If you would like to complete the survey it can be accessed here:

<http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>.



New playground equipment

Following the successful fund raising from the colour run and all the previous events and activities organised by the HSA, we are able to start thinking about what sort of play equipment the children would most like. We will be gathering views from children across key stage 2 and will enlist a small group of representatives to meet with the HSA to share their views.

If you or your child has any good ideas about what you would like to see on the playground to encourage active play, sharing, cooperation and social skills, please do let us know.



Term dates for your diary

Monday 15th June/Thurs 18 th June	Sun Safe Assemblies
Tuesday 9 th June	Class photos
Tuesday 11 th June	Half Year 4 to Lackford Lakes
Wednesday 17 th June	Year 6 to Life Exhibition
Wednesday 17 th June	Band Academy assemblies
Thursday 25 th June	Move Up Day
Friday 26 th June	HSA Donation Day – non uniform in return for donations for the Summer Fair
Thursday 2 nd July	Summer Fayre 3.30pm
Friday 3 rd July	Art Day
Tuesday 7 th July	Nursery to Christchurch Park and Mansion
Wednesday 8 th July 2.45pm	Little Red Riding Hood and the Wolf – Yr 1 to Yr 6 outdoor singing performance
Wednesday 8 th July 3.30-4.30pm	Open evening - all families invited to visit classes across the school, including the current year group and to visit the classrooms for the next year.
Friday 10 th July	School reports sent home
Wednesday 15 th July	Year Six BBQ and disco
Friday 17 th July	Year 6 Leavers assembly
Friday 17 th July	Last day of the academic year
20th July – 2nd September: Summer Holiday	
Thursday 3 rd September	Term begins for pupils