

Broke Hall Primary School



Friday 10th November 2023 Newsletter 4

Message from Mrs. Fairs:

After a very wet and wild week, it seems Autumn is truly upon us. With its glowing colours, crisp mornings and more excuses to huddle down with a hot chocolate, there really is lots to enjoy about the turning of the season. At this time of year however, our thoughts may turn to Remembrance. The lives lost in wars over time continue to be commemorated and this year services across the country will perhaps be brought into sharper focus by the ongoing tragedies in Ukraine, Palestine and Israel. Our weekly, "Picture News" assemblies provide opportunities for children to better understand complex and difficult things they may see in the media and provide links with British Values as well as UN articles on the Rights of the Child. Some of our children will be representing Broke Hall Primary School at a special Remembrance service at St. Andrew's Church at 10:45 on Saturday 11th November and everyone is invited to join them if they would like.

We have created our usual Poppy trail in the windows around the school, please take time to have a look with your children at the start and the end of the day.

Mrs. Fairs



The return of "Sticky Questions"

This Friday will see the return of Sticky Questions. For those of you who are new to the school, "Sticky Questions" are designed to promote deep thinking and encourage family talk on a diverse range of subjects. Some are funny, some are serious but all of them are sure to get everyone talking. Once they have been discussed at home, perhaps over a weekend, the discussion will continue in school. For more information about how to get the most out of your Sticky Questions, please visit our website, where you will also find the most up to date Sticky Question for each year group.

<https://www.brokehall.suffolk.sch.uk/page/?title=Philosophy+for+children&pid=191>

Reception: Would an elephant make a good pet?

Year 1: Tell each other a story about a lamp going to school.

Year 2: Do too many stories have happy endings?

Year 3: Can you touch a number?

Year 4: What makes the toys you no longer play with too young for you?

Year 5: When should leaders ignore their people? When should people ignore their leaders?

Year 6: If a piece of famous art turns out to be fake, is it less beautiful?

What have we been up to?

Year Four visited West Stow Anglo Saxon village last week to enhance their history learning. Whilst it was rather wet, this added to the authenticity of the tough lives lived by people at the time – at least, that’s what we are telling ourselves!

On the subject of authenticity, Year Three were given an amazing glimpse into the lives of Stone Age people earlier in October. Inside the skin tent, the children saw, smelled, tasted, heard and felt what it would have been like to live in Britain thousands of years ago.

November also saw the return of our “Food and Festivals” week. Each year group learned about a different festival and explored it through art, storytelling and cookery. Festivals included Loi Krathong, Samhain, Harvest and Diwali.

We have also been treated to a fantastic assembly by a visiting company called “Rock Steady”. Tom, an amazingly talented musician, gave demonstrations of various instruments needed for a band and even roped in a few of our own talented teachers – kudos to Mr. Rich, Mrs. Waldock, Miss Flewitt and Miss Downing for getting up and performing, too.



Fabulous fundraising



Over the last few weeks Miss Leach has been raising funds for Breast Cancer Awareness by providing staff with quizzes and games to play after school. Four Year Five girls helped with the effort by holding a bake sale after school and the total raised was over £300. Thank you to everyone who donated or bought a cake and to Mrs. Spinks who supported the girls with their sale.

Cut Your Carbon Month

The eco-council signed the school up to take part in cut your carbon month and in assemblies on Monday, the children presented this challenge to the school. This is a month-long carbon-cutting challenge, involving nine simple, everyday challenges that pupils can complete at home with their families. The campaign is a great way for young people and their families to learn more about the carbon emissions they create in everyday life, whilst empowering them to take action. You should have received a paper letter and a copy of the nine challenges, please support your child to complete as many as you can during November and then return the checklist list to school. The eco-council are keen to organise prizes for classes with the best participation. We will also be attempting some of the challenges in school.

You can find out more about the challenge [here](#).



Anti bullying Week

Next week is Anti-bullying week. This year the theme is 'Make A Noise About Bullying'. As the Anti Bullying Alliance explain, "This Anti-Bullying Week we urge adults and children alike to come together to have discussions about what we mean by bullying behaviour, how we can tell the difference between 'banter' and bullying and how we can make changes to reduce bullying. Together, we can make a difference if we make a noise to stop bullying."



Odd Socks Day on Monday 13th November when we are inviting children to come into school wearing odd socks. We hope that, by taking part in this activity, children will be reminded of the importance of individuality and uniqueness, and how we can celebrate and embrace this in a positive way - we look forward to seeing all the wonderful sock combinations!

Children In Need – non- uniform day

Friday 17th November is Children in Need. Children are welcome to wear non uniform for the day in exchange for a donation to this worthwhile charity. We also have a [Just Giving page](#) if you prefer to make an online donation. Thank you for your support.



Chrstmas Fair**

Although it is far too early to be mentioning this word without caution, we wanted to let you know that, due to having a much smaller HSA than we really need, the Christmas Fair will be much smaller than before. The children will still be making their products to sell and there will also be the Grand Draw, but the HSA do not have the person power to organise anything on a bigger scale. If you have time to spare and would like to help boost school funds for your children by joining this important organisation, please contact the HSA on brokehallhsa@outlook.com. To find out more, please attend the Annual General Meeting, which will take place on 14th November, as detailed in a previous email. Remember, many hands make light work and all of it is done for your children.

A polite reminder

Several adults have been seen vaping on school grounds. May we remind you that, along with smoking, this is not acceptable whilst on site. May we also ask that you do not sit on top of the picnic tables whilst are waiting for the children. This sets a bad example to the children, who will copy, and muddy shoes make the benches dirty. Thank you for your cooperation.

Term dates for your diary	
Tuesday 14 th November	HSA Annual General Meeting
Friday 17 th November	Non-Uniform day for BBC Children in Need
Thursday 7 th December	Year 1 Christmas share
Friday 8 th December	Christmas Fayre (after school)
Monday 11 th December	Year 1 performance of "A Snowman at Sunset" (afternoon)
Tuesday 12 th December	Year 1 Performance of "A Snowman at Sunset" (morning)
Tuesday 12 th December	EYFS Nativity (afternoon)
Wednesday 13 th December	EYFS Nativity (morning)
Wednesday 13 th December	Year Two Christmas singing performance (afternoon)
Thursday 14 th December	Year 6 Design and Technology Share
Friday 15 th December	Year Three Christmas singing performance
Monday 18 th December	Christmas Day in school (wear a festive jumper)
Wednesday 20 th December	Last day of term
Thursday 21 st Dec to Thursday 3 rd Jan Christmas Holiday	
Thursday 4 th December	PD Day – school closed for children
Friday 5 th January 2024	Term begins

