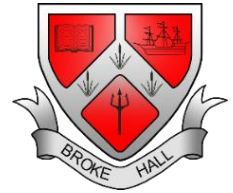


# Broke Hall Primary School



Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024 Newsletter

## Message from Mrs. Fairs:

As we catch our breath after what must have been the speediest Spring Term for some time it is with no small relief that we can enjoy the long Easter break – hopefully with a few sunnier, and perhaps warmer days to look forward to.

The children have worked very hard, as ever and showed great resilience through the termly assessment period and I know that the staff have enjoyed sharing their progress with you at parents' evenings this week. Thank you for attending in such high numbers.

As we say goodbye to Miss Cartwright while she awaits the arrival of her first baby, we welcome back Mrs. Bota, who will be teaching in 1C for Miss Cartwright's maternity leave. Mr. Rich, who will be taking up a temporary position as Deputy Head in Freeman Primary School in Stowupland, will be covered by Mrs. Noon until his return in September. We also wish Mrs Cook a long and happy retirement. Mrs Cook has been working at Broke Hall for many years supporting children with their learning and she will be greatly missed. I'm sure parents would like to join me in thanking her for all her hard work and commitment to the pupils of Broke Hall school. We wish them all well.



Chocolate eggs, hot cross buns, getting the garden straight or spending time with family – however you choose to spend the holiday, have a lovely time and we will see you on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April.

Mrs. Fairs

## Poetry and Drama festival

This week saw the first Broke Hall Drama and Poetry Festival. The children have had the opportunity to explore poems and stories using a range of drama techniques, have read and written and performed their own poetry and watched professional productions through the National Theatre's wonderful online resource.



## Viking Day

Year Four celebrated the end of their Viking history unit with a brilliant day dressing, acting and cooking like Vikings. Each class made flatbreads, shields to keep them safe and (slightly less authentically), held debates (Were the Vikings Raiders or Traders?) using green screen technology.



## Charity Champions



At Broke Hall, we like to do what we can as a school to raise money and awareness for good causes but we know that your hard work goes beyond what we do in school. One of our Year Six pupils, Sienna, took part in a charity walk in aid of Brain Tumour Research. She, along with 50 friends and family raised an amazing £2000! Well done, Sienna – we are very proud of you.



## Science Week

This year's theme was "Time" and the whole school had wonderful experiences doing investigations and experiments involving all things temporal. Testing reaction times, altering the swing of a pendulum and making the longest lasting bubbles were just a few of the activities enjoyed.



## Out and about



Year 2 have been out and about looking at our local area for their geography learning and Year 1 visited the Transport Museum for their history topic on transport over time.

Year 3 visited the heath to observe habitats led by the Suffolk Wildlife Trust.



Children in Reception visited Piper's Vale Gymnastics Centre and enjoyed taking part in lots of physical activities with the gymnastic equipment.



## Cross Country news

Earlier this month, 48 competitors from Broke Hall in Years 4, 5 and 6, some of whom are pictured here, braved the mud and the cold to take part in the Suffolk School Games cross country event. Although we have not been sent official results, all our entrants represented the school brilliantly at what was a huge event with some of our runners placing in the top five in races with hundreds of participants.



## Thank you!



Thanks to your donations for our non-uniform day For Comic Relief, we raised over £526 for this worthwhile charity.

Thank you also for the contributions for our Easter Hampers. The HSA will let us know in due course how much money was raised for the school. The lucky winners went home with a hamper full of Easter Eggs and Easter goodies.



## Holiday Activities

We always receive a lot of flyers from various organisations offering activities for holiday. Rather than bombard parents with emails, we have placed them all on the Community Events page on our website. Please take a look [here](#).

## Term dates for your diary

Monday 15th April	School reopens to pupils
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	BT trip (invitation only)
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Year One Maths Café 2pm – 1CD
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Year One Maths Café 2pm – 1F and 1C
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 2 History Off the Page
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>BANK HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5 trip to Flatford Field Study Centre
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May inclusive	Year Six End of Key Stage Assessments (SATs)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Philosophy Day
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>PD Day – school closed to pupils</b>
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May-Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	<b>Half term break</b>
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	School reopens to pupils

## Online Safety

Please see below the latest National Online Safety Wake Up Wednesday Guide for Parents. This guide, along with several more, can be found on the school website Online Safety page [here](#).

**What Parents & Educators Need to Know about CLICKBAIT**

Clickbait is a controversial online marketing strategy which uses sensationalist (and frequently misleading) headlines to encourage engagement with an article, image or video – often playing on users' emotions and curiosity, while much of the actual content is of questionable accuracy. Clickbait is also sometimes used to disguise scams, phishing sites and malware.

**WHAT ARE THE RISKS?**

- HARMFUL MISINFORMATION:** Clickbait tends to play fast and loose with the facts, leading to your children being misled. They may be persuaded to engage in dangerous activities or to share information that is untrue. Clickbait can also be used to spread hate speech, misinformation and other harmful content.
- INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT:** Due to the misleading nature of many clickbait headlines, children may be exposed to inappropriate content, such as sexualised imagery, violence, or other harmful material. This content is often targeted at children and young people.
- HIDDEN MALWARE:** While most clickbait is simply trying to get your attention, some clickbait is designed to trick you into downloading malware, which can steal your personal information, spy on you, or even damage your device.
- PRIVACY PROBLEMS:** Some clickbait tends to share personal information, such as your name, age, or location, with third parties. This information can be used to target you with advertising, or even to sell your data to other companies.
- A DRIVING DISTRACTION:** Clickbait encourages spending more time on a website, which can be a distraction from your studies. It can also lead to children being distracted while driving, which is a serious safety risk.
- IMPACT ON BEHAVIOUR:** Clickbait can lead to children being misled, which can affect their behaviour. It can also lead to children being misled about the consequences of their actions, which can lead to them making poor choices.

**Advice for Parents & Educators**

- START A CONVERSATION:** The sheer volume of clickbait can make protecting children against it quite challenging. It's vital to talk to young people regularly about the types of content they encounter online, and help them understand the signs of suspicious and potentially harmful content. It's also vital to help them to bring an online problem to you, rather than trying to solve it themselves.
- PROMOTE CRITICAL THINKING:** Encouraging children to question the legitimacy of sensational headlines and headlines for the 'true' purposes and help them to become aware of their own emotional responses to headlines. Encourage children to think about the source of the content and to question the headline. Encourage children to think about the source of the content and to question the headline.
- SPOT THE TELLTALE SIGNS:** There are several common elements to clickbait, including headlines and images that are overly sensational and designed to grab your attention. To help you spot the signs of clickbait, look for headlines that are overly sensational, use of all caps, and the use of words like 'shocking', 'you won't believe', and 'you won't want to miss this'.
- TAKE CONTROL:** Many parents get to grips with how to help their children use online safely, which only, but not necessarily, reduces the chance of exposure to clickbait. Encourage children to think about the source of the content and to question the headline. Encourage children to think about the source of the content and to question the headline.

**Meet Our Expert**

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