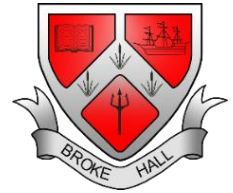


Broke Hall Primary School



Thursday 23rd May

Newsletter

Message from Mrs. Fairs:

Five half terms down and one to go! Even though the days are busy in school, the longer, lighter evenings and the somewhat warmer weather has invigorated us all. Lots of our staff even found the energy to complete the Midnight Walk last weekend and raised over £1300 for St Elizabeth Hospice, which has supported the families of both our parent and staff community in recent times. Thanks to everyone who sponsored our team or bought a cake at the bake sale.

I can't let this newsletter go by without congratulating our Year Six children who carried themselves so well last week for their End of Key Stage Two Assessments (commonly known as SATs). Well done also to the Year Six team and indeed anyone who has ever taught or supported any of the children – they say it takes a village to raise a child and I think it takes a whole school to get our learners to the end of Primary School. Now it will be full steam ahead with performance rehearsals, transition preparations and sports days – the things real school memories are made of.

Mrs. Fairs

Walk to School Week



Thank you to everyone who made an extra effort to choose sustainable travel this week. We hope that you have enjoyed the extra fresh air and that some of those changes may stick, leading to cleaner, safer streets for us all to benefit from.



Friday 17th May 2024 Philosophy Day
Class 1F "What can we do to look after our world?"



Philosophy Day

We boosted our focus on sustainability with another Philosophy event last Friday. Each class had a book stimulus with an environmental theme, which the children discussed together. Each class carried out their own enquiry based on the themes in the books and also had a go at ranking some environmental no-nos from the least to most irresponsible. There was lots of lively debate – is it worse to eat imported strawberries in January or put a piece of non-recyclable waste in the recycling bin? What do you think?

Sticky Questions

More "difficult to decide" questions for you all to think and talk about over the holidays:

Reception: If you dig up buried treasure, is it yours?

Year One: Is everything that glitters pretty?

Year Two: What would life be like for someone who was afraid of nothing?



Year Three: If you had a ring that made you invisible, what would you do? What would the “average” person do?

Year Four: Why do we enjoy being scared?

Year Five: Does anything matter more than happiness?

Year Six: What makes the strongest reasons: facts, feelings or beliefs?

“Beat the Street” success for Broke Hall



Beat the Street is a fun idea that turned Ipswich into a giant game. Over recent months. The Beat the Street initiative has seen 10,920 people take part, walking or riding a total of 68,255 miles around Ipswich, learning more about the area while earning points and prizes by swiping their card on the Beat Boxes.

Broke Hall came third in the “Workplace and Community” category winning £100 of Waterstone vouchers. The Beat the Street Engagement Coordinator came into school to present the award in assembly this week.



BT Workshops



We have been lucky enough to share a special partnership with our friends at BT Adastral Park and this week they came into school as we hosted coding workshops for pupils at Rosehill and Britannia, as well as children from Broke Hall. It is wonderful for them to learn from such experts and helps to raise aspirations in our young people.

Ducklings

Year 1 have again been incubating and hatching baby ducklings. The children have been really excited to see the four ducklings emerge from their eggs and grow at an enormous rate! This has been a great learning experience for the children as well as a super stimulus for some amazing writing.



Term dates for your diary

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Friday 24 th May	PD Day – school Closed to pupils
Monday 27 th May – Friday 31 st May	Half term break
Monday 3rd June	School reopens to pupils
Tuesday 11 th June	Year 2 to Foxburrow Farm
Friday 14 th June	HAS donations day for the summer event – non uniform
Wednesday 19 th June	Band Academy performance to parents
Thursday 20 th June	HAS Summer Carnival – after school event
Monday 24 th June	Sports Day am: Yrs 5 & 6 Parents invited from 10.30-11.30am Sports Day pm: Yrs 3 & 4 Parents invited from 2.10 – 3.10pm
Tuesday 25 th June	Sports Day am: Yrs 1 & 2 Parents invited from 10.30-11.30am Sports Day pm: Reception Parents invited from 2.10 – 3.10pm
Wednesday 26 th June	Move Up Day in school
Wednesday 3 rd July 3.30 -6.00pm	Opening Evening - all families invited to visit classes across the school, including the current year group and to visit the classrooms for the next year.
Thursday 4 th July	Year 4 to take part in the Wolsey 550 Celebration Pageant
Monday 8 th July	Year Six performances (afternoon and evening)
Tuesday 9 th July	Jack and The Beanstalk whole school performance on the field – all welcome
Wednesday 10 th July	Year Six performance (evening)
Friday 12 th July	Reports out to parents
Wednesday 17 th July	Year Six Barbecue, discos in classrooms and Mr Bean
Friday 19 th July	Last day of term and Year Six leavers’ assembly