

Broke Hall Primary School



Friday 14th June 2024 Newsletter

Message from Mrs. Fairs:

In the last newsletter I mentioned warmer weather, didn't I? I think perhaps I ought to not mention it again! Nevertheless, the last half of the summer term always has a joyous, feel whatever the temperature. The next couple of weeks will see Miss Garrity-Brett and Miss Allard, our trainee teachers, leave us in order to begin their teaching careers. We wish them both congratulations, good luck and thanks for their work at Broke Hall. 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 Mr Bradford, who got married over the half term break!

Mrs. Fairs

Good news from the Unicef Rights Respecting Schools Award



We are delighted to share with you the news that we have been successful in our move from Bronze to Silver in our Journey to promote the Unicef Convention on the Rights of a Child. We have been making links within our curriculum to the articles in the convention and last week we underwent an assessment to gain the award. Lots of evidence had to be gathered and the assessor spoke to children, teachers, support staff, parents and governors about the impact on the school. The assessor was very impressed, and our thanks go to Mrs. Noon for co-ordinating the application.

More good news from the gardening club

Many of you will have attended the Suffolk Show over half term and may have visited the gardening zone, where our entry into the Schools' Gardening Competition was proudly on display. The theme was "The Olympic Games" and our show garden team plumped for a bronze, silver and gold theme, complete with an olive tree, Olympic cauldron and a miniature Eiffel Tower with French and runner beans scrambling up it. We were delighted to be awarded "Highly Commended". Mrs. Abbott is already thinking about next year's theme: "My Favourite Book". Thanks to Miss Varden, who accompanied Mrs. Abbott to the show and to the parents of the children who created the garden and attended the judging – they all did brilliantly.



We are also happy to report that the RHS have awarded us their School Gardening Award Level 3 for our efforts in the allotment. The children have already enjoyed freshly harvested peas and strawberries as a delicious part of their healthy school meals and it won't be long before the new potatoes are on the menu.

Even more good news...

With the season for summer sports now well underway, Broke Hall has been in action once again – this time in cricket. A team of boys from Years Five and Six took part in an under 11s tournament held at Ransome’s Sports Ground and came an impressive second. Well done to the boys who participated.



Community events webpage



As a community school, we like to take an active role within the local area and this includes bringing your attention to local events via our website. This section of the site is regularly updated to give details of family and child-friendly events taking place near you. The community events page can be found [here](#) or under the news and events tab on the school website. There are lots of links to groups and teams, holiday clubs, community picnics and try outs for sports clubs, including Ipswich Town Academy. Take a look and see what is on offer.

Summer Carnival

The Broke Hall Community Primary School HSA are excited to promote the Summer Carnival to be held after school on Thursday 20th June. As advertised in the flyer you received earlier this week, there will be stalls, games, refreshments and inflatables. The fun starts at the end of the school day on the field. Please come along if you can – the more money the HSA raises, the more your child benefits. Thank you for the amazing amount of donations that we have received today.

Kitchen corner

As we have mentioned earlier in the newsletter, our school allotment provides tasty additions to our in-house school menu but when there is nothing ripe and ready in the garden, the dishes on offer are still tempting, healthy, local and fresh. It really is wonderful that our talented Head of Kitchen, Mrs. Gale is able to plan and prepare fabulous meals that the children really enjoy. There is so much choice available and the children are encouraged to try new flavours and let Mrs. Gale know what they think. Giving children input like this helps ensure a great take-up for school meals. If your child usually has a packed lunch, or they haven’t tried hot dinners or pick ‘n’ mix for a while, give them a whirl and they will not be disappointed.

WEEK 1				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meatballs or Meat Feast Pizzas	Meatless Cheese	Road Park or Road Queen	Pasta Bolognaise	Chicken Nuggets
Or Veggie Chili	Or Kebab Grill Stick & Pita Bread	Or Chicken Pie	Or Chicken Korma & Rice	Or Vegan Sausage Roll
With Garlic Bread	Or Salmon & Potato Pie	Or Roast Potatoes & Yorkshire Pudding	Or Jacket Potatoes with Choice of Fillings	Or With chips
Salad and Seasonal Vegetables	Or Honey Lemon Couscous	Or Honey Tomato & Mozzarella Pasta Bake	Or Salad and Seasonal Vegetables	Or Baklaji Bites and Seasonal Vegetables
Selection of Cookies & Biscuits	Or Rainbow Cake	Or Chocolate Biscuits	Or Fudge	Or Friday Favourites

There is also a varied selection of fruit, full-fat milk, cheese and yogurt available every day.
Pick & Mix is available every day and includes a selection of fruit, sandwiches and wraps, pasta, chips and dessert meals as well as the desserts on listed on each day.

Next week’s menu is to the left and you can find the full menu for this half term on the [school website](#).

Sticky Questions

The Sticky Questions got into a bit of a muddle with some classes sending them last week and some not, but no matter. The most recent Sticky Questions are:

- Reception: How is a dog like a sofa?
- Year One: Do you need to be tough to be brave?
- Year Two: Why do people sing songs together when there is no audience?
- Year Three: can it every be right to break a promise?
- Year Four: Could it ever be good to lie to yourself? And is it possible?
- Year Five: Are there questions that can never be answered?
- Year Six: If we treat animals differently to us, are we being “speciesist”?



Health and Safety notice

A number of people have been walking under the barrier to access the school grounds at pick-up or drop off or to collect children from clubs. Please can we ask that you do not do this – use the path instead. This is not only dangerous for you, it also sets a bad example to the children. Thank you for your understanding.

Term dates for your diary	
Wednesday 19 th June	Band Academy performance to parents
Thursday 20 th June	HSA 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

National Online Safety – WakeUpWednesday Guides

Click on the posters below to read the latest guides aimed at empowering and equipping parents to with the confidence and skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health, wellbeing and climate change.



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about POP-UP ADS

Pop-up advertisements have been a staple of the internet since they were first introduced in the late 1990s. This form of advertising causes a small window or banner to appear in the foreground of a website, often without the user's consent.

DECEPTIVE TACTICS
Children sometimes don't understand that pop-ups are advertisements. They may think they are a reward or a prize, and click on them without realizing they are being redirected to a website that may be unsafe or contain inappropriate content.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT
Many pop-up ads contain inappropriate content, such as gambling, alcohol, and tobacco. Children may be exposed to this content without their parents' knowledge.

MALWARE RISK
Pop-up ads can be used to deliver malware, which is software that can harm a computer or steal information. Children may be tricked into downloading malware without their parents' knowledge.

PRIVACY RISK
Pop-up ads can track a child's online activity, including which websites they visit and what they click on. This information can be used to build a profile of the child and target them with more ads.

RACKING UP BILLS
Pop-up ads can be used to trick children into downloading software or subscribing to services. This can result in unexpected charges on their parents' credit card.

BEHAVIOURAL IMPACT
Pop-up ads can be used to target children with ads for products or services that they are not interested in. This can be frustrating and annoying for the child.

Advice for Parents & Educators

START A CONVERSATION
It's important to have regular conversations with children about online safety. Explain to them why it's important to be safe online and how they can protect themselves.

SPOT THE SIGNS
If you see a pop-up ad that is unusual or suspicious, it's important to be able to spot the signs. Look for things like misspellings, typos, and unusual graphics.

MONITOR CONTENT
It can often be difficult to spot when a pop-up ad is being displayed. Consider using parental controls to monitor your child's online activity.

PRIVACY SETTINGS
Most modern devices have privacy settings that let you control what information is shared online. Make sure you know how to use these settings.

LIMIT SPENDING
If you're worried about your child's online spending, consider using parental controls to limit their spending. You can also talk to your child about responsible online shopping.

CUT DOWN ON SCREEN TIME
Given the prevalence of pop-up ads, it's important to limit your child's screen time. This will help reduce their exposure to these ads.

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10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators FAIR PLAY AND FRIENDLY COMPETITION

In school sports, fair play and friendly competition are important for character development. Fair play anticipates respect and integrity while good-natured competitive behaviour fosters a love of sport.

1 LEAD BY EXAMPLE
Parents, carers and teachers should try to demonstrate fair play, demonstrating respect for others' feelings and opinions. Children will learn by example.

2 EFFORT OVER OUTCOME
Encourage children to focus on their own effort rather than the result. Praise them for their effort and progress, not just for winning or losing.

3 SET CLEAR EXPECTATIONS
Establish clear guidelines and expectations for behaviour both during and after sporting events. Encourage children to follow these rules.

4 HIGHLIGHT COOPERATION
Children should be encouraged to work together and support each other. Praise them for their teamwork and cooperation.

5 DISCUSS ACCEPTING DEFEAT
It's important to teach children how to accept defeat gracefully. Encourage them to see losing as a learning opportunity.

6 ENCOURAGE INCLUSIVE PARTICIPATION
Encourage all children to participate in sports, regardless of their ability. Provide support and encouragement for all.

7 FOSTER CONFLICT RESOLUTION SKILLS
Teach children how to resolve conflicts peacefully. Encourage them to talk to each other and find a solution.

8 TEACH RESPECT
Emphasize the importance of respect for all participants. Encourage children to be respectful to their opponents and officials.

9 GIVE CONSTRUCTIVE FEEDBACK
Provide constructive feedback to children. Focus on their strengths and areas for improvement.

10 CELEBRATE GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP
Celebrate children's good sportsmanship. Encourage them to be proud of their effort and teamwork.

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