

Broke Hall Primary School



Friday 19th July 2024 Newsletter

Message from Mrs. Fairs:

Phew – well that went quickly! Alongside all the brilliant teaching and learning that has been going on we have seen three babies born, old faces returning, new faces appearing, awards and accolades, obstacles to overcome and successes to be celebrated. The excitement of the summer holidays is upon us, and a rest is well-earned. Please join me in sending heartfelt thanks and the best of wishes to Mrs. Gibbons, who after 24 devoted years, is leaving Broke Hall to start a new and no doubt exciting life as a retired person. We would also like to send our congratulations to Mr Balls, who is marrying his fiancée, Jade, in August. We hope they have a marvellous day and a long and happy life together. We also say goodbye to Mrs Wheatley who has been teaching in Year 3. Thank you to all the staff – teachers, teaching assistants, office staff, the premises team, the SEND team, midday supervisors, the governors, the HSA and all the volunteers – anyone who contributes to the smooth running of this wonderful place. Thank you to the children for their enthusiasm and hard work and of course, to you all for your support.

Do it all again in September, shall we?

Mrs. Fairs

Performance perfection

The past two weeks have been filled with some spectacular performances as three of our year groups have been taking to the stage to share their performing prowess with you. Year Six brought us a wonderful twist on the Snow White story with songs, dance and laughs as well as plenty of audience participation. Well done to the cast, crew and of course, the staff who directed, produced and choreographed such a brilliant show.

Year Four have been learning the ukulele all year and were ready with some wonderful ensemble pieces to share with parents, while Year Five demonstrated the progress they have made with the violin.

Thank you to those parents who came to watch our school singing performance of Jack and the Beanstalk. We hope you agree that the sound of 520 young voices singing together was amazing. We are so proud to be able to offer such a brilliant opportunity each year under the wonderful tutelage of Mrs. Waldock and know that music is a real strength of the school.

Sports round up

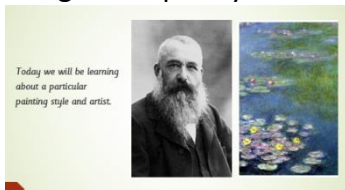
It has been a busy and successful year for all sorts of sports at Broke Hall. Most recently, the girls football team made it to the final of their cup. They did not manage to secure a win this but played very well and we are all terrifically proud of their attitude and performance throughout the competition. Several of our athletes were also in action at Quadkids – an athletics competition organised by IPSSA.

Sport isn't all about getting to the final or representing school in a competition, though. So many of our children attend sports clubs run by staff or external providers and the enjoyment they get as well as the benefits to physical and mental health is clear. Thank you to all who have attended, or run, a club of any kind this year.



Vive la difference

The weekend saw “La fête nationale française”, otherwise known as Bastille Day, which Broke Hall pupils learned about as part of their French day on Friday. Among other things, they sang songs, created art, learned a little about the history of the day and listened to well-known English stories told in the French language. We can expect to learn a lot more about France as the Olympic Games are due to start in Paris in a little over a week. Hopefully, Team GB will bring home plenty of medals.



Thomas Wolsey 550 Parade

On Wednesday 4th July, Year 4 took part in the Wolsey 550 Celebration Parade. They joined hundreds of other children on a parade through the streets of Ipswich along the specially named Thomas Wolsey ‘Cardinal Route’. The children were able to see themselves on the BBC news that evening, and a group of children were interviewed about what they knew about Thomas Wolsey. It was a memorable day for all involved.



Academic success

As well as success on the sports field, our children have also been bringing some very impressive academic results. Last week we learned that our Key Stage One Phonics Screening brought a 92% pass rate, Our Multiplication Tables Check for Year Four children showed another improvement on last year with a mean average score of 20.7 out of 25 and a third of **our learners** scoring maximum marks. Year Six have put the crown on it with some excellent results in the End of Key Stage assessments (SATs) which are detailed in the table below.

	Broke Hall 2024	National 2024
Reading, writing and maths combined	76%	61%
Reading	87% 44% greater depth	74%
Writing	81% 11% greater depth	72%
Maths	92% 39% greater depth	73%
Grammar Punctuation and Spelling	87% 34% greater depth	72%

These results really are a team effort but the staff in Year Six have brought it all together in fine style, showing the children how to demonstrate all they have learned and achieve their best. Well done to all and we wish the children every happiness in their new schools.

Transition

Transition arrangements do not stop for us at Move-up day. Mrs. Stanford has been facilitating enhanced transition to local high schools for some pupil and in year groups where the classes have been mixed, activities have been arranged to help the children form firm new bonds. In addition to this, we have made transition packs available on our website. These packs have traditionally been given to some children for whom change may present a problem. This year, for the first time, we have decided to make these available to all children, as this is a more inclusive way to reach children we may not realise would benefit. They can be found on the school website: Pupils tab – Transition Photos September 2024, or by [visiting this link](#).



Joining
Year 2
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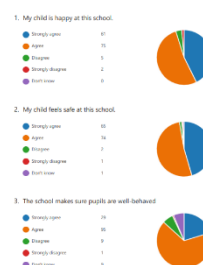


Parent Survey

Thank you to those parents who completed our recent parent survey. We are pleased that the results show a positive picture of our school and that the majority of our parents feel that their children are happy and safe and that they are doing well at school. Parents also recognise the good range of subjects and clubs that we offer. The school will continue to address any areas that could be further improved. The results of the survey can be found [here on the school website](#).

Broke Hall Primary School - Parental/Carers Survey 2024

143 responses 13:25 Average time to complete Closed Survey



Meet the Teacher

We will be opening our doors for you to meet your child's new teachers, if you haven't been able to do so at the Open Day, and to learn more about what the year holds for your child. Please see the dates section below for more details of your allocated time. If you are not able to attend, the presentation will also be available of the website after the event. Please come to the external door of your child's classroom at 2.45pm.

Term dates for your diary	
Monday 2 nd September	School closed to pupils
Tuesday 3 rd September	School closed to pupils
Wednesday 4th September	First day of term
Thursday 5 th September	Stone Age Day for Year Three Meet the Teacher – Year 1
Friday 6 th September	Meet the Teacher Year 2
Monday 9 th September	Wellbeing week begins Meet the Teacher -Year 4
Tuesday 10 th September	Meet the Teacher – Year 5
Wednesday 11 th September	Meet the teacher – Year 3
Thursday 12 th September	Meet the Teacher – Year 6
Friday 13 th September	Meet the Teacher – Reception
Monday 16 th September – Wednesday 18 th September	Year Six on trip to Manor Adventure
Monday 23 rd , Tuesday 24 th , Thursday 26 th September	Year Three and Four Times tables cafes – classes TBC
Thursday 3 rd October	Open Evening for prospective parents
Monday 28 th Oct – Friday 1st November	Half Term Week