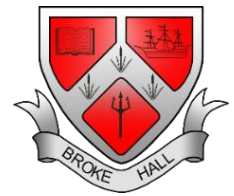


Broke Hall Primary School



Friday 29th November 2024 Newsletter 5

Message from Mrs. Fairs:

As I write this, I can hear the sound of Year Six rehearsing for the annual Copleston Carol Concert, which will have taken place by the time you read this newsletter. These year-on-year traditions offer us an anchor in what can be a hurly-burly point in the school calendar. The run-up to Christmas brings many opportunities for our children to go out into the community and also for us to welcome the community into school. The coming weeks will see our Christmas Fair, as well as performances from a number of year groups. I am looking forward seeing many of you supporting us at these events.

Mrs. Fairs

The Big Sing

Last week our school choir travelled to Snape Maltings to join with many other schools from across Suffolk and Norfolk to sing specially composed and arranged songs. The children represented our school beautifully and were in fine voice. Mrs. Waldock and Mrs. Johnson had worked hard in the run up to learn the pieces, but all arrived back at school with huge smiles on their faces, having experienced a wonderfully uplifting day.

The mural is complete!

We are absolutely thrilled with our new mural, which gives a colourful representation of our school. Year Six began the process by creating vibrant ideas boards to share what is important to them and us at Broke Hall. The design was then collated and refined by Lily, from Uwu Studios, before being made a reality by



Year Four. Details include our rules and values, musical instruments, an image of the world and sports and arts equipment. The mural is a result of our work with the fantastic Wolsey550 project, which we have been involved with for over a year now. The heritage and education project, now its second phase, aims to celebrate Ipswich and its communities, promote wellbeing, create opportunities for young people and build a sense of aspiration – all of these have been encapsulated in this stunning piece of art.

A mammoth achievement!

As you are no doubt aware, Ipswich Museum has been closed for some time for a major refurbishment and is likely to remain closed for much of 2025. The Colchester and Ipswich Museums service launched a competition to design artwork to be displayed outside building to brighten up the area. We were delighted to learn that the winning design came from Broke Hall! ICD collaborated on the piece and not only will their work be mounted and given pride of place outside the now scaffolding-clad museum but will receive a one-hour fossil handling workshop. Well done 1CD!



Sports news

Last week a team of children from across Key Stage Two went to take part in an inclusive bowling event. This was organised so that all children, regardless of ability, could participate in competitive sport in an accessible environment. This is important to us and resonates well with our value of inclusion.



Some of our Year Four children recently attended a dodgeball festival. These events are arranged to get people enjoying and playing sports without the ultimate aim of winning trophies or titles. It is lovely to see younger members of our community given the chance to represent the school so positively.

Spotlight on Early Years

Miss Thompson, our Early Years Phase Leader, has been busy finding out what learning has been happening in the phase. The children have settled in well and have especially enjoyed their Forest School sessions in the school grounds. They are also enjoying making music and putting on performances in the outside area. Plans have been made for the Christmas Craft share next week and the Nursery children have been busy creating their Christmas tree decorations to sell at the fair. Reception children have also started learning the songs for the Christmas show and are excited to show their families.



Uniform update

We are committed to school uniform which encourages a sense of community, is practical & comfortable to wear, and presents good value for money for our families. We have made some minor changes to our uniform policy which we hope will provide more clarity for you when making uniform purchases. Please take a moment to review the policy [here](#). Don't forget that our HSA run regular second-hand uniform sales which are even kinder on the purse and planet.

Term dates for your diary	
Thursday 5 th December	EYFS Christmas Craft Share 2.00pm
Friday 6 th December	PTA Christmas Fair 3.30pm
Monday 9 th December	Year 1 Christmas performance (2.30pm)
Tuesday 10 th December	Year 1 Christmas performance (9.15am)
Wednesday 11 th December	Nursery Christmas Performance (9.30am) Reception Christmas performance (2.30pm)
Thursday 12 th December	Reception Christmas performance (9.15am)
Thursday 12 th December	Trust Christmas Concert 6:30pm at the Corn Exchange, Ipswich – NOW SOLD OUT
Friday 13 th December	Christmas Day in school (wear a festive jumper)
Monday 16 th December	Year 2 assembly to parents (2.45pm)
Tuesday 17 th December	Year 3 assembly to parents (2.45pm) * note not am as stated previously
Friday 20 th December	Last day of term
Monday 23 rd December: Christmas Holiday	
Monday 6 th January	PD Day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 7 th January	First day back for pupils