

# Broke Hall Primary School



Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025 Newsletter 10

## Message from Mrs. Fairs:

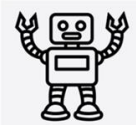
It has been lovely to see the sunshine for the last few days and signs of Spring can be seen all around the school grounds. We hope that parents appreciate the work that was carried out over the half term holiday to level the tarmac and extend the waiting area for parents collecting their children from 1CD and Year 3. This is another short but packed half term, with a wide variety of special events and enrichment activities for all the children to enjoy making their learning exciting and memorable.

Mrs. Fairs

## Philosophy Day

To kick off this half term we took part in some philosophical enquiries around the progress of Artificial Intelligence and what makes us human. Some of us thought about whether or not robots could replace some jobs such as police officers or teachers. After the *could* question we considered if they *would* or *should* be used. Other classes had interesting conversations about making the perfect friend. Would you programme in code that meant it would never disagree with you?

If you could have a robot that could do just one thing really well, what would that be?



## Band Academy

On Wednesday eight 'bands' performed to the school and parents in an amazing show of talent. These are groups of children who attend the Band Academy classes. Each band has children playing guitar and bass guitar, keyboard, drums and two bands have children on vocals. The children performed with confidence and style, and we all enjoyed their performance very much.



## Sports Enrichment

Earlier this week, Years 3 and 4 were given the chance to try quite an unusual sport – lacrosse. This challenging game usually has associations with private schools, but all our learners loved getting to handle the basket sticks and develop new skills. Later in the year we will be offering the rest of the school experiences with archery, Nerf battles, baseball, bungee runs and the ever-popular human table football - so watch this space. Our Netball team played against St Mark's school and showed great resilience and effort even though they did not win, and some of our Year 3 children are attending a Girls Football festival today.

## Pupil Voice

Our school council has split into three working groups for the remainder of this academic year. One group is focusing on the school library. At their most recent meeting with Miss Varden, they discussed what new books they would like in the library and how they could help with



keeping the bookshelves tidy. They are also organising a sale of some new books that we have been reviewing for the Federation of Children's Book Groups. The other two school council working parties are looking at ways to improve the school environment and organising a fund raising activity for a local charity.

The Eco-council also meet regularly. They participated in the Big Bird Count and will be taking part in Big School Clean up, litter picking in the school grounds as well as the local area. Forty seven children from Year 2 to Year 6 have self-nominated to be members of these councils this year. We appreciate their opinions and efforts into improving our school.



### World Book Day

Yesterday we celebrated World Book Day. There were so many inventive costumes, delicious Dahl-inspired food and all kinds of literary activity, demonstrating just how much Brome Hall loves books. Each class was also visited by a different teacher who shared a favourite story with them proving books bring us all closer.



### Think Pharmacy First

I am sure we have all experienced the 8 a.m. scramble to get an appointment with the GP, or the frustration of a long wait to see them. But did you know that pharmacists are trained to give healthcare advice for a range of common ailments? While this service does not replace family doctors, it may help ensure children get well and back to school as quickly as possible. Crucially, it should not require an appointment.

The service supports early years, primary and secondary school aged children in the below age groups who need help with:

- Earache (aged 1 to 17 years)
- Impetigo (aged 1 year and over)
- Infected insect bites (aged 1 year and over)
- Sore throats (aged 5 years and over)
- Sinusitis (aged 12 years and over)
- Urinary tract infections (UTIs) in women (aged 16 to 64 years)
- Shingles (aged 18 years and over)



The pharmacist will provide advice and, if clinically necessary, offer an NHS medicine to treat the condition. The pharmacy will then send an electronic message to the person's GP surgery so their health record can be updated. **Watch the [animation](#) on Pharmacy First from Community Pharmacy England.**

**For more information, visit [nhs-services/pharmacies/how-pharmacies-can-help/](https://nhs-services/pharmacies/how-pharmacies-can-help/)**

### Dates for your diary

17 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2025 - Half term break	
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 to visit the heath with Suffolk Wildlife Trust
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 and Year 2 Archery
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	History Day: "Our Story" – the history of Ipswich
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 assembly to parents (p.m.)
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 assembly to parents (p.m.) <b>Please note the change in date from 26<sup>th</sup></b>
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 Viking Day
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 Great Fire of London Day
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Parent consultations
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	HSA Easter Hampers
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Parent consultations
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day of term
7 <sup>th</sup> April – 21 <sup>st</sup> April - Easter Holiday	