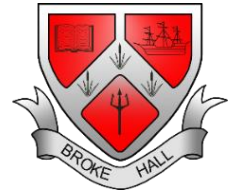


Broke Hall Primary School



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Message from Mrs. Fairs:

“Spring is the time of plans and projects” – this quote from Leo Tolstoy is certainly true. Whether you plan, like me, to get out and tackle the garden, or are looking to take a spring getaway, the arrival of this particular season puts a smile on everyone’s face. We have reached the end of a very busy and successful term – thank you for your support in attending share events, assemblies and parents’ evenings. With us working as a team, next term is sure to be just as positive. I hope you all enjoy the longer days and warmer weather over the Easter holiday and we will see you soon.

Mrs. Fairs

Spring Bonnets



This year members of the eco-council organised the Spring Bonnet competition for Lower Phase with a focus on the use of recycled materials. There were many fantastic and inventive creations – thank you for your support with these. The children paraded around the hall during assembly to show them off. Congratulations to the three winners and 6 runners up and a special thank you to Oliver and Rose from the eco-council.



Thank you also to the HSA for organising the Easter Hamper draw. This raised £348 for our school funds.

Futsal



Year Six played in a futsal tournament at Ipswich Hockey Club last week. Futsal is an intense and fast-paced version of five-a-side football played with smaller, less bouncy balls which allow for very accurate passes.

We took a team of girls and a team of boys to take part in this experience; they all enjoyed participating in this sporting activity.

History off the Page

Year Two went back to 1666 to immerse themselves in the events surrounding The Great Fire of London. The children looked fabulous in their costumes and got to experience a little of what life was like for the people of the capital around the time of celebrated diarist Samuel Pepys and Thomas Farriner – the luckless baker whose oven was allegedly the source of the inferno.



Viking Day

Even further back in time for Year Four as they learned about the Vikings – or Norsemen – with their reputation as *raiders and traders*. The children made flatbreads, shields and argued the case for and against the Vikings' fearsome reputation. They recorded their arguments against a green screen background and shared the finished videos with the rest of their class. Thank you again to parents for supporting this with providing amazing outfits for the children to wear -this really helps to immerse them in their learning.



Year 1 at the Ipswich Transport Museum

Year 1 visited the Ipswich Transport Museum to enhance their learning history about how transport has changed over the years. The children really enjoyed exploring the inside of old buses and fire engines and having a chance to ring the fire bell.

Drumming Workshop



On Wednesday 12th March a small group of pupils met drumming sensation Nandi Bushell at Ipswich School. The pupils heard her story, listened to her play the drums and Emmi from 5AN played a piece for Nandi too. It was really inspiring and we had a wonderful time.

Active families

The PE Hub – one of our go-to resources for our PE curriculum - are launching “Family Zone” – a free online inspiration resource for parents who want to get their families active. Research by Sport England shows that less than half of children are doing enough physical activity each day. School PE lessons, after school clubs and lunchtimes all help but it isn't always easy to make sure our young people move their bodies. This resource is completely free and features lots of fun PE games to do at home. Why not use the next two weeks to create a healthy habit that sticks.

<https://thepehub.co.uk/family-zone/>



Sports Day

You will see from the dates for your diary below, that this year we have brought our Sports Day forward to the first half of the Summer Term. We hope that by holding them in May, we will not encounter the challenge of very hot and sunny weather, making it a much more enjoyable experience for the children taking part and the spectators.

Term dates for your diary

7 th – 21 st April Easter Holiday	
Tuesday 22 nd April	Return to school
Thursday 24 th April	HSA Spring Craft Session 3.30pm
Tuesday 29 th April	Year 3 to visit Colchester Castle
Wednesday 30 th April	Year 2 to visit Jimmy's Farm
Monday 5th May	School closed for May Bank Holiday
Weds 7 th /Thursday 8 th May	Art in a Day – Year 5 visit to Christchurch Mansion
Monday 12 th – Thursday 15 th May	End of Key Stage 2 Assessments (SATs)
Friday 16 th May	Philosophy Day
Thursday 22 nd May	Sports Day am: Yrs 5 & 6 Parents invited from 10.30-11.30am Sports Day pm: Nursery and Reception Parents invited from 2.10 – 3.10pm
Friday 23 rd May	Sports Day am: Yrs 3 & 4 Parents invited from 10.30-11.30am Sports Day pm: Yrs 1 & 2 Parents invited from 2.10 – 3.10pm
26 th – 30 th May Half term holiday	
Monday 2 nd June	Return to school