

The Buzz @ Brooksward

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Dear Parents and Carers,

EXCITING NEWS!!!

At the annual 'Milton Keynes Education Awards' last week, Brooksward School was presented with the highly coveted award of 'Primary Team of the Year'. As you can imagine, we were absolutely thrilled and delighted to receive this! Thank you to all of our dedicated staff, governors, children for all their hard work and to you as parents for the support given to us along our journey. A big well done also to Drayton Park (our federated school) who also won an award for 'Closing the Gap with SEN'. Our award is now proudly on display in the entrance hall of the school. Well done everyone!

We held an award ceremony of our own in school this week (in addition to our regular Star of the Week). This was to recognise the work our staff, children and parents have put in to the STEM curriculum here at Brooksward. The Local Authority chose Brooksward to award with the new 'Milton Keynes STEM Award' which the children were very excited about! The assembly was run by the children and it demonstrated some of the excellent STEM work we have done in school this year. Councillor Zoe Nolan came to the assembly to present us with our certificate and award. This is also on display in the entrance hall!



Cultural Similarities Week at Brooksward

Brooksward School community is made up of a wonderfully diverse mix of cultures and backgrounds and this is what we have been exploring and celebrating in school during Cultural Similarities Week. Through a range of activities, the children have been able to further develop their knowledge of how similarities can be found no matter where you are from and it is our differences that make us special in our own way. The absolute highlight of the week for all the children was the 'Around the World' food tasting session, which would not have been so successful without your overwhelming support in providing so many traditional dishes - we cannot thank you enough for your generosity. The children had an amazing day learning about the backgrounds of their peers and sampling a diverse range of

food – from French bread to far far, poori to pierogi, scones to spring rolls, we travelled the globe and filled our bellies! As the food was so well received and much enjoyed by all, we would like to invite families to donate their recipes for inclusion in the first ever annual



‘Brooksward Recipe Book’, which we plan to compile and sell for a small donation at our Summer Fayre. If you would like to submit your recipe please send or email it in for the attention of Miss Allen. If you could attach a photo of it too, that would be greatly appreciated. Thank you to Miss Allen and Mrs Stevens for planning and organising this themed week so enthusiastically and successfully.



Foundation Stage Farm Visit

On Tuesday 4th June the children from Butterflies and Ladybirds classes enjoyed a fantastic day on our first ever visit to Green Dragon Eco Farm. During the course of the day they got to meet a whole host of different animals and even had the opportunity to feed the goats and sheep. Many of the children enjoyed stroking the animals, Matilda observed, "The sheep felt very fluffy." The children were fascinated by the array of creatures they saw in the pet zone. Luke said, "We got to see a chameleon and he changes colour." After having our lunch the group made their way to the wildlife zone where the children were amazed to see a variety of different birds, a wallaby and even a silver fox. Hannah said, "I liked the silver fox, he was sleeping." The fun wasn't over fantastic time Tashvi even



recount that she loved bouncing on the friends. A brilliant day was had by all and the adults with their excellent



yet as the children had a in the play area, with writing in her farm bouncy pillows with her the children impressed all behaviour.

Weekly Class Attendance Awards



During our Star of the Week assembly today, Mr Roberts was over the moon when he was able to award 5 classes Brooksward Bunnies for 100% attendance this week! Well done to Butterflies, Sticklebacks, Otters, Frogs and Mallards.

We look forward to seeing you at our forthcoming summer events. Don't forget, you can obtain additional Raffle Tickets for the Summer Fair draw from the School Office. The list of prizes continues to grow as donations from local business are coming in. All proceeds raised from the sale of tickets will go towards our STEM Fund.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Abby McStraw

Head of School

Diary Dates:

Monday 24th June
Friday 28th June

KS1 visit to Woburn Safari
School Reports home

Wednesday 3rd – Friday 5th July

Tuesday 9th July

Friday 12th July (3.30-5)

Year 5 / 6 Residential Visit

Sports Day (FS&KS1 am / KS2 pm)

Summer Fair