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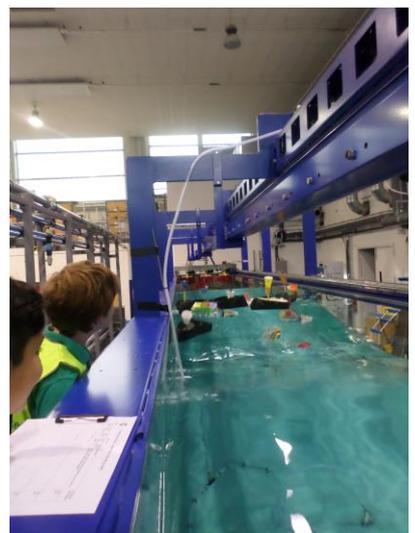
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Dear Parents and Carers,

The school performance tables have been released today and we are delighted to see that Brooksward is once again top in Milton Keynes! It is an amazing achievement to have reached this for 3 consecutive years, showing once again what an amazing team of dedicated staff and fantastically, hard-working children we have here. Well done everyone!! For further details, follow the link <https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/schools-by-type?step=default&table=schools®ion=826&la-name=milton-keynes&geographic=la&for=primary>

The Big Boat Build

A couple of weeks ago a group of Brooksward children took part in an exciting experiment at Cranfield University to test out their engineering creations in the huge wave tank facility. The children had spent many hours in an after school Science & Engineering club with Mrs Dearn and Mr Macdonald building boats ready to test out the best materials for buoyancy. During the experiment, there was a live video link between our children at Cranfield University and the school hall where the rest of our children and staff were able to watch as the experiment unfolded. After hearing about this amazing collaboration the BBC came and filmed at Brooksward and a short clip was featured on the Look East news that evening!!



Christmas Fayre

A huge thankyou to everyone for supporting the Christmas Fayre on Friday. The children thoroughly enjoyed 'spending' their good behaviour tokens on games and activities during the afternoon's 'Fair Fayre'. After school this was transformed to a fundraising event. As many of you who came could see, the children had been working extremely hard to make festive craft items and treats. We also welcomed a few additional vendors and one very special visitor! Thank you to staff who worked incredibly hard to put on the Fayre and to our wonderful school community for your support in

donating items, selling raffle tickets and purchasing items at the Fayre. A true team effort contributed to the overall success of the event for children and families. We raised just over £1000 which we are very much looking forward to using for additional resources to enhance the children's educational experiences in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths.

Sleeping Beauty on Ice

This week the children in Years 1 and 2 went to Planet Ice where they watched an ice skating dance performance based on the traditional tale of Sleeping Beauty. The children were delighted to recognise one of our Year 6 pupils in the lead role – well done Johnny and thank you children for behaving so well at the show.



Christmas Performances

Whilst the Foundation Stage children were a little overwhelmed at the dress rehearsal to the rest of the school on Tuesday, their first time performing to an audience, they delivered a very confident performance of 'A Wriggly Nativity' the following day! It was an absolute treat to see the youngest children in school giving their all to an audience of very proud parents and extended family members. I would like to thank the staff for working especially hard at this time of year.

The children in school are also looking forward to the Pantomime Club's performance of 'The Grinch' to the rest of the school on Friday afternoon. We will certainly all be feeling incredibly festive by the end of the week!



In other news, after Christmas we are excited to be introducing a new member of staff to the Brookward team: Mrs Karen Bass, who is an Outstanding Learning Mentor, will be joining us from Drayton Park, starting on the first Monday back. Mrs Bass is joining us to step in for Mr Roberts, who due to the amazing work he has done at Brookward, has been asked to support one of the other schools in the federation. It will be a change, not having Mr Roberts at Brookward every day but he will still be back to visit us on plenty of occasions I am sure. Over the last week, Mrs Bass has been working with Mr Roberts to familiarise herself with the children and parents and has told me that she cannot wait to begin!

Finally, I wish you all a very enjoyable Christmas. I look forward to seeing everyone again on **Monday 6th January 2020** in full school uniform including smart black school shoes.

Jen Swain

Head of School