



# The Buzz @ Brooksward

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to have made it through the first half of the Summer Term without having to close down any bubbles and with very few families having to self-isolate. The children have been able to enjoy a variety of exciting and engaging activities within the wider curriculum. At the beginning of the term, when we were lucky enough to have some dry, sunny weather, the children from years 1 & 2 enjoyed a walk to the brick kilns and Great Linford Manor to enhance their learning about history and the local area which stretches back to Saxon times!

### The Big Pedal!

You may have seen the daily updates showing just how active our families were during the 10 days of the national Big Pedal campaign to encourage more of us to walk, scoot or cycle to school. We are very proud to have ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in Milton Keynes, 4<sup>th</sup> in the Southeast region and 27<sup>th</sup> nationwide. In addition to the funds you raised for Brooksward School, we were delighted to be awarded funding for 2 scooter pods and additional cycle parking due to our success. Well done to everyone and a big thank you to Coach Dave who worked extremely hard to promote the Big Pedal, I'm sure you will agree that his enthusiasm is infectious! We would all love to see as many families as possible continuing to walk, cycle or scoot where possible, making for a healthier lifestyle and keeping traffic levels down outside



school. If you're interested in joining a Road Safety Committee, please drop Coach Dave a message via Class Dojo.

### STEM Week at Brookward

This week has seen a carousel of different activities taking place around school during our 'STEM Week'. We are fortunate to have been joined virtually via video links by a number of STEM



Ambassadors, experts in their field who are passionate about engaging primary school children to encourage budding young engineers, designers and scientists. The children in Year 2 particularly enjoyed the session with the RAF Engineer, and after the lesson he emailed *"You have a wonderful class!!! It was really great to see so many enthusiastic and knowledgeable children – I was really impressed with their collaborative answer for how they thought an aircraft works!!!"*



This morning the children have thoroughly embraced



the clay junk modelling tasks, creating their group masterpieces which they designed after their session with Cranfield University on Tuesday.

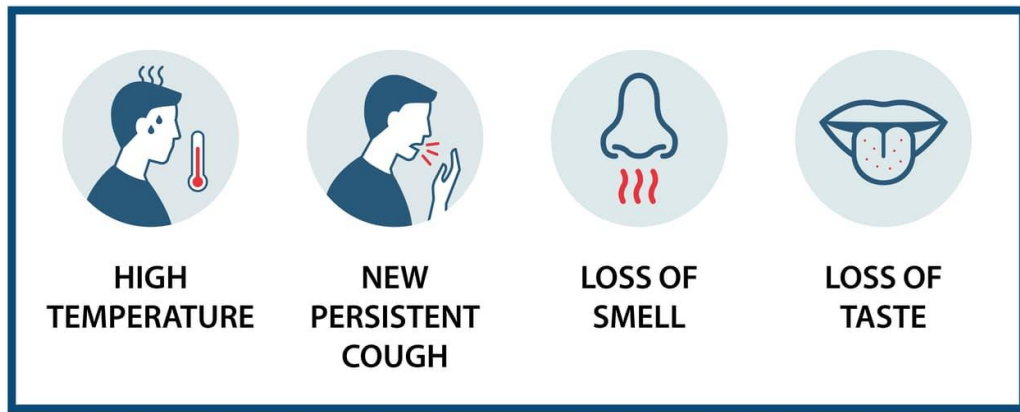
In another live link with Cranfield this afternoon, the experts were able to give feedback on their creations. Congratulations to our winners Djoulde, Akshayan, Jenise and Daniel O.



We'd also like to congratulate the ten STEM Competition finalists for their video entries - Arjun, Maisy, Samuel, Rumaila, Ruhaim, Janarsha, Timeo, Guilia and James. They were all of an incredibly high standard and were shared and discussed in class this week. Our overall winner was Samuel in Y6 with James H in Y5 and Maisy in Y2 as close runners up – well done!



I very much hope that you all continue to be well over the half term break but if you are unwell and become symptomatic, please ensure that you book a Covid-19 test as soon as possible. If this results in a positive outcome and **symptoms started within 48 hours of being in school**, please ensure that you contact me immediately, either via Dojo or the school office. If symptoms start **after 48 hours** of being in school, please follow the instructions given by NHS track and trace; you will not need to contact the school. Don't forget, families may also collect Lateral Flow Test from Milton Keynes Library for adults and older siblings to test regularly for asymptomatic cases. Please do not go there if you do have symptoms. A positive Lateral Flow Test at home will necessitate a further PCR test for confirmation.



Finally, I wish you all a very enjoyable half term break and hope you have a fabulous week especially as the weather is set to improve. I look forward to seeing everyone again refreshed and well in smart uniform and school shoes on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June**.

*Jen Swain*

Head of School

**Diary Dates**

Inset Day (school closed) – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May

Class Photos – 8<sup>th</sup> June

Parents' Evenings – 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> June

Residential Visit Y5/6 – 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> June

Sports Day – 13<sup>th</sup> July

Bag2School Charity Collection – 13<sup>th</sup> July

Summer Fayre for children (Raffle draw for adults) – 16<sup>th</sup> July