



Brooklands Primary School



Newsletter No 2 22nd December 2017

I wanted to start my newsletter by saying a HUGE thank you to everyone who has contributed to our very busy half term. Many thanks to the staff who worked so hard with our superb Christmas performances. Thanks must go to Mrs Hampton, Mr Donnelly and **all** Foundation Stage and Key Stage One staff who were involved in our Christmas productions and to parents for providing and making wonderful outfits. Thanks must also go to Mr Alecock and **all** the KS2 staff for our fantastic Carol Service. And last but not least, a huge thank you to Father Christmas who was able to visit us again this year.



Recent Collections

Children in Need – I am delighted to advise that our cake sale in aid of BBC Children in Need raised an impressive £417.96. Special thanks go to School Council members and Mrs Burns for organising the event.

Poppy Appeal - Our recent collection in aid of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal raised a massive £543.03. This is the most we've ever raised for the Poppy Appeal. Thank you to our Y6 helpers who sold the poppies and to the parents and children for donating.



Wood Street Mission – I'm sure you're aware that our Christmas appeal this year was for Wood Street Mission a charity that helps families at times of need in Manchester and Salford. I'm pleased to advise that we donated a huge mountain of lovely thoughtful gifts and toys which will make lots of children in the Manchester area very happy this Christmas-time.

Music News

The Y6 children recently showed off their talents by holding a samba concert for their parents. This was part of the wider opportunities run by Trafford Music Service and was very generously funded by our PTA.

2017 Primary School League Tables

The KS2 Performance tables were published last week: <https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/school/106301>

A quick summary:

- **National Standard** combined (Reading, Writing and Maths) - Joint 4th in Trafford (183rd in country out of almost 20,000 schools)
- **Greater Depth** combined - 3rd in Trafford (208th out of almost 20,000 schools)
- **Maths** progress from KS1 - highest in Trafford!

Admission to Reception & Nursery - Sept 2018

If your child is a Trafford resident born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014 and you wish to apply for a school place you must submit your application to Trafford by 15th January 2018. To apply online go to :

www.trafford.gov.uk/admissions.

Parents will be able to view the outcome of their application on their online account on 16th April 2018.

Just a reminder that from January we are offering places to 3 year olds who've had their third birthday between 1st September and the 31st December 2017. After the Easter holiday (16th April) we will then be able to take children who have had their third birthday between 1st January and the 31st March 2018. The closing date for Nursery applications for children who starting in September 2018 is Friday, 12th January and places will be offered on 9th February.

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Staff News ...

I am delighted to announce that Nursery teacher Mrs Gillan and her husband are expecting their third child at the end of February.



Congratulations to ...

Well done to Emily B of Class D who achieved distinction on her preparatory ballet exam at the end of November.

Double congratulations go to Jake G of Class 5V and Finley H-G, Class RJ who both won a prize in the Sale Town Partnership Colour a bear competition. Each were awarded their prize at Sale Library this week. Both boys won gifts sponsored by local businesses.

Well done to Niamh M of Class 4H who climbed to the top of Scarfell Pike with her cousin. The climb was very steep with virtually no path and Niamh also climbed down a 20ft shear rock face and walked with her family for approximately 7 hours in total. Wow!

Congratulations to Max C of class 5V who was awarded Sale Harriers U10's track and field club champion trophy at their recent presentation evening.

Kind hearted Georgie C of Class 4H cut her hair and donated it to the charity Little Princess Trust. The charity provides real hair wigs free of charge to children and young adults up to the age of 24 that have sadly lost their own hair due to cancer treatment and other illnesses. For more information see their website www.littleprincess.org.uk

Congratulations to the 61 children who represented the school this term at various sporting events. It's great to see that so many children want to get involved in the wider school life.

Well done to Pheobe T of Class 5V and Ruby T of Class 5A who competed in the Ballroom and Latin Division 2 North of England under 12 and are Team League Winners 2017. The girls also represented the U16 team twice and the team came 3rd. At another competition Pheobe won 6th place dancing alone. Ruby and Pheobe will both be representing the North West at the Regional Finals next year.

Congratulation to Alfie B of Class 5V who passed his grade 1 piano exam. Well done Alfie!

PTA

Our Winter Fair was a huge success and raised a fantastic £5685. It was great to see so many children and family members support us. I would like to say a big thank you to everybody who manned a stall, turned up on the afternoon or donated a gift, especially to our Santa's surprise. I would also like to offer my thanks to the PTA committee who not only organised the fair but provided food for the Christmas Parties, refreshments at the Foundation Stage and KS1 performances and also funded class Christmas gifts.

Goodwill to all men ...

As it's the season of goodwill please could I ask that parents park legally and be considerate to our neighbours by not blocking driveways. Thank you.

And finally ...

In the New Year we will be having astro turf fitted outside school in front of the KS2 building. Children may have to enter/exit via a different route until the astro turf is fitted.

I would like to wish all our pupils and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you once again when school re-opens after the Christmas break on Thursday, 4th January 2018.



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This half term in pictures from Twitter.....

