



The Buzz @ Brooksward

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are all aware, our collaboration with Drayton Park has been highly successful and Brooksward is now one of the leading schools in Milton Keynes. Because of this, we have been approached by the Local Authority to take on the interim leadership of Christ The Sower School in Grange Farm for at least a year. We are more than happy to do this. As you all know, I feel that all children should get the excellent education that the Brooksward and Drayton Park children receive and if we can help other schools achieve this – so much the better.

As a result of this, myself and Mr Morley-Smith will be spending less time at Brooksward. Mr Morley-Smith is becoming Head of School at Christ The Sower and I will remain as Executive Head over all three schools. Miss Swain, who you all know, has been asked to take on the role of Head of School at Brooksward which she has happily accepted. The slight twist in the tale, is that as you may be aware, Miss Swain is about to go on maternity leave!

I have therefore decided to second Mrs Abby McStraw over to Brooksward for next year as Head of School. Mrs. McStraw is currently based at Drayton Park School where she does a brilliant job. I am more than confident that she will continue to be as brilliant at Brooksward and she has my full confidence.

Miss Swain will return as Head of School at Brooksward in September 2019. Of course, as a leadership team, we will continue to work extremely closely together and I will be keeping an eye on everything and ensure that all runs smoothly.

Mrs McStraw will be with me at the Fayre this afternoon, so please take the opportunity to meet her. Of course, should you have any questions or concerns, I am more than happy to talk to you next week – my door is always open.

Enjoy the Fayre – see you there !

Foundation Stage Visit to Mead Open Farm

Our children in Foundation Stage recently enjoyed a fun packed day at Mead Open Farm. During our visit the children had the opportunity to feed the animals, ride on a real life tractor, watch the 'Lamb National' race and even stroke the cute rabbits.



The children were beautifully behaved and had a fantastic day. Anyi said, "the farm trip was so good, we got to see little cute bunny rabbits." Sum particularly enjoyed feeding the animals, "I liked feeding the sheep, they were so loud and licked my hand." Well done Foundation for a successful first school trip.

Key Stage One Visit to Warwick Castle

On Tuesday 19th of June, our Year 1 and 2 children visited Warwick Castle as part of their learning about Knights and Castles. The children had a fabulous day seeing the features of a castle first hand and some of them even got to walk along the battlements. They enjoyed watching the 'Mighty Trebuchet Show' where they witnessed the largest working siege machine in the world firing a boulder through the sky. They also saw some fascinating birds of prey which swooped directly above their heads. The children have already produced some brilliant recount writing of their trip in literacy lessons. You can see from their quotes below how much they enjoyed the trip:-

"I loved the princess tower because it was magical!" Lily

"We went all the way round the battlements and it was amazing!" Lucas

"It was my favourite school trip ever!" Callum



"I want to go back every year!" Lexie

"I liked the eagle show because the eagles flew around us" Hollie

"My favourite part was watching the mighty trebuchet because the heavy boulder flew high. It was amazing!" Ruhaim.

We would like to like to praise your wonderful children for behaving so beautifully on these school trips and we would also like to thank the parent volunteers who came along with us as helpers.

Jo Alikhan

Executive Headteacher

Diary Dates:-

Friday 6th July – Summer Fair Fayre (3.30 – 5.30p.m.)

Tuesday 17th July – Sports Day (FS & KS1 a.m. / KS2 p.m.)

Thursday 19th July – Y6 Leavers' celebration and disco (Y2 – Y5 children also invited 6-7pm)

Friday 20th July – End of term

Wednesday 5th September – children return to school