



The Buzz @ Brooksward

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to extend my sincere thanks for your support during Friday's Open Morning and Macmillan Fundraiser. We welcomed over 100 parents through our door to observe Brooksward children engaged in their learning on a typical morning. We were delighted to receive positive feedback during the event and a parent even took the time to email us afterwards saying what a pleasure it had been to come to the Opening Morning. She also wrote "There is a wonderful atmosphere throughout the whole school which you feel as soon as you are welcomed at reception. All the children were engaged in their lessons and there was a calmness throughout. It was a real joy to see both my children engaged in their classes and I got to see first hand how much they are enjoying school. Thank you to everyone who makes Brooksward such a lovely school!"



We were also totally overwhelmed by your generosity in donating cakes which then enabled us to raise £374 for Macmillan – a big thank you to everyone! Please do join us for our next school event, our Maths Information Evening at 5pm next Thursday.

PRIMARY QUALITY SCIENCE MARK (PQSM) – We are a leading STEM school!

We are delighted to have recently seen the installation of our new science cabin which will enable our children to access greater depth in the Science Curriculum through more practical experiments and investigations than is possible within a normal classroom. We are so lucky to have this fantastic new facility and there will be a grand opening ceremony very soon!!



We are also thrilled to have been awarded the nationally accredited Primary Quality Science Mark. This means that we have been recognised as a school which is committed to enhancing and improving scientific experiences and outcomes for Brooksward children. Our thanks go to Miss Swain and Mrs Dearn in particular for all of their hard work on this.

STAFF UPDATE

Talking of Miss Swain, we say a temporary farewell to her on Friday as she begins her maternity leave. I know you will join me in wishing her well as she embarks on this new chapter in her life and we all look forward to welcoming her new arrival very soon!

BROOKSWARD SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Last week it was a pleasure to meet with the newly elected School Council members – one child to



represent each class. They were very articulate and we discussed how we want our School Council to work. They also joined me to help with Monday morning's assembly. I know that they will wear their School Council badges with pride and I look forward to our next meeting.

KEY STAGE 1 TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC

On 17th September the children in years 1 and 2 walked to Linford Wood with their teddies as part of their topic on 'Toys'. The experience has enabled them to produce some wonderful creative writing in class. Thank you to parents who volunteered to come along and help with the Teddy Bears' Picnic.

HARVEST FESTIVAL



It was a real treat to hear Sticklebacks present their Harvest celebration assembly this morning. Children throughout the school have been able to experience the joy of giving and sharing this week – thank you parents for your support in bringing generous food gifts in to school which were on display today. The Food Bank will be collecting your donations on Friday and have asked us to express their gratitude for your support.

ANNUAL FLU VACCINATION SESSION 2018 (FOUNDATION - YEAR 5)

The Flu vaccination (a nasal spray) will be administered to children of consenting parents by NHS practitioners in school on Wednesday 7th November. Please check your child's book bag this week for the letter, leaflet and consent form. The NHS has advised us that **the closing date for these forms to be returned to school is 12/10/18**. After this date, they will be collecting the forms from us to process prior to the clinic date. They have stated that they are unable to vaccinate any child who hands in their form after the cut-off / collection date so please be mindful of this.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done and congratulations to our recent winners! A big thank you also to Mrs Carr, Charlie's Nan for her excellent needlecraft skills in making Einstein's lab coat (no easy task!) and for her continued support with the Brooksward Attendance bunnies.

Mrs Abby McStraw
Head of School

Diary Dates

Tuesday 9 th October	Y6 SATs Meeting for Parents
Thursday 11 th October	Maths Evening for Parents
Tuesday 16 th October (3.30 – 5pm)	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 17 th October (3.30 – 7pm)	Parents' Evening
Thursday 18 th October (3.30 – 5pm)	Parents' Evening
Friday 26 th October	Break up for half term
Monday 5 th November	Children return to school
Wednesday 7 th November	Flu immunisation – FS to Year 5
Monday 19 th November	Photographer – individual photos

