



The Buzz @ Brooksward

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Dear Parents and Carers,

SCIENCE CABIN GRAND OPENING

We were delighted that Dr David Broadhurst was able to join us along with our Chair of Governors for a special assembly this week which saw the official opening the new Brooksward Science cabin. Dr Broadhurst has recently stepped down after 30 years of service as a Governor at Brooksward and his extensive teaching and research in the fields of physics and maths made him the perfect guest to help us mark the occasion. We are very lucky that with the installation of this new facility, our children will be able to enjoy many fun and practical science experiments which would not have been possible in their classroom environment, thus enabling them to access greater depth in the Science Curriculum.



COURTYARD ALLOTMENT



Miss Donnelly's allotment club children have made a fantastic start on the courtyard area. They have created a wonderful herb garden and have also made up some lovely autumn hanging baskets. We can also look forward to seeing the bulbs they have planted emerge in the spring. Today we have taken delivery of 3 saplings from the Woodland Trust – a rowan, a silver birch and a hazel - part of the Queens Commonwealth Canopy programme. These will initially be potted and nurtured in the allotment area but will need planting elsewhere once they start to grow. Mr MacDonald and the Engineering/DT club children have also been busy creating bespoke items for the area. We can't wait to see the finished bird table and trellising.



MATHS INFORMATION EVENING

As we near the end of a very busy first half term, we would like to thank you for your continued support. We recently hosted a Maths information evening and were pleased to see so many of you there. Feedback and comments from parents who attended the event were overwhelmingly positive as you can see from this small selection: "Thank you for everything that you do for my child! I found the evening really informative and it really helped me to see the methods used for different calculations"; "The evening was perfect and really helped - thank you"; "I was very impressed with the explanation on maths and the ICT demonstration". We had a very good turnout on Parents' Evenings last week too and we hope our mid-term reports are helpful reminders of what was discussed. Your regular attendance at Parents' Evenings not only ensures you are regularly updated about your child's

progress both academically and socially but also reminds your child that you are genuinely interested in their learning and progress.

VIKING DAY

Year 3 and 4 had a fabulous time during their Viking day! They had the opportunity to design and sketch a figurehead, create a Viking brooch, paint a story stone to help them tell the tale of Erik the Viking and write their name in Viking runes. These activities provided them with lots of



interesting information about different areas of Viking life that they had not learnt about in their history lessons. The day



ended with an exciting Viking raid, complete with a figurehead, a daring rescue and rowing across a stormy sea! Nancy said, “my favourite thing about Viking day was painting a troll on the rocks”. Gracie told us “the best part was rescuing Miss Parris in the raid at the end of the day!”. The children were fantastically behaved throughout the day and really impressed us with their amazing costumes.

CHINESE CULTURE AFTERNOON

The children in years 5 and 6 recently enjoyed an afternoon of Chinese culture as part of their Shang Dynasty topic. They learnt the Chinese alphabet and some Chinese phrases – a huge thanks to Zhi-Kang for all his help with this! They also read traditional Chinese stories and created some Chinese art work. The biggest hit for the children was definitely cooking and sampling a selection of Chinese foods including egg fried rice, wontons, spring rolls and dumplings. Cadence told us: “I had an amazing time, my favourite part was the delicious food.” Aaron added: “We got to see how egg fried rice was made and taste some other Chinese foods, it was actually pretty good!”

SPORTING EVENTS

A huge well done to Alfred, Eli, Favour, Grace, Lennon and Macayle who represented Brooksward at last Saturday’s Cross country event. The school football team also played very well during their first match away to Bradwell Village School this week, only just missing out on a win. Thank you parents for your part in making our participation at these events possible.



POPPY APPEAL

The Royal British Legion launched its annual poppy appeal today. Our poppies and collection box have arrived and we will be making these available after the half term break should you wish to send a donation in with your child.

Mrs Abby McStraw
Head of School

Diary Dates

Monday 5th November	Children return to school
Wednesday 7 th November	Flu immunisation – FS to Year 5
Monday 19 th November	Photographer – individual photos
Friday 7 th December 3.30 – 5pm	Christmas Fayre
Wednesday 19 th December (pm)	Foundation Stage Nativity
Thursday 20 th December (5 - 6pm)	KS2 Christmas Disco
Friday 21 st December	Break up for Christmas (return date 7 th January)