



The Buzz @ Brooksward

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Great News!!

Brooksward was named in the MK Citizen last week as: 'The best performing primary school in MK'. We were also delighted to receive a letter of congratulations this week from the Secretary of State for Education recognising our achievement – another one for the foyer!!

Well done to everyone who works so hard to give our children the very best education.

We are also pleased to let you know that further to the consultation last Autumn, Brooksward School and Drayton Park School are now officially federated and are formally recognised as the DELTA Federation. Drayton Park was also named by the Citizen as being hot on the heels of Brooksward, so we are more than thrilled. This makes us officially the best performing Federation / MAT in MK.

Florence Day in Key Stage One

The children in years 1 and 2 recently participated in Florence Day as part of their topic 'Lady of the Lamp'. The children met our visitor Florence Nightingale and completed art and writing activities. They even had the opportunity to learn how to apply bandages to wounded soldiers. The experience definitely enhanced the children's literacy work and they really impressed us with their recount of the day. The children told us what they liked best: Finlay wrote "I really enjoyed it when Florence came and shared the facts about her life". Bethany told us "I liked making the lantern because I was like Florence in the hospital with her lamp." Joshua said he enjoyed all the different activities in the hall. Thank you parents for helping the children enter into the spirit of the event by providing some fantastic Victorian themed costumes for them to dress up in. Our thanks also go to Mrs Dearn's mum who took up the role of Florence and enthralled the children for the day.



Book Week at Brooksward

To promote the importance of reading, we organised a number of special events last week. Thank you to parents who came to our talk on how to support children at home with reading and to families who came to our 'bedtime with a book' evening. The children were very excited to come back to school in their pyjamas to listen to a story and enjoy hot chocolate and a cookie. Thank you also for visiting the Scholastic Book Fair which was open every day after school. As you purchased over £800 worth of books for your children to enjoy at home, we have been rewarded with £530 in commission to spend on books for school – thank you! The School Council also met during the week to judge their 'Get Caught Reading!' competition where they had set the task to be photographed reading in as interesting a place as possible. There were some very imaginative entries and the School Council deliberated for some time before deciding on the winners who were announced as Aroush, Joseph and Diana with the prize for the staff entry going to Miss Bertans.

The week culminated in a dress up day competition with children and staff dressing up as book characters. Thank you children and parents for your support and congratulations to the children who won prizes for their portrayal of a book character – Rowan (Butterflies), Ivy-Rose (Ladybirds), Mattias (Tadpoles), Guilia (Minnows), Stanley (Sticklebacks), Crina (Otters), Lily (Frogs), Harry (Waternoles), Charlie (Newts), Marcus (Swans), Joshua J (Mallards), and Ella (Kingfishers).



It was also lovely to see the children enjoying the snow on Friday lunchtime. There was great collaboration between them as they made snowmen, one of them almost 2 metres tall!

Mrs Abby McStraw
Head of School

Diary Dates

Thursday 7th February 3.30pm – Internet Safety Talk
Friday 15th February – break up for half term
Monday 25th February - return to school
19th, 20th, 21st March - Parents' Evenings
Monday 25th March - Year 6 Shakespeare visit to Stratford-upon-Avon
Friday 5th April - break up for Easter

