



The Buzz @ Brooksward

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new half term. The children have wasted no time in getting on with their learning and have been impressing us with their work already this week. Our new learning characters are Ram and Hardy who promote the value of co-operation.

Congratulations Celebration!

In addition to other forthcoming exciting events, our Executive Head Ms Alikhan announced during assembly that children will be rewarded with a party in KS1 and a disco in KS2 after the recent news about us being the top school in Milton Keynes. This will take place during the afternoon of Friday 15th March which is also Comic Relief Day. Well done to everyone who works so hard to make us the best!

STEM Visit

A group of Year 6 pupils had a fantastic experience this week when they visited an event called ‘The Big Bang’ hosted by the University of Northampton at Silverstone Circuit. There was a variety of exhibits that the children could explore covering a wide range of concepts under the STEM umbrella. There were Robotics, Virtual and Augmented Reality and construction themed exhibits promoting engineering skills as well as Economics and Finance based activities to develop understanding within Mathematics. There was even a stand where giant snails, snakes, lizards and an armadillo could be viewed and handled. Kaydee told us that she “really enjoyed having the opportunity to hold a snake.” The children also took part in a

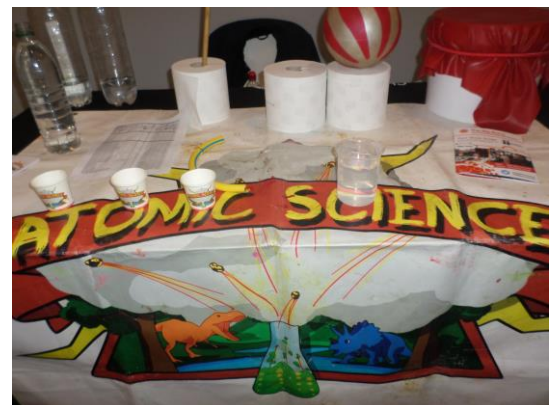


Science workshop led by Atomic Science. Cosmic Chris presented a variety of experiments around the concepts of gas and liquids and how we manipulate them to achieve certain results.



Hilarity ensued when the children were shown up close

the effect air has on water when it is forced into a full water bottle – some of them did get wet! Demi told us that “the science workshop was the highlight of her day because everything was explained clearly in a fun way.”



‘Brooksward’s Got Talent’ Competition

Well done to all the acts who were brave enough to audition and then go through to the ‘Brooksward’s Got Talent’ finals before the half term break. Congratulations to our overall winner, Sophia in Foundation Stage who amazed us all with her

heart-warming rendition of 'Let it Go'. In joint second place were Ethan with his juggling act, Caroline singing and Connor playing the violin – we were impressed by their talents.

Book Sale

As you will have noted from the Class Dojo message, we will be holding a second hand book sale on World Book Day, Thursday 7th March. Parents have donated many lovely books which are waiting to be bought at break or lunch time for the bargain price of 50p. It would be lovely if you could send your child in with some cash to buy one or two of these pre-loved books and share the joy of reading.

Comic Relief

Our School Council representatives spoke to class members to decide how we could raise money for Comic Relief on 15th March. A vote was taken and we can let you know that it was decided to have a 'Non-uniform Day' where we ask for children to wear their own clothes for school and bring in a monetary donation for Comic Relief. We will also hold a cake sale and your donations of baked or shop-bought goods for this would be gratefully received w/c 11th March. Cakes will be on sale to the children at break time and after lunch for 50p.

Parking Concerns

Over the past few weeks, several parents have raised concerns that an increasing number of cars are being parked inconsiderately and obstructively by members of the Brooksward School and Kids Play families. Not only does this annoy our local community but more worrying, this frequently places our pupils and their families in increased danger when crossing the road. We know parking is difficult but even when pressed for time, it is totally unacceptable to park on the zig-zag lines outside school, to block residents' driveways or to block the entrance to the Health Centre or school staff park. These must be kept clear at all times for emergency vehicles. It is also very ill advised to pull up and let your child get out of the car and cross the road unaccompanied between parked cars. Please can we lead by example to the children, take a leaf out of Ram and Hardy's book and cooperate with one another to keep our children safe. Thank you.

If you are a parent / carer or grandparent with 2-3 hours to spare each week, you may wish to consider coming in to help out in our school library. If you are interested or know of anyone who might be, please either pop in to school to see us or send us an email / message via Class Dojo.

We have experienced some varied weather lately - please remember to send your child to school with a coat every day and also a refillable water bottle.

Mrs Abby McStraw

Head of School

Diary Dates

Thursday 7th March – 50p Book Sale

Friday 15th March – Non-uniform day, cake sale, KS1 Party / KS2 Disco

19th, 20th, 21st March - Parents' Evenings

Monday 25th March - Year 6 Shakespeare visit to Stratford-upon-Avon

Friday 5th April - break up for Easter

