March
2020

Newsletter
Welcome to our Term 4 Newsletter

As ever, the academic year continues at such a pace that it is hard to believe that we are already in our 4th Term of the year together. It has been lovely to see the first signs of spring appear around the school grounds and we are all certainly looking forward to warmer, drier weather as we move further away from the winter months; let’s hope so!

The children have already engaged in a number of exciting experiences and activities to bring the curriculum to life, including visits from inspirational speakers and scientists that have certainly enhanced the curriculum. As always, if you would like to find out more about the work your children will be doing this term, please go to our school website and click on the relevant class pages, or click the on the following link:

https://www.brookfieldprimary.org/topic/classes

I would also like to remind you that we update our school calendar on the website at the beginning of each term and as soon as we are able to confirm other events such as Sports Day etc… The calendar can be found under the Events - Calendar tab on the website, or by clicking on the following link:

https://www.brookfieldprimary.org/diary/grid/2020/03/

Whole School Value

This term we will be examining our core value of:

CREATIVITY
Brook Field School Dates – Term 4

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day
Friday 6th March - Miss Campbell’s Class Assembly
Sunday 8th March - FoBS Car Boot Sale
Monday 9th March - KS1 Rock Assembly
Friday 13th March - Sports Relief
Friday 13th March - Foundation Stage Superhero Day
Monday 16th March - Year 1 trip to Steam
Wednesday 18th March - Junior Music Festival
Thursday 19th March - Year 5 Debating Competition
Friday 20th March - Mrs Foggin’s & Mrs Barbour’s Class Assembly
Thursday 26th March - FoBS Disco
Tuesday 31st March - Parents Evening 3.30 pm - 7.00 pm
Wednesday 1st April - Parents Evening 3.30 pm - 6.30 pm
Thursday 2nd April - Year 5 Bollywood workshop
Friday 3rd April - break up for Easter

Advance Notice

Friday 3rd July - Sports Day
Tuesday 7th July - alternative date if 3rd July cancelled

Advance Notice – Teacher Training Days (school closed to children)

Monday 1st June 2020
Monday 20th July 2020
Tuesday 21st July 2020
Wednesday 22nd July 2020
Tuesday 1st September 2020
A huge thank you (once again) to our **Friends of Brook Field** who have supported the school in improving the range of reading books we have on offer in Key Stage 1 and 2.

In order to continue to inspire and further develop a love of reading, we have purchased a number of new books aimed at specific age ranges across the school. These recommended reads are currently being organised and displayed to ensure they can be monitored effectively, attract and sustain our children’s interest in reading a variety of books.

Such a large investment could not have been achieved without the support of our Friends of Brook Field and the support we receive from our parents at each event through the year. We are so very fortunate and the children will certainly benefit from all that you do.

**PLEASE** – We obviously want to keep these books in the best condition possible so that children can enjoy them for years to come and we will be spending time reminding everyone how they should be handled. We would be extremely grateful if you could pass on similar messages of care and respect when they start coming home in the very near future. Thank you very much!

Thank you very much for all the crisp packets collected over the last few weeks. Over 1000 packets were collected in February, this collection will raise vital funds for Wiltshire Air Ambulance. The terra plastic inside the packets is recycled and reused to make other items by TerraCycle and they in turn send donations to the Wiltshire Air Ambulance.
Brook Field Academy Conversion Update

Following our application to the Department of Education and the school’s plan to move away from Local Authority control to join the Blue Kite Multi-Academy Trust, I am very pleased to update you on our current progress. We have been working very closely with the Local Authority and the Blue Kite Trust to ensure that all contracts, policies and financial arrangements are in place to ensure a smooth transition. We are nearing completion of this process and we expect to officially join the Blue Kite Trust on the 1st April. We are looking forward to working collaboratively with other schools, sharing best practice and working together to ensure that our children receive the best education possible. If you do have any questions at all relating to this, please do not hesitate to contact the school. Thank you.

Brook Field Science Week

Brook Field Science week got off to a great start with a very special visit from Doctor Lisa Mullan on Monday 2nd March. Doctor Lisa spent the day at Brook Field delivering assemblies and workshops all about DNA and the instructions our bodies receive. With the help of her friends, The Dinky Amigos, and some thoroughly engaging practical opportunities, the children certainly developed their understanding and enjoyment within this particular area of Science.

Fully inspired, the staff and children took the opportunity to explore a number of scientific questions and investigate them in more detail throughout the week, using a variety of resources and developing a range of enquiry skills. It was fantastic to see such a buzz of science through the school and the children certainly enjoyed it too!
An Inspirational Visit from Bart Gee

On Wednesday 26th February, children in Key Stage 2 were treated to an assembly from a truly inspirational visitor to the school, Mr Bart Gee.

Bart was born with a physical disability called Arthrogryposis. Doctors said he would never walk, may never have the strength to be able to sit up and would have a bleak outlook to life. Bart described how, through the power of positive thinking and determination, he has been able to not only walk, but take part in triathlons, play the piano and live a very independent life.

Bart shared how words like: challenging, difficult and hard, actually meant POSSIBLE and we all took the opportunity to reflect on this and how we could apply this to our lives. All the children felt that Bart was a true inspiration.

Year Group Author Focus

As part of our continuing drive to expose children to different books and foster a genuine passion for reading, we have decided to focus on a particular author each term.

This term, our year group authors are:
FS - Dr Seuss
Y1 - Shirley Hughes
Y2 - Colin Stimpson
Y3 - Gary Northfield
Y4 - Ted Hughes
Y5 - Philip Pullman
Y6 - William Shakespeare

Parents have asked to be kept informed of our author focus so that they might share and read texts relating to what is also being done in school.
Coronavirus
As a School, we are very aware of the current issues and Public Health guidance relating to coronavirus. Although we do not know how events will unfold over the coming weeks or months, we will keep you informed of any relevant information as and when we receive it. For now, we are following current Public Health guidance as notified around the school and attached below.

Brook Field School – Oracy Update

To further develop the culture of an Oracy rich school.

Oracy teaching and learning takes place when children are learning through and to talk. One of our whole school drives this year is to embed more specific and varied opportunities to introduce oracy rich activities into our Teaching and Learning provision across the curriculum. We believe that confident, articulate and well-structured oracy opportunities will have a positive impact for all children both in school and beyond. Alongside senior members of staff, we have been examining our curriculum and identifying areas where we can promote and develop the different strands of oracy.

The children have identified clear rules of behaviour when engaged in oracy activities and these are now becoming firmly established within every classroom. Whilst we will always look to refine and develop our curriculum accordingly, we thought you’d like to see the key skills we will be targeting and working on with your children.

Please also see our website - Our Ethos and Curriculum, Oracy - where there is a video clip and further information for parents.

https://www.brookfieldprimary.org/oracy/
Term 3 saw Brook Field compete in several competitions and re-start the netball and football seasons after the winter break. Although the netball teams managed to dodge the showers, the footballers have been hampered by the weather and waterlogged pitches across West Swindon.

Netball
The netballers are having a very strong season and completed many dominant performances winning by enormous score-lines. As well as continuing in the West Swindon League, we are also competing in Group B of the Fortius Netball League with the chance to compete in the County Finals if successful in the Swindon Leagues' Play-Offs after half term.

Group B consisted of: Shaw Ridge, Tregoze, Brook Field, Tadpole Farm, Even Swindon and here are the results so far:

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Brook Field have Played - four; Won - four; Goals For – 118; Goals against – 0.

Fortius Netball League Match Reports
On Monday 20th January our team of Maddie, Macy, Gracie, Eva, Teleia, Harmoni and Nicole were on fire and won 28-0 against Tadpole Farm. For Tadpole Farm, it was their first ever match and had only had their netball court marked out in the first two weeks of Term 3! So, they were still finding their feet in match situations but were a tall team. Our girls terrified them in the first quarter as we started strong: Macy and Eva (captain and player of the match) scored a phenomenal ten goals in six minutes. In the second quarter, Teleia scored her first match goal, so we were thrilled for her. Harmoni played fantastically; this was her first step up to the “A” team and in her shooting quarter she scored five beautiful goals. Nicole also grew in confidence as the match went on and scored the most technically perfect two goals.
Miss New and Miss Hine were so proud of the team spirit with the girls really supporting one another – Macy, in particular, was always calling encouragements to her team and they all really helped out the other team, who weren’t always sure where they were supposed to be. After the third quarter, the score became a bit embarrassing but our girls were very humble in front of the other team.

Our squad of Maddy, Macy, Gracie, Eva, Bonita, Nicole and Izabella won 22 – 0 against Tregoze on Thursday 30th January. The girls played fantastically, but were not quite perfect! Our girls grew in confidence as the match progressed. Izabella is a superb shooter but today proved herself in defence and was always ready in a space to receive the ball. Gracie was here, there and everywhere and controlled the ball very skilfully - she was deservedly voted Player of the Match. Bonita has the height advantage although her shooting can be inconsistent but today she flourished under the pressure and scored four fab goals!

Another fabulous performance on Friday 7th February saw our 9 players of: Macy, Maddy, Gracie, Eva, Nicole, Izabella, Bonita, Emmy and Teleia, overwhelm Shaw Ridge 45 – 0 with everyone consistently driving forward, showing good passing and movement into space and shooting precisely. Teleia was captain and Player of the Match.

**West Swindon Netball League**

Monday 3rd February saw our crunch League match against St Mary’s, Purton, who have had a notoriously strong team for years. We had beaten them in the final of the tournament last November with a golden goal so knew it was going to a close-fought game. We were very proud of the squad of Maddy, Macy, Gracie, Eva, Nicole, Harmoni and Izabella as they played a fantastic game!

The first quarter was very, very close. St Mary’s have a very tall and talented player on their team who ruled their game last time. At first, she intimidated our girls and got a lot of interceptions. She’s an ace shot, but so are our girls. We frontloaded the defence in the first quarter, knowing that they’d play a strong attack and it worked! We managed 4 goals to their 3 and we were in the lead! The girls are taught to imagine the score resets to zero every quarter and began to focus on the next quarter. St Mary’s tall, talented player was centre - a key position.

Nicole did an absolutely fantastic job of marking her out of the game and keeping her away from the action, while the rest of the girls moved the ball down the pitch.
The quarter starter a bit scrappy but our girls calmed down, controlled the game and scored a further 4 goals... St Mary's didn’t score any!

The star squad played fantastically in the third and final quarters and scored eleven more goals (or possibly 12... Miss Hine got over excited and lost count). St Mary's got one more but our girls had brought home the win with a fantastic score of 19 - 4! The score line doesn’t reflect what a tough match it was; our girls pushed themselves to the limit and they really deserved the win!

**Years 3/4 Futsal Festival - Friday 31st January 2020**

Congratulations to our team who had a successful afternoon at the Years 3/4 Futsal Festival on Friday 31st January. We won every match and overall scored 47 goals and conceded 2!

Our first game was against Abbey Meads and despite them scoring first, against the run of play from a free-kick, we began to find some individual form and ran out 8 - 1 winners. Adam, Billy, Ethan, Sam and Will started. Our second game was against Orchid Vale and we won 4 - 0 with Ethan, Louie, Nathan, Sam and Sofia as our team. Next up was Colebrook and the team impressed as they ran out 9 - 1 winners. Adam, Billy, Louie, Nathan and Will began this match.

In between matches, Billy, Sam and Sofia were interviewed by Mr Beale for the Swindon Advertiser and pictures from all the Futsal Festivals can be found at: [www.swindonpsfa.org/indoor-5-a-side-festivals](http://www.swindonpsfa.org/indoor-5-a-side-festivals).

We then played Nythe on the third pitch with our team consisting of: Adam, Ethan, Nathan, Sam and Sofia. It was our closest game and with Nythe "parking-the-bus" in defence we only managed a 2 - 0 win but our goalie was mainly a spectator. We beat Eldene 11 - 0 (but we all lost count of the score so it could have been more than this!) We totally dominated the game and they hardly got out of their half/defensive third. Billy, Louie, Sam, Sofia and Will started, which meant everyone had now played three matches. Our final game against East Wichel, saw us start with those who hadn't played the last match but with substitutions promised so that everyone would have the same number of minutes on the pitch – Adam, Ethan, Louie, Nathan and Will began and Sofia, Billy and Sam came on during the match.
We won 13 - 0 and East Wichel were quite dejected at the end but we tried to encourage them and their effort could not be faulted. Thanks to the parents and Mr Clarke for their support and the transport. Forty-one teams from twenty-five different schools and over 300 children took part in all the Years 3/4 Mixed and Years 5/6 Girls’ Futsal Festivals over a number of weeks in January and February. All players will receive their certificates in the next few weeks.

**Years 5/6 Girls’ Futsal Festival - Friday 7th February 2020**

The girls were all so enthusiastic, determined and worked very well as a team. In each game they called for the ball well and supported each other brilliantly when they were on the side-lines. They all seemed to have thoroughly enjoyed themselves and had such fantastic smiles all afternoon. At the end, all of the girls thanked Mr Clarke and Miss Taylor for taking and supporting them and really showed exceptional manners and team spirit throughout. Mr Clarke refereed four games and organised the team, including the substitutes so everyone had an even and fair amount of time playing. Maddy scored 3 goals, Bonita; 2 and Gracie, Harmoni and Chloe each scored 1. Both our goalkeepers also did fantastically well in goal!

The team played six games, winning 3 and drawing 3:

Abbey Meads 0 : 0 Brook Field  
Chiseldon 2 : 2 Brook Field  
Colebrook 0 : 0 Brook Field  
Drove 0 : 3 Brook Field  
Covingham Park 0 : 3 Brook Field  
East Wichel 0 : 2 Brook Field
Fortius Football Tournament - Friday 7th February 2020

Somewhere close to 40 children from Years 5 & 6 played in various tournaments during Friday 7th February. As well as the Girls' Futsal Festival, we took two teams to a Fortius Football Tournament held at Cricklade Manor Prep School and we had a local netball derby against Shaw Ridge in the Fortius Netball League. A big thank you to all members of staff who have made this possible and to parents for their support and help with transport.

We started the day at 9.30am at the Fortius Football Tournament with two teams of boys - an "orange" team and a "red" team made up of 13 boys from Year 5 and three from Year 6 and was an opportunity for several to represent the school football team for a first time. More boys had been selected but had to pull out for a variety of reasons. Thanks to one of the Dad’s, who looked after the Red team as their matches were often at the same time as the Orange team. 19 teams took part and we were in four groups of five teams (although one team had pulled out of the orange's group).

Aaryamaan, Ayman, Charlie, Dylan, Eddie, Harry, Kristopher and Leo were the Orange team and they drew the first game 1 - 1 against Greenmeadow, when Kristopher ran the length of the field following a Greenmeadow corner and slotted home across the ‘keeper. Our defenders then allowed one of their players to do an almost exact repeat of Kristopher’s goal, so Greenmeadow equalised somewhat against the run of play. The Orange team then won 1 - 0 against Haydonleigh - Harry battled hard in midfield winning the ball in several tackles before running past three defenders and slipping his pass through to Kristopher who was unmarked. The goalie was out of position and Kristopher bounced it past his right hand. A special mention to Ayman who, like Harry, made several great tackles, was a dynamo in midfield and made important interceptions and passes! The Orange Team lost their last game 2 - 0 against Westlea, who were a strong team and reached the semi-finals from this group.

George, Jude, Jude P, Kyle, Mohammed, Oliver, Taynton and Thomas were in the Red team. They lost their first match 1 - 0 against Orchid Vale but played well as they settled into the tournament atmosphere! They drew their second game against Robert le Kyng, 1 - 1 with a goal from Kyle. Their third game ended in a 2 – 0 win, with a goal from Oliver, squeezed in from a tight angle across the goalie and a super lobbed shot over the ‘keeper and into the top corner of the net from the left wing by Kyle. They then lost 2 - 0 in their final game against South Marston.
Neither team made it through to the semi-finals and we left at 12pm, having had a great but cold morning! The boys really enjoyed the occasion and represented Brook Field fantastically with their sporting behaviour and good play.

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After School Activities

We are extremely lucky at Brook Field to have a wide array of after school activities for the children to enjoy. If your child is interested in any of the clubs listed below please contact the School Office for more information.

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School Uniform

School uniform should now be ordered from our supplier Dress My School. You can arrange for your order to be delivered to home or to school for collection.

You will find all the information needed on our school website or by following the link below:

https://www.dressmyschool.co.uk/collections/brook-field-primary-school
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