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Dear Families of Brackenwood Infant School,

WARNING



So much has happened during the previous half term and we have even more planned for the next term, so you may need to find a nice comfy spot at home and make yourself a warm drink before you read the rest of this newsletter.

Harvest and Hello Yellow

I would like to start this term's newsletter with a huge thank you for the support that you gave for our harvest festival drive and for our involvement with Hello Yellow. On Friday 13th October, all Brackenwood Infant School children and staff took part in the Hello Yellow campaign for World Mental Health Day. It was fantastic to see our whole school wholeheartedly embrace Hello Yellow Day, wearing something yellow.



By supporting Hello Yellow Day, we highlighted that we all can struggle with how we are feeling sometimes, and it is normal to have ups and downs. This year may have felt a little more down than up to some individuals but it is the little things that count, such as morning walks or going cycling!

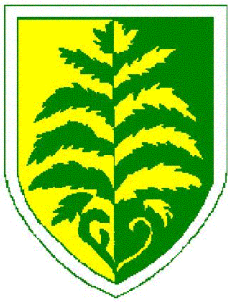
Teaching and Learning

All of the team at Brackenwood Infant School would like to thank you for showing such an involvement in your children's learning. It really does have such a huge impact on your children. We were so pleased to be able to see so many of you during our three **curriculum evenings** and don't forget to spend a little time looking through our website for even more information.



We would also like to thank you all for supporting the school's teaching and learning of our 4 role models during our **black history month awareness day**. The knowledge that our children have gained has been wonderful to be a part of and I am certain that it will stay in their 'knowledge rucksacks,' for the rest of their lives.

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Don't forget that at the start of every half term, all of the children bring home a knowledge rucksack explaining the learning and vocabulary that they will be using in their next maths unit of work and wider curriculum context. The children will of course, not yet know all of the learning included in this but we feel that it is important that as families, you are able to see what the children are and will be learning in their classrooms.

Enriching the Curriculum

This aspect of our school life has been a joy to be a part of this half term. There have been many visits, visitors and 'little extras' that it is hard to believe that we have only been in school for 6 weeks. We have had expert teaching from a lawn tennis association coach, a drama expert, weekly recorder sessions for year 2, animals have taken over in F2 and year 1 have been creating models using recycled materials and we have had our first book fair of the school year...to name but a few things.



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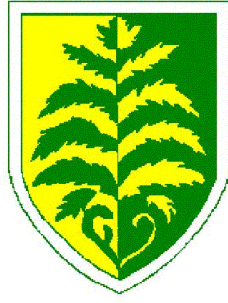
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Active Travel Leaflet



Local residents have once again raised concerns about the extent of illegal and inconsiderate parking by a very small minority of parents. Examples include parking too close to junctions and parking across the driveways of local residents. We have therefore created a supportive leaflet that can be accessed via our school website.

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5e4c05c11ea5462a7ab0df5b/t/652ea55bc8e85e5fa93a0b6c/1697555804365/ActiveTravelLeaflet.pdf>

Parent Voice

After half term, we will be sending out our twice yearly parent survey that is very similar to the one that will be used by Ofsted when they come to see all of the wonderful teaching and learning that goes on in our building. We would therefore really appreciate it if we could have as many replies as possible. Your comments and thoughts are always greatly valued and your feedback is shared with all school governors, senior leadership and staff to help us plan the next steps in our journey. Please keep an eye out for the link to the Google Form in the next few weeks.

Staffing Update

We would like to wish Mrs Maddens, one of our Midday Assistants, all the best as she begins her retirement. Mrs Maddens joined the team in the middle of the first Covid lockdown and her contributions to the life of the school have been fantastic. We wish her all the best.

It is also time to say 'see you soon,' to Mrs Dickens as she begins her maternity leave. We will miss her greatly but we wish her all the best during this wonderful time. During Mrs Dickens' maternity leave we are very pleased to be able to welcome Mrs Milton who will be teaching 2D for the remainder of the school year.

PTA Fundraising 2022-23

The money raised by the PTA last year went towards improving and enhancing our F2 provision, both indoors and outdoors.

Inside, the focus was on developing our role-play area. New kitchen furniture was purchased, along with items such as a toaster, kettle, vacuum cleaner and a wide variety of food. Soft furnishings were added and a wall was wallpapered to create a homely feel. The children are really enjoying using the space and it has provided lots of opportunities for developing their speaking and listening skills.

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In our outside area, the focus was on increasing the natural materials available to the children for them to build and create with. The children have impressed us with their use of imagination and their creativity. They have also been developing their teamwork and cooperation skills.

We also bought new water trays that have been a big hit!

The other focus was on providing more storage space that the children can access independently. This gives them ownership of the resources they choose to use and has allowed them to develop their ability to make purposeful decisions.



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Important Dates:



Our PTA presents:

A No Kids Allowed Quiz Night

Friday 24th November 6pm – 8pm

Doors open 6pm Quiz begins at 6:30pm

£4 pp including a welcome drink (wine, beer or soft drink)

Pizza, Prosecco and Prizes to be won!

Letters to follow after half term.

(Some Dates May Be Subject To Change)

Parents' Meeting Week – WC 06.11.23

Last day for shoeboxes to be brought into school – 06.11.23

Nasal Flu Spray – 06.11.23

Anti-Bullying Awareness Day (Odd Socks Day) – 13.11.23

Proposed Date for Year 2 Trip to Beatles Museum – 14.11.23

Children in Need – 17.11.23

Year 2 Visiting Christ Church – 21.11.23

No Kids Allowed Quiz – 24.11.23

Mobile Planetarium visiting F2 – 30.11.23

Stories by Starlight Sessions – F2 11.12.23, Yr1 12.12.23, Yr2 13.12.23

F2 Nativity Performance – 14.12.23 (afternoon)

Christmas Discos – F2 19.12.23, Yr1 20.12.23, Yr2 21.12.23

KS1 Christmas Performance – At Christ Church on the afternoon of 21.12.23

Elf Run and Last Day of School – 22.12.23



The only thing that is left for me to say is a huge thank you to all of the staff here at Brackenwood Infant School. Without them, our school would not be the wonderful, magical place that it is, and I would like to wish you all a very relaxing half term holidays.

Kind regards

Mr Mervyn
Headteacher

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