



The Buzz @ Brooksward

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As the first half of the Spring Term draws to a close, we are all enjoying a little more daylight and the children have been able to take part in a few events lately. Whilst we have felt the impact of Covid this half term, we have been really pleased to see the number of children committed to their studies and joining in with the classes remotely when the need arose. It really shows the dedication the Brooksward children have to their school work! During this half term, we also had a special visitor from the local authority who was blown away by the children's attitude to learning, their hard work and behaviour around the school, as well as the teachers' dedication to the children's work and well-being – well done everyone!

It has been lovely to run some of our normal school events this half term, such as Book Week, including our Story Evening, Internet Safety Week and Brooksward's Got Talent (albeit in slightly different ways than before). After half term, as the Covid restrictions start to lift further, we are looking forward to holding some school events in a more traditional way, such as our Easter Fayre, school trips and visits, as well as assemblies such as Star of the Week.

Book Week at Brooksward

To promote the importance of reading, we organised a number of special events during Book Week including a virtual storytelling evening and a 'Guess the Story' quiz with our 14 tables, each depicting a different much loved children's book.



Thank you for visiting the Scholastic Book Fair which was open every day after school. Sales of £300 have yielded us some commission to spend on books for school, thank you! The week culminated in a 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 - Cruz(Foundation), Alba (Year 1), Jessica (Year 2), Rowan (Year 3), Giulia (Year 4), Rocco (Year 5) and Ellie (Year 6). We are working throughout the school to develop the children's love and enthusiasm of Reading and I was pleased to see how evident this was in their excitement and participation in the different book week activities.

Internet Safety Week

There was an increased focus on keeping safe on the internet during w/c 7th February which was Internet Safety Week. The children took part in an assembly focusing on how to keep themselves safe and took part in a range of activities as part of their weekly computing lessons. During this week, I took the opportunity to go to each class and discuss Internet Safety as well as safety in general. I was really impressed at how confidently

children throughout the school were able to talk about keeping themselves safe in a variety of situations and the people that they could go to (at home, in school and the wider community) if they were worried or upset about something.

We also celebrated 'Women & Girls in Science Day' last Friday with each class looking at a different influential scientist or engineer from our past who has paved the way for others. The children were really interested to find out about the origins of different inventions and ideas that we might take for granted.

Brooksward's Got Talent

Throughout the last week the children have been auditioning for a part in this year's Brooksward's Got Talent competition. As we have not been able to do this as a whole school, we have put together a video of all the acts for the children to watch. They will then be able to vote and the winners will be announced at the end of the day – we are all looking forward to finding out who they are!

Finally, as this time of year can often bring a cold snap of weather, please ensure you send your children to school with suitable warm outdoor clothing. **If you have recently changed your mobile phone or home phone numbers, please also inform the office immediately.** It is vitally important we are able to contact you in an emergency.

Have a restful half term break, we look forward to welcoming the children back in school in smart school uniform and ready for learning on Monday 28th February.

Thank you for your continued support.

Jo Alikhan and Jen Swain

Headteacher & Deputy Head
Brooksward School



EMERGENCY OR BAD WEATHER CLOSURE PROCEDURE

If you think that we may be closed due to bad weather OR we suddenly have to close due to lack of water, gas leak etc , we will advise you of this via Parentmail and Class Dojo. We will always update our school website too - www.brooksward.org.uk

Diary Dates

Friday 18th February - last day of term

Monday 28th February - return to school

Friday 18th March – Comic Relief fundraiser (details to follow)

Friday 1st April – Easter Fair Fayre

5th, 6th, 7th April - Parents' Evenings

Friday 8th April – Break up for Easter