



The Buzz @ Brooksward

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the Easter holidays, we can reflect on a half term when we have been able to resume some activities for the first time in two years. It is delightful to hear our pupils' voices joined as one in the weekly singing assembly in the school hall and also to see the 14 'Class Stars' proudly lined up in front of the whole school each Friday to receive their certificates with their parents watching on and applauding from their seats.

Many thanks to you all for attending our Parents' Evening this week, either virtually or in person. It was great to speak with many of you and to hear about how pleased you are with how your children are doing in school. Walking around school, it was lovely to see the children proudly sharing their work with you and demonstrating how hard they have been working. We hope you found the mid-term reports and feedback from the teachers useful.

We will be writing to you shortly regarding our Parent Questionnaire - thank you for taking the time to complete this. We were pleased with the high response rate (3 lucky children from the 240 names in the prize draw received an Easter Egg in assembly today!). Thank you very much to all of you who took the time to recognise the hard work and effort that the teachers and other staff show on a daily basis. It has been a challenging few years for everyone and I know that they (and I) are very appreciative of the kind comments made. We also value any suggestions made for how we can improve further. These will be carefully considered and implemented where possible.

Science Competition

Mrs Dearn received an impressive number of entries to the children's 'Science Selfie' competition and Miss Swain had the difficult job of judging them. Congratulations to Lucy in Y1 (first place) closely followed by Emma (Y2) and Oliver (FS) who all clearly demonstrated their enjoyment of science outside school and were rewarded with science related prizes.



Comic Relief and Ukraine Fundraisers

On Friday 18th March the children took part in a non-uniform day raising £255 for Comic Relief. In addition to this, thanks to your cake donations and money sent in with the children, we were able to raise £250 in a cake sale which was paid to the Disaster & Emergencies Charity supporting Ukraine. Thank you for giving so generously for these worthy causes.

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel 2022

We hope your families enjoyed taking part in the 'Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel', the UK's largest inter-school walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling challenge, inspiring hundreds of thousands of pupils nationwide to get active on the school run. This year's challenge took place from 21 March to 1 April 2022 and those of you who have been following Coach Dave's daily update on Class Dojo will know how well Brooksward School fared over the 2 week period. By day 10, we were in 2nd place nationally for active journeys logged, despite the weather taking a turn for the worse! Take a look for yourself via this link:- <https://bigwalkandwheel.org.uk/schools/rankings/2>

This kind of participation should help us as we strive to achieve the gold accreditation for the national schools' travel awards. The after school Balance Bike club for our younger children which started this term is also part of our bigger plan to get more and more children cycling to school. The enthusiasm and excitement of the FS children taking part in the club, not to mention that of the Sports Coaches and their helpers as the children progress weekly is a joy to behold! The £233 raised on non-uniform day on 1st April at the end of Walk & Wheel will help us finance the purchase of more 'wheels' for the children to practice and we also plan to subsidise 'Bikeability' training for our older children.



Easter Fair Fayre

Last Friday afternoon we were once again able to hold a small Easter Fayre in school for the children. Staff set up many Easter themed fun craft activities and the children were able to exchange their vouchers for activities of their choice (and an Easter cake or two!). We run these fayres as a way of thanking the children for their hard work and attitude to their learning over the term. It is fantastic to see how enthusiastic the children are during these events and to be further inspired for the next term.



On our return, we hope that summer will finally be here! With that, I would like to remind parents to ensure that children are dressed appropriately and have what they need for during the school day. For example, if it is a particularly hot day, please ensure children have hats and sun cream as well as their water bottles.

Additionally, I have noticed running up to

Easter that some children have not been wearing appropriate school shoes which are in line with our policy. I am aware that nearing a holiday it may have seemed less important, particularly as the children are growing quickly, but please ensure that all children are in the correct footwear upon our return. Please refer to our uniform policy (on the website) for further information.

Finally, we wish you all a very enjoyable Easter and hope you all remain well. We look forward to seeing everyone again refreshed and well on **Monday 25th April**.

Jo Alikhan & Jen Swain

Head & Deputy Head
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Diary Dates

Summer Term Curriculum Newsletters via ParentMail – Friday 29th April

Foundation Stage Farm Visit – Wednesday 4th May

Year 6 SATs – Monday 9th – Thursday 12th May

Year 6 to Willen Lake – Friday 13th May

STEAM Week including STEAM Fair for Parents 4.30-5.30pm Tuesday 24th May

Inset Day (school closed) – Friday 27th May

Half Term w/c 30th May

School Photographer – Tuesday 7th June

Year 5 Bushcraft residential visit – Wednesday 8th-Friday 10th June

KS1 Visit to Warwick Castle – Monday 20th June