



Brownmead Academy Newsletter

'A school community that empowers and inspires all to reach beyond their potential'

"Life is the sum of all your choices"
Albert Camus

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Welcome Back

Welcome back to a new school year and a particular welcome to all of our new families. I am sure it won't take long to settle back into the swing of things. I hope for a successful year for everyone.

We have had quite a bit of work done over the holiday, including a brand new play area for our infant children. We now have 2 infant classes and they have direct access to this area, to encourage learning opportunities outside. It looks amazing and the children have already made it their own.

We managed to get this new play area thanks to some significant funds from the Washwood Heath Multi-Academy Trust and from Alcoa International, who between them gave us £80,000 for this project.

On top of that WHMAT also instigated the update of the fascia around the side and back of the school to compliment the work we had done last year. This will make a significant improvement to the look of school.

Towards the end of this term, we will also have some new temporary classrooms to house our Year 1 classes until our new build is complete and ready for September 2018.

It is going to be another exciting year at Brownmead. I thank you for your patience whilst I was acting Head Teacher of Gossey Lane during the last couple of months and I look forward to the challenges for Brownmead this year. Please remember that we are here for parents and families so do not hesitate if you need to get in touch.



ATTENDANCE GRAND PRIX 2016-17



Well done to Year 6 for winning the last Attendance Grand Prix of the year. We will shortly be arranging for them to go to the cinema.

The next Grand prix starts this week and will include the new Reception children. We are currently trying to find a new idea as a reward. So watch this space and good luck everyone!

Inspire Workshops

After the success of last year's workshops, we will be running a series of workshops again this year. They give parents and children the chance to work alongside each other in the classroom environment and have proved very popular in the past. The dates so far are:

Wednesday 21st Sept-RWI Inspire Workshop for Reception parents-2pm-3.30pm

Tuesday 4th Oct-Maths Inspire Workshop for Reception parents-2pm-3.30pm

Wednesday 20th Oct-Literacy Inspire Workshop for Years 3&4 parents-11am-12pm



School Uniform

We have already had school uniform go missing this term.

Could we please ask you to ensure that all uniform is named clearly.

Also could you please check that the jumpers that your child has brought home have the correct name in them and they haven't accidentally brought the wrong one home. Thank you for your assistance.



Please remind your children that bicycles, scooters and Any form of roller skate or roller blade must not be ridden or worn on the school premises

at any time. We have recently had occasions where children have very nearly collided with parents with pushchairs and other family members.

This is a serious health and safety issue. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.



Parking outside school

We have already had complaints about parents parking before and after school.

We would like to remind families that there are important restrictions in place around the school for parking. This is to ensure the safety of our students as well as to minimise any nuisance caused to residents living near the school. In particular:

You should not stop or park on the zig zag lines outside the school.

You should not park on the pavement or in front of the access gates to the school car park.

We have been in touch with the council regarding the parking and they will patrol the area to monitor parking.

We thank you in advance for helping to keep our school a happy and safe environment for us all.

School Website

Just to inform all of our parents that the Brownmead website is available for information about your child's curriculum and some of our policies.

Some elements such as diary dates do need updating however our main administrator for this is recovering from an operation. Please be patient whilst we get this sorted. You can access the website at:

learning.brownmead.academy

Macmillan Coffee Morning



On Friday 30th September we will be holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning in the school hall from 9am until 10.30am.

If anyone can donate any cakes we would be very grateful. Please remember that if the cakes are homemade they will need to be labelled with all the ingredients used in case of allergies.



All are welcome to attend.

Also to raise extra money for the charity, for a donation of £1.00 each the children can wear casual clothes on the day. For safety reasons sensible shoes should still be worn.

We look forward to seeing you on the day and raising as much money as possible for this very worthwhile cause.



Collection time

May I remind all families to stay outside of the yellow box at the end of the day, whilst we dismiss the children. The classes will exit the building in 1 line and the children will be dismissed to families when they reach the front of the line. For safeguarding purposes do not take your children from the line or encourage them to leave the line until they get to the teacher. I am looking into moving this around as there does not appear to be a lot of space for this to happen safely.



Stay and Play

It is with a heavy heart that, after 25 years, we have had to temporarily stop our very popular Play and Stay activity mornings. Due to more stringent safeguarding rules and the fact that we are having to house an additional reception class, the opportunity for Play and Stay to use the school hall, has become unrealistic. We are working hard to secure a temporary solution until we get our new build in September 2018, where I hope that we can reinstate the group at Brownmead. I would like to thank Sue Winwood and her team for the support that she has given to this group over the years. It's not the end but it won't be what it was! Thank you for your understanding.