



Brownmead Academy Newsletter

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

"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."

Anne Frank



Autumn Term no.1



Dates for your Diary

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| 30th October | Children return to school | |
| 2nd November | Year Y2A-Class Assembly | 9:15am |
| 6th November | Reception Inspire Workshop | 3:00pm |
| 7th November | New Reception 2018 Open Day | 10:00am |
| 8th November | New Reception 2018 Open Day | 10:00am |
| 8th November | Year Y1R-Class Assembly | 9:15am |
| 9th November | Year Y1B-Class Assembly | 9:15am |
| 16th November | Rec to Y4 Flu vaccinations | All Day |
| 20th November | Road Safety Week | NA |
| 21st November | Year 6 Heights and weights | |
| 29th November | Year 4 Class Assembly | 9.15am |
| 1st December | School Closed | NA |
| 4th December | School Closed | NA |
| 5th December | Assessment Week | NA |
| 5th December | Dragonflies Arts/Crafts Inspire | 2:30pm |
| 5th December | Year 6 Reading and Writing SATs Inspire | 9:15am |
| 6th December | Bumble Bees Arts/Craft Inspire | 2:30pm |
| 15th December | Christmas Enterprise Fayre | 2:00pm |
| 16th December | Christmas Panto—2 Performances | TBC |
| 18th December | Reception Christmas Nativity | 2:00pm |
| 19th December | Reception Christmas Nativity | 9.15am |
| 21st December | Class Christmas Parties | |
| 22nd December | Children break up for Christmas | 12:30pm |

Please note that the Christmas Nativity on 19th December is at 9.15am not 2.30pm as previously stated.

Also the Open Days on the 7th and 8th November are for parents of children starting in September 2018.

All dates including any rescheduled dates are available on the school website:

learning.brownmead.academy



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you for supporting our Macmillan coffee morning this year. With the money raised from the morning and casual dress day we raised an amazing:

£411.30

for this very worthwhile charity.

Class Dojo



Class Dojo is now up and running in all classes. The children are responding well to this in school and is helping to celebrate the successes of individuals and classes. We currently have 174 parents signed up to Class Dojo who are seeing the amazing moments that are happening and as a school we have given out over 10,000 positive points this year already! Don't forget to sign up to see your child's amazing work.



Twitter

Please remember that we have a twitter account that is used to share the great things we do as a school, as well as give information.

@_Brownmead



ATTENDANCE GRAND PRIX 2017-18

This years Attendance Grand Prix started again last week. Congratulations to the following Years for their excellent attendance.

Week ending 15th September - Year 2R - 99.5%

Week ending 22nd September - Years 2A, 2R & 3 - 100%

Week ending 29th September - Year 3 - 98.7%

Week ending 6th October - Year 2R - 100%

Week ending 13th October - Year 1B - 99.7%

Year 2R are currently in 1st place.

Keep going everyone !

Poppy Appeal 2017



We will again be supporting this years Poppy Appeal on behalf of The Royal British Legion. Poppy's will be on sale from Monday 30th October during the school day. If you would like your child to buy a poppy, please send them to school with a suggested donation of at least 20p. Thank you for helping this very important charity



Safeguarding Message from Mrs Carter:

Birmingham Children's Board has launched a public awareness campaign 'Keeping Children Safe is Everybody's Business'. The aim is to raise community awareness of what to do if you are worried about a child and most importantly to encourage members of the public to call Birmingham City Council's Children's Advice & Support Service to report their concerns, so action can be taken to safeguard and protect the child.



Football News

As reported by Mr Newman

Last Thursday marked the start of a new league season for Brownmead. The expectations this season are high after the amazing efforts of the team last year. Going undefeated all season was a fantastic achievement, and it was the first time in many years that Brownmead had

lifted the ESPFA Premier League title trophy.

A new season means we are welcoming some new faces to the team. Izaak and Archie, both in Y5, are looking forward to representing their school for the first time. We are also proud to announce debuts for Subhaan and Nicholas from Y6.

Brownmead's first two fixtures were against Alston and The Oval. The boys were nervous approaching kick off, but you couldn't tell as within minutes of the first kick off, Brownmead were back to doing what we did best last year - solid defensive work and creating lots of chances! One of the lessons we learnt last year was patience. If we keep creating chances we will eventually score, and score we did!

We won the first match against The Oval 4 - 1, but scoring 4 in the first match wasn't enough! Brownmead went on to win the second match against Alston 7 - 0!

It was a great start to the season, and sent out a message to the rest of the league: Brownmead mean business!



Brownmead Choir

As reported by Mr Winters

I was very proud to take our choir to The Birmingham Cathedral on Wednesday evening, to

take part in the Birmingham Cantata. It detailed the history of our fantastic and diverse city, through song and narration. We worked together with a number of local schools to put on a performance that was simply incredible. We will be putting some of the clips onto the school website for everyone to enjoy.



Maths workshops

Thank you to all parents and carers who came to our recent Maths Parent Workshops. We hope this has been useful for you to understand the

objectives your child will be covering in their current year group and ways you can support at home through some fun games and activities.

We were pleased to see such a good turn out and to receive some very positive comments:

'Thank you for today- we loved it!'

'It's good to have an understanding of the methods the school is using.'

'Fantastic! I would like to attend more workshops for other subjects'

'Thank you for the workshops, it's lovely to be able to see my child's work and how I can help at home.'

Finally, we hope to provide a lot more opportunities to facilitate parent engagement in the future. It is important that we work together, in order that all our children at Brownmead achieve their true potential. Therefore, in the spring term we will be holding further maths workshops on:

Supporting your child with KS1 SATS

Supporting your child with KS2 SATS

Written calculation in KS1

Written calculation in KS2

In the meantime, if you wish to request any further information or would like to make any suggestions, please don't hesitate to contact our maths coordinator, Mrs Jones.



Other Sports News

As reported by Mrs Barr

Starting w/c 6.11.17 - Sporting Diary 3:30-4:30

Tuesday - Play Leader training Sue Barr (letter to follow)

Wednesday - Y1 & 2 Multi Skills (letter to follow)

Y3 & 4 Rugby

Y5 & 6 Rugby (letter to follow)

Thursday - Y3 & 4 Multi skills

Girls' football coaching Kingsbury Sports Partnership (letter to follow)

A great sporting start to the year!

Brownmead continues with a wealth of sporting activities.

We have been very fortunate in having two rugby coaches in school for the after school clubs for years 3 & 4, giving children the opportunity to take part in developing their rugby skills.

The Aspire coaches have been running multi skills for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 and the children continue to build up their skills.

The children in Reception have been involved in balance bike training, which they have thoroughly enjoyed.

We are proud to be associated with the Kingsbury Sports Partnership and the opportunities we gain from our involvement in this and the competitions with other schools across Birmingham. Our Year 3 & 4 multi skills team played at Shard End Community Centre and we came 3rd in the competition. The children had lots of fun and they were a pleasure to take representing the school with pride!

Our year 3 & 4 football team represented Brownmead Academy at Erdington Academy with goals scored by Anesu and Harry and outstanding football played by all involved.

Year 5 & 6 represented Brownmead Academy at Quicksticks hockey at Erdington Academy with Tyrei and Naima scoring for Brownmead with some fantastic shots!

Well done to all involved. All the staff continue to be amazed at the dedication of the children and we are extremely proud of their performance throughout the competitions. We are proud with the achievements of the children from Brownmead and it has been a pleasure to take the children on these sporting events. A big thank you to the parents and carers who continue to support us and come along to these events.

We will keep you posted of more upcoming events and getting the parents and carers of the Brownmead community involved in sporting opportunities with the couch to 5k after school club! Please see Mrs Barr if you are interested in starting this in the new year.

The Office Say:

Have a safe
and happy half
term.

See you all on
October 30th.

