



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

Spring Term no.1



Dates for your Diary

Monday 30th Jan - Year 5&6 trip to Aberdovey
Friday 17th Feb - School closes for half term.

Monday 27th Feb - School reopens
Friday 10th Mar - Class and team photos-details to follow
Monday 13th Mar-Year 3&4 trip to Broadwater
Wednesday 15th Mar - Year 6 Trip to Big Bang Science Fair - details to follow
Friday 7th April - School closes for Easter

Monday 24th April - School reopens
Friday 28th May -School closes for Whitsun

Monday 5th June - School reopens
Friday 21st July - School closes for the Summer holiday



ATTENDANCE GRAND PRIX 2016-17

Congratulations to the following Years for their excellent attendance.

Week ending 18th Nov-Year 4 and Year 6 for 100% and 98.7% respectively.
Week ending 25th Nov-Year 2 and Year 6 for 100% and 96.8% respectively.
Week ending 2nd Dec-Year 1 and Year 6 for 100% and 96% respectively.
Week ending 9th Dec- Year 3 and Year 6 for 96.3% and 95.5% respectively.
Week ending 16th Dec - Year 1 and Year 2 for 98.7% and 97% respectively.
Week ending 6th Jan - Year 6 and Year 2 for 97.2% and 97.1% respectively.
Year 2 only have 2 spaces to go on our Grand Prix before receiving the winning treat.

Good Luck, keep it up!



Happy New Year to all. I hope you had an enjoyable and restful break of Christmas and New Year.

We are now back into the full swing of things and working hard to continue the great progress that is being made. Thank you for all your support last term.



Safety.

As you are aware, at Brownmead, we are always looking for ways that help school and parents with safety matters. Our curriculum is designed to support each year group at their level, through a range of safety matters. I now attend the Police and Schools Panel for Hodge Hill District and they have produced a fantastic website that can be a good source of support and advice for parents.

There are many subjects that are hot topics at the moment including, cyber-bullying, sexting, online safety and extremism in all its forms. It is really important that parents understand the concerns around these issues and how you, at home, can protect your children. If there is anything that you are not sure of you can refer to the Police and Schools website, there will be a link from the school website shortly. In the mean time you can log on to:

<http://policeandschools.org.uk>

If you do not find the information you need please let us know. The big one at the moment is to check what your children are doing online and who they are connecting to. In an age where many children have instant access to the web and social media it would be easy for parents to lose track of what they are doing. Please encourage an openness in discussion, that enables your child to talk to you if they see something online that upsets or worries them.

We are constantly reinforcing this message in school and will spend a week on safety activities during Internet Safety Week in February, including a parent session. There are some very good links to advice and videos on the website that can put some of this information in to context.

Don't hesitate to seek advice from school if you feel the need.

A.Winters Head Teacher



Christmas Fete 2016

We would like to say a big thank you to the PTA, staff and everyone who attended this years Christmas fete and helped to make it such a success.

The Pta gave up a large amount of their own time to arrange and set up the Fete to raise valuable funds for the school.

We raised an amazing

£2035.20

We would also like to thank the parents who took the time to sell our Christmas raffle tickets, they alone contributed over £900 to the total.

Thank you for your support.

Breakfast Club



Just a reminder that the school runs a before school Breakfast Club.

The cost is £1.50 per day and we still have a few spaces

available.

The price includes breakfast (cereal, bagels etc.) and the children are able to take part in different activities including keep fit to get them off to a good start.

If you are interested in your child joining Breakfast Club or would like further information, please see the office.

School Gates

Please be reminded that for safeguarding purposes Glascote Grove gates will be closed promptly at 9 o'clock every morning.

Thank you for your understanding.



School Uniform

Please be aware that full school uniform should be worn every day including footwear.

There have been a lot of children in school wearing trainers. These are not safe to be worn in school all day.

Please ensure your child wears proper shoes to school.



Please remember that P.E is a curriculum subject and that all children must take part in lessons.

With reference to this please note the days that your child needs their P.E kit in school.

Bumblebees and Dragonflies - Thursday

Year 1 - Friday

Year 2 - Friday

Year 3 - Wednesday

Year 4 - Wednesday and Thursday from week beginning 16th January . P.E will be on Friday this week.

Year 5 - Thursday

Year 6 - Monday

For the lesson the children should wear

Yellow school P.E shirt

Dark Shorts (tracksuit bottoms/leggings in the Winter)

Black Pumps

Thank you for your help.



Swimming starts again next Friday 20th January for Year 6 and Year 4. Please remember that swimming costumes/trunks plus a towel are required. All earrings must be removed before school please. If for any reason your child cannot do swimming any week, please send a letter to the class teacher informing them of the reason.

Mr Farrelly says:

Practice your mental maths and conquer the 144 Club!

