

# Brookwood Primary News



Friday 10th September 2021

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We have had a wonderful week at school and I am incredibly proud of the way the children have started the new school year. They have all embraced the increasingly high standards set and have already produced some outstanding work.

The highlight of the week was welcoming our new Reception Class and their families. I want to say a massive well done to our new children for starting school so smoothly and confidently. They have all done a brilliant job and are a real credit to you at home.

I cannot explain how excited I was to bring the whole school (except Reception Class) together again during our celebration assembly today. We have really missed being together and I hope to be in a position to invite parents to our Friday assemblies after half term. Children received awards for displaying our new HEART of Brookwood Values and I am delighted at the impact our new values are having.

Each week we will be focusing on one of our new values and this week we have been thinking about 'Happiness'. During our assemblies, we have looked at what makes us happy, how we can make others happy and what we should do if we are not happy. On Thursday we looked at 'Acts of Kindness' and I hope this results in some extra tidying and washing up at home this weekend!

On Wednesday, the children enjoyed their second singing assembly with Luca, our new piano and singing teacher. They are currently learning how to sing 'I'm a Believer' from the Shrek Musical and I hope to send you a recording on Seesaw next week. Furthermore, it was great to see Luca teaching individual piano and singing lessons and he was very impressed with the talent!

Finally, I want to say a huge thank you to all staff for starting the year with such enthusiasm and hard work. I am really enjoying going in and out of classrooms throughout the day and can feel a real buzz of learning and excitement throughout the school.

I hope you have a great weekend and your children can rest, relax and recharge ahead of another fun-filled week at school!

David Gunning  
Headteacher

## **Collection From School Procedure**

Following on from the letter sent out this week detailing our new collection arrangements for all children, please may we remind you that if your child is in years 4, 5 or 6 and they currently leave school on their own, you will need to complete a new form to give your permission for this to continue. This form must be handed in to the office by Monday morning. The letter that includes the form is again being sent out alongside this newsletter .

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## **Important Reminders— Covid-19**

The main symptoms of coronavirus (Covid-19) are:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If you (or a family member) have any of these symptoms, you should get a Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test to check if you have coronavirus. You should stay at home until you get your result. You can book a PCR test by visiting <http://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or call the NHS on 119.

***If your child or a member of your household develops COVID-19 symptoms, do not use symptom-free testing (lateral flow tests).***

## **Meet the Teacher and FOBS (Friends of Brookwood School) Sessions**

These sessions are for teachers to introduce themselves to parents, discuss the year ahead and talk about general rules and expectations. They will be taking place virtually on the following dates and you will have received an invitation into your child's Microsoft Teams account. We will be recording the session for those of you unable to make it.

Year R – Wednesday 22nd September – 4:00-4:30pm

Years 1 & 2 – Wednesday 15th September – 4:00-4:30pm

Years 3 & 4 – Wednesday 15th September – 9:00-9:30am

Years 5 & 6 – Tuesday 14th September – 4:00-4:30pm

## **FOBS (Friends of Brookwood School)**

As some of you may be aware, Michelle Bradford and Rachel Cumberbeach will be stepping down as FOBS Co-Chairs. Michelle and Rachel have done an incredible job in building community and raising much needed funding for the children during the last few years. I want to say a huge thank you on behalf of the staff and children for all of the time and energy they have put into such a successful tenure – it has made such a difference.

As a result, the FOBS Team are looking to recruit a new Chair for the upcoming year. If you are interested in the role or interested in being part of the FOBS team then please email the school office who will be able to signpost you to further information.

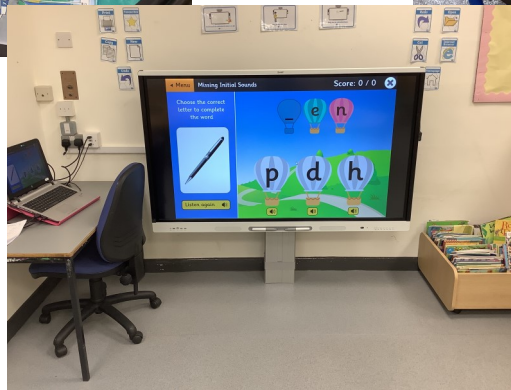
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## Reception Class Gallery



## Danny and Luca



The children met Danny, our new sports coach from NS Sports, this week in their PE sessions. They also enjoyed singing in assembly with Luca, our new piano, singing and saxophone teacher.

## World's Biggest Coffee Morning for Mac-Millan Cancer Support.

We are asking children (and adults!) in school to help us to raise valuable funds for this charity with a mufti day on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September for a suggested £1 donation.

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## Important Dates

### Autumn Term 2021

KS2 Swimming Week — information to follow shortly

Monday 25th to Friday 29th October — Half Term

Friday 17th December — End of Term

### Spring Term 2022

Tuesday 4th January — Inset Day

Wednesday 5th January — Start of Term

Monday 14th to Friday 18th February — Half Term

Thursday 31st March — End of Term

Friday 1st April — Moderation Day (Children not in school)

### Summer Term 2022

Tuesday 19th April—Start of Term

Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June — Half Term

Friday 15th July — End of Term

Monday 18th July — Records Day (Children not in school)

Tuesday 19th July — Inset Day

Wednesday 20th July — Inset Day

## Community Activities and Resources

- Redz — new Performing Arts Class for children aged 9 to 14 years and an adults Drama/ Barre session — both at the Jubilee Centre, Pirbright. For further information on these classes contact [Margaret.newman112@mod.gov.uk](mailto:Margaret.newman112@mod.gov.uk)
- Twelve 15 - Recruitment - Chef Manager & Catering Assistant Roles - Sept21
- Woking FC Development Centre — U7s, U8s & U9s Training Sessions

Further information on these items can be found on the school website under the News and Events section in Community Activities and Resources. We are not recommending any of the companies, services or events listed above. It is up to individual parents to make their own enquiries.