

## Brooke Primary Academy

### Weekly News

#### School Improvement Update

This week the leadership team have been reviewing key components of the school to decide the main priorities for this academic year. They will be:

- Reading progress
- Teaching and learning of the Foundation Curriculum (all subjects other than Maths and English)
- Provision for children working below the expected standard

#### Reading Books

Reading at home is an important opportunity to practise reading and comprehension skills learnt in school. Each child is given their own book to read and share at home. We encourage children to read these books at least four times a week and books can be reread to improve fluency and stamina for reading. Some year groups have specific days set for changing reading books. These days are detailed below.

Year Group	Days
Foundation Stage	Monday and Thursday
Key Stage One	Monday and Thursday
Lower Key Stage Two	Wednesday and Friday
Upper Key Stage Two	No set days

Each child also has a reading record where comments can be recorded and shared between school and home. We really appreciate the support from home with reading.

#### National Poetry Day

National Poetry Day takes place on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October**, to celebrate this in school classes will be sharing a different poem each day during whole class reading time.

We would also like to invite the children to take part in a poetry competition. We would like the children to write their own poem on the theme of Autumn. Further details regarding this will be shared with the children on Monday.



**Attendance Challenge Winners - Week 2 WE 18/09/20**

Key

Attendance is at or above the school target of 97%

Attendance is between 92 – 97%, below school target and being monitored

Attendance is below 92% and significantly below the school target of 97%. Action to improve attendance needed

Phase	Class	Percentage	Winner
EYFS	F1 Mrs Whitfield	96.0	All children who achieved 100% will have a dip in the box
	F2 Mrs Binns/Baxter	97.6	
KS1	Y1 Mrs Brown/Miss French	92.0	Y1/2 Mrs Head – Non-Uniform Day (24/09)
	Y1/2 Mrs Head	97.2	
	Y2 Miss Hennigan	95.2	
LKS2	Y3 Miss Saul	96.9	Y3 Miss Saul – Non-Uniform Day (24/09)
	Y3 Mr Moore	95.9	
	Y4 Miss Jackson	88.7	
	Y4 Miss Merry	95.2	
UKS2	Y5 Mr Thomas	97.6	Y5 Mr Thomas – Non-Uniform Day (24/09)
	Y5 Mr Farrand/Mrs Sanders	97.0	
	Y6 Miss Jackson	92.5	
	Y6 Mrs Marshall	87.4	

Next week's prize will be a breaktime **edible treat!**

**Anti Bullying Launch**

Monday's assembly will focus on Anti-Bullying. Anti bullying week is WC 16<sup>th</sup> November which will start with odd socks day.

Anti bullying competition - To start the focus on Anti bullying we are encouraging the children to draw round their hand and record inside words or acts of kindness and/ or what you could do if you think you or someone you know is being bullied. The hands will be made into bunting to be displayed around school. Be creative, make sure it is colourful and think carefully about how you want your design to look. The winner will be the child with the most creative and inspirational idea about how to promote anti-bullying. Once completed, please pass on to your class teacher by Friday 16th October 2020 <https://brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Anti-bullying-2020.pdf>



**Healthy eating week**

Next week we are celebrating healthy eating week

<https://brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Brooke-Letterhead-2020.pdf>



We are encouraging all of our families to get involved and send in photos to [BR-admin@vennacademy.org](mailto:BR-admin@vennacademy.org)

## **Brooke Half Term Fun!**

### **Club Doncaster**

We are proud to be able to offer to all of our F2 to Y6 children (aged 5 – 11) a free club, led by our skilled Club Doncaster coaches. This club includes multi-sports, Halloween games and lots more

**We have made a change to the club and pupils can now book on for 1 up to 5 days (pupils do not have to attend every day).**



<https://brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Brooke-October-Half-Term-002.pdf>

This is a great way to keep your child busy and active during the half term holiday. Please contact the school office to book on.

### **Arts and Crafts Clubs**

During half term we will also be offering some fun and crazy activities.

Each session lasts 1.5 hours, with 2 sessions each day:

Session 1 3.00 – 4.30pm

Session 2 4.30 – 6pm

Each session costs £3 per child

A list of activities will be sent out next week. Expressions of interest should be emailed to

[BR-admin@vennacademy.org](mailto:BR-admin@vennacademy.org)



### **School Council**

We held our first meeting this week <https://brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Academy-Student-Council-Meeting-1-21-09-20.pdf>

On Tuesday the School Council Reps helped Mr England to Harvest the fruit from the orchard. We gave this away free to our Brooke families and members of the community, donating some of it to the local food bank.

More photos can be seen on our twitter page. If you don't have twitter you can see all of the twitter posts through our school website.



### Pupil of the week

Well done to the following children who have been awarded pupil of the week for going the extra mile with their learning / displaying the school value's.

Class	Pupil
F2 Mrs Binns/Baxter	Reeva E
Y1 Mrs Brown/Miss French	Ruby R
Y1/2 Mrs Head	Henley M
Y2 Miss Hennigan	Denver S
Y3 Miss Saul	Brian H
Y3 Mr Moore	Amelie F
Y4 Miss Jackson	Abbie H
Y4 Miss Merry	Jonathan W
Y5 Mr Thomas	Klaudia S
Y5 Mr Farrand/Mrs Sanders	Ashton B
Y6 Miss Jackson	Amelia H
Y6 Mrs Marshall	Summer H



### COVID-19 update

Please read this letter from NHS Test and Trace:

<https://brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/PHE-letter-to-parents-and-guardians.pdf>

A summary of procedures can be found at:

<https://brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/COVID-Procedures.pdf>

From **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October** we will be making two changes to our routines:

1. We will close the Y3/4 entrance/exit across the school field. This is due to the increasing wetness of the field.
2. We will reduce the staggered start to the day, opening doors at 8.40 – 9am (8.45 on a Monday due to our staff meeting). After 9am children will be late and will be directed to the front office. We ask that you arrive on time to prevent this as we do not want children walking through school and coming into reception (as per the current risk assessment).

There will be further changes to our risk assessment before the 12<sup>th</sup> October to improve movement around the outside of the building. Further details to follow.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone!

Mrs Levers

Head of School