

## Brooke Primary Academy

### Weekly News

Mr Moore kicked off the week by leading a Space Week themed **Monday** assembly. We all thought that it was 'out of this world' when he turned up dressed as a rocket man! We learnt about astronauts and how only a small percentage of astronauts are black or female, leading us to discuss equal opportunities for all. On **Tuesday** we welcomed Sean Gaffney into school, an Invictus games athlete who is part of the Sport for Schools team. Sean challenged the children to complete a circuit, raising money for the charity and for new school equipment.

On **Wednesday**, Mr Thomas led our assembly on Black History Month. The assembly shared information about the diverse history of Britain, something well worth celebrating!

**Today** we announced the remaining House Captains in our celebration assembly, don't you think they look great!



#### Head Teacher's Award

A massive well done to Darcey, Amelia, Theo, Klaudia, George, Ricky and Arrow for being picked by their teachers to receive a Head Teacher's Award. These children came to the office to eat cake and share their amazing mathematics books with Miss French.



**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 values.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Pupil</b>
F1 Mrs Whitfield	Jacob R
F2 Mrs Binns / Mrs Baxter	Harrison M
F2 Miss Knowles	Zayana H
Y1 Miss French / Mrs Brown	Darcey C
Y2 Miss Rowbotham	Ricky S
Y2 Miss Hennigan	Savannah C
Y3 Mr Moore	Sophia C
Y3 Mrs Roberts	Jacob W
Y4 Mr Jones	Alissia H
Y4 Miss Jackson	Ruby P
Y5 Miss Low	Keegan H
Y5 Miss Benjamin Webster	Aaliyah – Rose
Y6 Mrs Sanders / Mr Farrand	Jenson Jake S
Y6 Mr Thomas	Ashton B
Y6 Mrs Brady / Mrs Levers	Imogen W



**Home- School Partnership**

<b>Pupil</b>	<b>For</b>
Jack M	Being awarded 'man of the match'



If parents would like to share the amazing achievements of their children with us, please contact [BR-admin@vennacademy.org](mailto:BR-admin@vennacademy.org)

**WOW- Active Travel**

We hope you have enjoyed taking part in the WOW scheme for a week now. It has been great to see the children excited about using the travel tracker in school to record how they have travelled to school. To earn a badge each month the children need to travel actively to school once a week. The scheme is running all year.

**Christmas Surprise**

We return from the Christmas holiday on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January. We have organised a special surprise for the children on this day!

Further information will be shared nearer the time!

W/E 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021

### **Christmas Card Competition – MP Nick Fletcher**

Mr Fletcher, who visited us a few weeks ago, is running a Christmas card competition. It is open to all schools across Doncaster and the winning card will be used as his constituency Christmas card. If your child would like to enter, please follow the guidance below:

1. The card needs to be no bigger than A5 and be on thin card or paper, there is no specification about colour, layout etc.
2. Your child's name, class / year group should be written on the back of the card.
3. Entries need to be returned to school by **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**.
4. There are no real rules about the contents – children are free to use their imagination as freely as they would like.

There will be special prize for the winner!

We are looking forward to sharing some amazing art work with Mr Fletcher!

### **Donations of Clothing Needed**

Our EYFS unit needs the following good quality items, age 3 - 7:

- Dress up clothes
- Underwear
- Tights
- Socks

Please hand in donations to class teachers or the office.

### **Harvest**

It's Harvest time again! The children will celebrate their Harvest Festival on **Friday 15th October**.

If you are able to make any donations of tinned foods and fresh produce, please send them into school. This will then be distributed to Thorne Food Bank to help families who need extra support.



### **School Events**

Due to COVID, over the last 18 months we have not been able to offer the range of exciting events we usually provide. This week we offered the after-school film event, linked to National Space Week. They take a lot of planning and preparation and are ran by school staff, in their own time. It was disappointing that a number of parents contacted the school office on Wednesday to complain that they had missed the deadline to sign their child up. This event has been communicated to the children in school and to parents through the newsletter, in advance of the event. **It is not at the fault of the school if parents miss the deadline.**

Deadlines are set for a reason, including ensuring registers to support safeguarding are accurate and therefore deadlines will not be adjusted.

**Attendance Challenge Winners – W/E 02/10/2021 (Week 4)**

Key

Attendance is at or above the school target of 96-97%

Attendance is between 92 – 96%, 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	87.3	All children who achieved 100% will have a dip in the box
	F2 Mrs Binns/Baxter	90.4	
	F2 Miss Knowles	93.5	
KS1	Y1 Mrs Brown/Miss French	88.2	Y2 Miss Rowbotham and Y2 Miss Hennigan – disco
	Y2 Miss Rowbotham	92.0	
	Y2 Miss Hennigan	92.0	
LKS2	Y3 Mrs Roberts	93.8	Y4 Miss Jackson – extra play time
	Y3 Mr Moore	97.5	
	Y4 Mr Jones	95.8	
	Y4 Miss Jackson	98.4	
UKS2	Y5 Miss Benjamin-Webster	93.1	Y6 Mr Thomas – non uniform day on Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> (remember to wear something suitable for PE also)
	Y5 Miss Low	95.7	
	Y6 Mr Thomas	98.2	
	Y6 Mr Farrand/Mrs Sanders	78.9	
	Y6 Mrs Brady/Mrs Levers	95.3	

Another poor week for attendance 😞. Please note that schools are not allowed to authorise holiday's in term time, unless for exceptional circumstances, namely employers restricting holiday dates. Evidence for this must be provided.

**Macmillan Coffee Morning**

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October, we will be holding a Macmillan Coffee morning and would like to invite you and your friends to come along!

The event will take place from 9am – 11am in the school Community Hub (music room). There will be hot drinks and home-made cakes available to buy (eat in or take away), so come along and join the fun!



**Parent bake/fake competition**

To support Mcmillian morning we are holding a parent bake off event and are calling all bakers and fakers to bring in cakes/buns on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October, ready for the coffee morning competition. We have some great prizes:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place - £20 Amazon voucher
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - £10 Amazon voucher
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - £5 Amazon voucher

The money raised will be donated to Macmillan Cancer Support for all the wonderful work they do.

**Sports for Schools**

The children had a great time on Tuesday, taking part in the charity fundraising circuit with Sean Gaffney, an Invictus games and Commonwealth games athlete. Sean was involved in a freak accident in 1999 while preparing for the Royal Tournament which involved him having to undergo 25 surgeries and resulted in a leg amputation. Sean talked to the children about resilience and overcoming challenges to be the best version of yourself. He truly was an inspiration to us all.

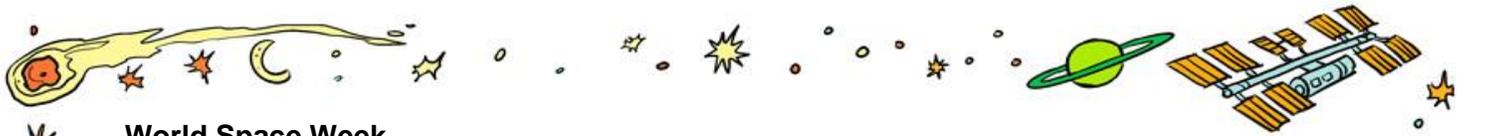


**Mini Maths Champions**

The Maths leads were absolutely blown away by all the applications from Key Stage Two children for the Mini Maths Champion positions. The successful applicants are listed below:

<b><u>Mini Maths Champions</u></b>	
<b>Class</b>	<b>Child (full name)</b>
Y3 Mr Moore	Paige T Sam W
Y3 Mrs Roberts	Kasey S
Y4 Mr Jones	George F Lilly-Mae W
Y4 Miss Jackson	Danny- James W Dylan R
Y5 Miss Benjamin Webster	Layni- Grace M
Y5 Miss Low	Christian S
Y6 Mrs Brady	Zara Newell Jennifer Powell
Y6 Mr Thomas	
Y6 Mrs Sanders	





**World Space Week.**

What a fantastic week we have had in school celebrating World Space Week! It has been such a busy week with lots of amazing and fun activities happening all across school.

We started off the week with a fantastic assembly led by the rocket man himself, Mr Moore. The children found out about different British astronauts and others from around the world, as well as watching a live video from the International Space Station of our planet.

In **EYFS**, the children learnt about the International Space Station and about the stars and constellations. The children even had a go at creating their own aliens.

In **KS1**, the children learnt all about Tim Peake and read the story 'If I was an astronaut'. Also, they created model solar systems using playdough.

In **LKS2**, the children found out about 4 amazing black women who made sure the astronauts of the past made it into space and back safely. They also took part in investigating which sized bottle would help their paper mouse astronaut travel the highest towards space.

In **UKS2**, the children learnt about Neil Armstrong, the first man on the moon, and Valentina Tereshkova, the first woman in space. The children also explored how craters are made and tested the impact they can make on a planet.

Throughout the week, Mr Moore visited different key stages around school and invited children to take part in more Space themed activities and tests at lunch time. On Wednesday night, the children stayed after school to enjoy watching Wall-E and Star Wars for a special Space themed cinema night (and of course there was popcorn!)

It has been a fantastic week and we hope the children learnt lots about space and have become curious about the world beyond our planet.

**Don't forget to bring in your EGGSTRONAUT competition entries by Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October.**

We are wondering what our next Science themed week will be about after Christmas?

Mr Moore (Science Lead)





### **Important Dates**

- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October – Y3 Stone Age Day
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October – Macmillan Coffee Morning and school Bake-Off
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October – Parent Focus Group Meeting @ 3.30pm (Zoom)
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Pumpkin Carving Competition
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October – Autumn Term Parents Evening
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – School closes for Half Term
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Children return to school
- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Y4 Anglo-Saxon day
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – School Photographs Day

Have a wonderful weekend.

Emma Levers

Head of School