

# Brooke Primary Academy

## Weekly News

It has been another wonderful week in the academy, with lots of fantastic learning taking place.

This week has been '**Art and Design**' week, where the children focus on an art and design project. The children have learnt about great artists, designers and architects and we have seen some amazing work being produced, including clay tiles (Y2), based on the work of the artist Michael Scrivens and perspective drawings linked to WWII, linked to the artist Henry Moore, and architect, Daniel Libeskind.

Thank you to the parents and carers who attended **Parents Evening** appointments this week; parent engagement and feedback is very important to us. We held our first **Parents Focus Group** meeting on Thursday through Zoom. These meetings, which take place each half term, are an opportunity for you to share your ideas and concerns. You can also share your opinions with us through this survey <https://forms.gle/JozW3EZotfaicUuN7> which will be open until 31 October.

On Wednesday, Tracey from J Tomlinson Construction came into school to talk to the children about **safety**. The company are completing building work in our area, which will increase lorry traffic and scaffolding. It is therefore important that the children are aware of how to keep themselves safe.



Two of our **governors** have visited the academy this week. Mrs Breckell is our lead governor for English and she has been working with our Y6 children. Mr Oldknow is our Chair of Governors and visited us to look at safeguarding. Both have been very impressed by the school atmosphere and delightful children.

During the course of the week, many of the year groups completed their **Autumn 1 PE unit** by playing a competitive match against the opposing class. We were very proud of the children's team spirit and their sportsmanship.

And finally... today we finished the week by celebrating our many weekly and half termly achievements with a group of parents and carers, who attended our **Celebration Assembly**.

### Pupil of the half term (Golden Book)

Class	Pupil	Class	Pupil
Y1 Miss French / Mrs Brown	Reeva E	Y4 Miss Jackson	Dylan R
Y2 Miss Rowbotham	Faith H	Y5 Miss Low	Derek C
Y2 Miss Hennigan	Jack M	Y5 Miss Benjamin Webster	Alivia Grace S
Y3 Mr Moore	Alfie K	Y6 Mrs Sanders / Mr Farrand	April H
Y3 Mrs Roberts	Seraphina R	Y6 Mr Thomas	Phoebe W
Y4 Mr Jones	Max J	Y6 Mrs Brady / Mrs Levers	Braiden J

## **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	Francesca R
F2 Mrs Binns / Mrs Baxter	Mia C
F2 Miss Knowles	Layla-mae S
Y1 Miss French / Mrs Brown	Francis F
Y2 Miss Rowbotham	Arlie A
Y2 Miss Hennigan	Cohen-Blake M
Y3 Mr Moore	Olivia W
Y3 Mrs Roberts	Lara L
Y4 Mr Jones	Rhys C
Y4 Miss Jackson	Jack W
Y5 Miss Low	Ivy W-J
Y5 Miss Benjamin Webster	Ollie W
Y6 Mrs Sanders / Mr Farrand	Owen W
Y6 Mr Thomas	Evie W
Y6 Mrs Brady / Mrs Levers	Laura Z



## **Pumpkin Carving Competition**

Well done to all of the children who entered the competition. The Y5 and Y6 Student Council Representatives found it very difficult to choose the winners. The winners were:

- Noah J – F2NBI
- Jacob G – Y2SHE
- Evan C – Y3LMO
- Arlie and Arrow A – Y2CRO & F2NBI



All children who entered were awarded a certificate and small prize today. If your child was not in school to receive this, the class teacher will give it to them after half term.

**Attendance Challenge Winners – W/E 15/10/2021 (Week 6)**

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	86.1	All children who achieved 100% will have a dip in the box
	F2 Mrs Binns/Baxter	97.2	
	F2 Miss Knowles	95.0	
KS1	Y1 Mrs Brown/Miss French	90.7	Y2 Miss Rowbotham – Box of Chocolates
	Y2 Miss Rowbotham	97.0	
	Y2 Miss Hennigan	93.2	
LKS2	Y3 Mrs Roberts	87.4	Y3 Mr Moore – non-uniform day on Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November
	Y3 Mr Moore	97.1	
	Y4 Mr Jones	95.2	
	Y4 Miss Jackson	87.9	
UKS2	Y5 Miss Benjamin-Webster	95.2	Y6 Mr Thomas – Milkshakes
	Y5 Miss Low	95.0	
	Y6 Mr Thomas	98.1	
	Y6 Mr Farrand/Mrs Sanders	97.0	
	Y6 Mrs Brady/Mrs Levers	94.4	

**DMBC Household Fund Support**

This letter was text to parents this week. [DMBC-Hardship-Fund-Letter.pdf \(brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk\)](#)

Please read as you may be able to benefit from this.

**School Photograph Day**

On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November the photographer will be in school. If you have pre-school age children, they can attend with their siblings from 8am onwards for family photographs. Photographs for individuals and school age siblings will take place during the school day.

**Flu Vaccines (F2 – Y6)**

This will take place on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November. Consent forms will be sent home with your child on the first day back after half term. These must be returned by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Children in Need**

On **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November** we will be supporting Children in Need. We invite the children to come to school in non-uniform, encouraging them to join in with the theme by wearing yellow, red, face paint, coloured hair and Children in Need merchandise.



### **Halloween**

Don't forget to take part in our Pumpkin Trail Competition. Details can be found on last week's newsletter.

A number of our children have been getting excited about Halloween and Trick or Treating. Information about keeping safe can be found here: [Halloween - National Safety Council \(nsc.org\)](https://www.nsc.org.uk/)



### **Contact Details**

It is essential that parents and carers keep their child's records up to date with current contact details. Please contact the school office if you need to update this.

### **Parent Survey**

We welcome your feedback. If you have not done so already, please complete this survey by Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October <https://forms.gle/JozW3EZotfaicUuN7>

### **Important Dates**

- **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – School closes for Half Term**
- Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October – Deadline for Pumpkin Trail Competition
- 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
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Deadline for MP Nick Fletcher Christmas Card Design
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November – Active Travel day
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November - Children in Need
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November – Donations of cardboard boxes by this date please (Mrs Brown – DT)
- Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November – Flu Vaccinations for F2 – Y6

Wow, time flies when you are having fun! We have had a wonderful half term and final week.

Have a wonderful half term holiday everyone. We look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

Mrs Emma Levers

Head of School