

# **Brooke Primary Academy**

## **Weekly News**

### **This Week at BPA**

Following the extra bank holiday, we started the week with a **lively assembly from Coach Shelley** from Kixx. Coach Shelley got all of the children up, dancing and singing, to wake them up and give them a taster of modern dance!

On Friday, Mrs Brown launched the **WOW travel tracker**. The travel tracker encourages everyone to travel to school in an active way i.e. walk, bike, scooter, park and ride. The Healthy Learning Healthy Lives Ambassadors will be working with the class teachers to track children's travel choices and award the badges.

This also supports our drive to reduce traffic at the front of the school. We are aware of the dangers that you face, due to the congestion. It has been an issue we have been trying to resolve for many years and Mrs Levers is continuing to work with the local council to come up with a solution. Councillor Durrant and her team are visiting the school next week to see the issues we are facing. You can find out more about the WOW Travel Tracker here: [WOW-Walk-to-school-challenge-letter.pdf \(brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk\)](https://www.brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk/WOW-Walk-to-school-challenge-letter.pdf)

This week, two of our dedicated Governors have been in to school to see how well the children have returned from the summer. Mrs Breckell met with Mr Farrand to discuss the English Curriculum and Mrs Dodds met with Mrs Levers to discuss the personal development offer. Both were super impressed!

### **Christmas Fair**

Our Christmas Fair will be on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December from 3.15pm**. We are hoping you will help!

We need:

- Your time – anyone who would like to run a 'school led' stall. If you volunteer to help, your child will be able to come and help you set up, if you wish, on the afternoon of the fayre. We know many children would LOVE to help!
- Small businesses - if you have your own business selling something, can you run a stall? (this will be charged at £10)

Please email [br-admin@vennacademy.org](mailto:br-admin@vennacademy.org) asap, so we can start to organise the stalls.

We also need donations of:

- Cuddly toys
- Books
- Chocolate

Please send items to school with your child, or drop them off at the school office.



## **Harvest Celebration Donations**

We are asking for donations of tinned and dry food (savory or sweet) for our Harvest Festival, which will be donated to the Thorne and Moorends Food Bank to help those in need in our community.

## **Home-learning**

Please click on the links to access the home learning menus. The tasks are optional and children can earn extra Dojo points for completing them.

[F1 Home Learning Menu - Marvellous Me](#)

[F2 Home Learning Menu - Let's Celebrate](#)

[Y1 Home Learning Menu - A Trip Down Memory Lane](#)

[Y2 Home Learning Menu - Pit Boots and a Snap Tin](#)

[Y3 Home Learning Menu - Digging up the Past](#)

[Y4 Home Learning Menu - Smashing Saxons](#)

[Y5 Home Learning Menu - The Marvellous Maya](#)

[Y6 Home Learning Menu - We'll Meet Again](#)

## **Family Fruit Picking Event**

Next week is the final week for the Family Fruit Picking – Wednesday from 3.15pm. Please come along to help us harvest the fruit in our orchard and take away fruit for you and your family.

## **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	Carter C
F2 Mrs Binns / Baxter	Jesse W
F2 Miss Rowbotham / Baxter	Isla Mai H
Y1 Mrs Brown / Miss French	Harrison M
Y1 Miss Hennigan	Finley G
Y2 Mr Moore	Oliver S
Y3 Mrs Roberts	Evie H
Y3 Miss Jackson	Ashton L
Y4 Mr Jones	Ellelouis A
Y4 Miss Benjamin-Webster	Sophia H
Y5 Miss Low	Alicia L
Y5 Miss Jackson	Nathan R
Y5 Mr Farrand / Mrs Sanders	Jonathan W
Y6 Mr Thomas	Lena H



# Attendance Challenge Winners – W/E 16/09/2022 (Autumn 1, Week 2)



Attendance is at or above the school target of 96%

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	96.7	All children who achieved 100% will receive a dip in the box
	F2 Mrs Binns	93.0	
	F2 Miss Rowbotham	96.7	
KS1	Y1 Miss Hennigan	92.4	Y2 Mr Moore – Cupcakes/Cookies
	Y1 Mrs Brown/Miss French	92.0	
	Y2 Mr Moore	96.2	
LKS2	Y3 Mrs Roberts	95.5	Y3 Miss Jackson - Extra ICT Games session
	Y3 Miss L Jackson	96.0	
	Y4 Mr Jones	92.3	
	Y4 Miss Benjamin-Webster	89.1	
UKS2	Y5 Miss Low	94.6	Y6 Mr Thomas – Non Uniform Day on Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> September (text sent)
	Y5 Miss H Jackson	85.7	
	Y6 Mr Thomas	96.3	
	Y6 Mr Farrand/Mrs Sanders	92.5	
Total	93.3		

## Adult Mathematics and English

We have an amazing opportunity for Maths and English functional skills development. Sign up through the contacts below!



**Maths for Adults**

"To provide and promote local learning that has a positive impact on individuals, families and communities."

**Does Maths scare you?**  
**Have you, "Never been good at Maths".**  
**Does Maths make you feel rubbish?**

Then we are here for you!  
 Everyone can improve their skills, with practice and support.  
 Come along to our new course and start to build some confidence. We will start at the 'beginning' if you need to.  
 You will move at your own pace.

**Starts Soon!**

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**Interested?**

**Contact :**  
**James Sandford**  
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 07785344349

or

**Matthew Hartley**  
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**English for Adults**  
**@**  
**Thorne Brooke Primary**

"To provide and promote local learning that has a positive impact on individuals, families and communities."

**Would you like to improve your English skills?**  
**Are you nervous speaking in front of people?**  
**Do you need a qualification in English?**

Then we are here for you!  
 Everyone can improve their skills, with practice and support.  
 Come along to our new course and start to build some confidence. We will start at the 'beginning' if you need to.  
 You will move at your own pace.

**Starts: 22nd September**  
**0915 - 1115**

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**Contact :**  
**Jade Chowings**  
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## **Letter from Mrs Levers**

[Letter-from-Mrs-Levers-23-09-22.pdf \(brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk\)](https://www.brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk/letter-from-mrs-levers-23-09-22.pdf)

## **Halloween Competitions**

### **Pumpkin Carving**

From Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October to Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October, the children are invited to bring in a carved pumpkin and place it at the front of school for display. Please place a battery light inside it, so it glows at night. It should also be clearly labelled with your child's name and class. The entries will be judged by the Student Council on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October and the winner will be announced in the Friday Celebration Assembly. The children will bring home their creations that afternoon, ready for Halloween.



### **Pumpkin Trail**

Over the October half term, we are running a pumpkin trail competition around Thorne. There will be 7 laminated Pumpkins displayed in windows around Thorne. Find all 7 to make a Halloween related word. Email [BR-admin@vennacademy.org](mailto:BR-admin@vennacademy.org) with a photograph of you on the hunt and let us know the word you have found. Correct entries will be placed into a prize draw. The deadline for entries is **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October**.

## **Important Dates**

### **Autumn 1**

- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September - Y5 (select children) walk to St Nicholas church to sketch the church
- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September – Family Fruit Picking from 3.15pm
- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> December - Y3 Science Walk (text to follow)
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Y1 Grandparents Domino's event
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October – Y6 SATS parent meeting @ 3.15pm / Y5 to Y7 Youth Club (6pm – 8pm)
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October – MacMillan Coffee Morning and Non-uniform day
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October – Flu Immunisation Day
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Sports for Schools Launch
- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October (3.30 – 6.30pm) – Autumn Parents evening

### **Autumn 2**

- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Individual school Photos
- Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Sunday event in Thorne
- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – Thorne Christmas Light's Switch On. School Choir singing

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- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Film/cartoon Event 3.15 – 5.00pm – Further details to follow
- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December from 3.15pm – Christmas Fayre
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Last Day of Term. Class Christmas parties. Non-Uniform.

Kind Regards

Mrs Emma Levers

Head of School



- \*Democracy
- \*The rule of law
- \*Individual liberty
- \*Mutual respect
- \*Tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.