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Fireworks Spectacular: Thanks to everyone who supported this year's Fireworks display. We've had some great feedback and the event made a bumper £3000. Winners of this pumpkin carving competition, judged by Jim Thomason, were Nathan and Ellie Wall with their fabulous haunted house (above). Well done to Nathan and Ellie and to everyone who took part.



Boost from Britvic: The BSA has received a fantastic financial boost from a Y1 parent, Steve Smith. He works for Britvic and, as part of their Corporate Social Responsibility Programme, Britvic will match the amount the BSA raises at £2 for £1 up to a maximum of £250 per event and six events per year. A huge thank you to Steve and Britvic. Perhaps other parents could investigate whether their company runs a similar scheme? It might not be for financial support, but could be for help with projects such as Grounds Day.

So where does all the money go?

Money raised by the BSA can be used to fund anything that benefits the children of Brookhurst. Here are some of the things that we have agreed to fund so far this year:

- £100 a month for new children's books
- £1200 towards Creative Arts Week, to be held in the summer
- Children's Pantomime (see dates, page 2)
- Class Christmas presents
- 'Huff and Puff' playground equipment
- Sand and water tray for Foundation
- New dictionaries for Year 3.

The BSA received a lovely letter from Year 3 to say thank you for the new dictionaries. Thanks Year 3 – we're glad that you're enjoying using them ☺

Next BSA meeting: The next BSA meeting will be the AGM and will take place at the school on Wednesday 25th January at 7.30pm. If you can only attend one meeting this year, please attend this one!



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Brookhurst Ball: Ninety people attended the BSA Ball on 24th September and the event raised around £800 for the school. Thanks to everyone who helped to make the event such a great success. There were a few minor issues with slow service at the Ramada Hotel (the BSA is currently seeking recompense) but no-one allowed this to spoil the fun and an enjoyable evening was had by all.

New buddy benches installed: You will have noticed the colourful new buddy benches that have been installed in the Key Stage 1 playground. They were purchased with some of the money raised in last term's sponsored bounce. A buddy bench is intended as a place for children to sit if they're feeling a little bit lonely but, ultimately, it's just a lovely spot for children to make new friends or to spend some time with old ones.



Who's who in the BSA?

Committee Members

President – Angela Stanton

Chair – VACANT

Vice-chair – Morag Clarke

Treasurer – Tracy Kewley

Secretary – Rowan Fisher

Vice-secretary – Amanda Lothian

Parent governor – Jim Sinnott

Trustees

As above, plus:

Linda Hassall

Rachel Heath

Jo Grundy

Gail Lindsay

Gill Weeks

Diary dates

Christmas Fair

Saturday 3rd December,
2pm to 4pm at the school.

Children's Pantomime

Friday 6th January (in
school hours).

BSA AGM

Wednesday 25th January,
7.30pm at the school.

Quiz night

February, date TBC.