



# Brookhurst Primary School

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## Diary Dates



We are collecting Active Kids vouchers from Sainsbury's supermarkets. Our collection box is outside Mrs Archer's classroom in year 2.

Thank you

### Visitors to School

Thank you to everyone who has helped in school over the last half term. If you have a Visitors badge and lanyard at home, could they please be returned to school as soon as possible as we seem to only have 2 or 3 left!

Many thanks

### MISSING

One of our new Hudl2 tablets has gone missing.

Please can we ask everyone to check in pupils' bookbags for a red Hudl.

Many thanks

Have a safe and happy Half Term.

We will see you back in school on Monday 23rd February.

16.02.15—20.02.15	Spring Half Term Holiday
09.03.15	Mother's Afternoon Tea
16.03.15	Mother's Afternoon Tea
23.03.15	Mother's Afternoon Tea
27.03.15	End of Term
30.03.15—10.04.15	Easter Holiday
13.04.15	INSET Day—school closed to pupils
14.04.15	1st Day of Summer Term for pupils
27.04.15	Parents' Forum 9:00am and 7:00pm
28.04.15	Dental Screening check for 5 year olds—more details later
01.05.15	Foundation to Umberslade Farm
04.05.15	May Day Bank Holiday
07.05.15	Polling Day—school closed to pupils
11.05.15-15.05.15	KS2 SATs
11.05.15	FCA to Blue Bell woods
12.05.15	FPP to Blue Bell woods
25.05.15—29.05.15	Summer Half Term Holiday
08.06.15	Year 1 to Royal Pump Rooms
15.06.15	KS1 Phonics Screening Check
24.06.15	Transition Day
16.07.15	End of Term



It's time to get your pedals ready and your scooters on standby because Brookhurst Primary School are going to take part in the UK's largest inter school cycling and scooting challenge.

See the attached flyer for more information—the challenge is set to inspire pupils, staff and parents to use two wheels for the journey to school.

The challenge is powered by Sustrans and funded by the Bike Hub and will run from 2-20th March.

### Absence

Please note we have a number to inform us if your child is absent from school. Text your child's name, class and a reason for absence.

**07860 030361**

Please ensure that you have the correct number (as above) as the last three digits have changed.

Thank you.

### Brookhurst Out of School Club

Can we please ask that if children are not going to be attending Club when expected, that Club is made aware of this.

Telephone: **01926 426284 / 07505200238**

or

Email:

**[Brookhurstclub@welearn365.com](mailto:Brookhurstclub@welearn365.com)**



**KEEP  
CALM  
AND  
JOIN  
THE QUIZ**

**Friday 6th March at Brookhurst School**

**7:30pm for 8:00pm start**

**Teams of 4—don't forget to name your team!**

**£5 per person including Pasty and nibbles.**

**Bar also available.**

**Please see the attached quiz night booking form  
attached to this newsletter to book your tickets**



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[MyBSA.org.uk](http://MyBSA.org.uk)



## Football News

Well done to  
Milli Brunson, Kyran Devlin, Blake Dolan, Jack Harman, Adam Lothian, Jessica New  
and Helena Sutherland who competed in an inter-school football competition on  
Monday afternoon.

You all played brilliantly—some super goals and saves.

Well done for coming a fantastic **SECOND** place.

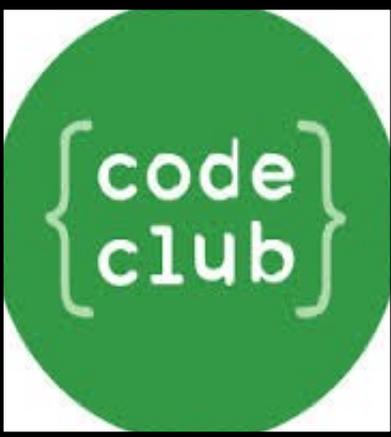


# Code club :scratch



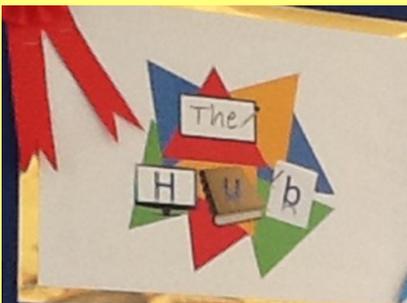
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when green flag clicked
if touching [ ]? < 8 then
  stop all sounds
  move 10 steps
glide 1 secs to x: 0 y: 0
point in direction 90
play sound meow
say Hello! for 2 secs
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At Brookhurst school we have a club for year 5 and 6 every Thursday evening, we call it: Code club. At code club we use scratch to program games, stories and animations. We create different codes to tell the sprites (which are the characters or objects) what to do.

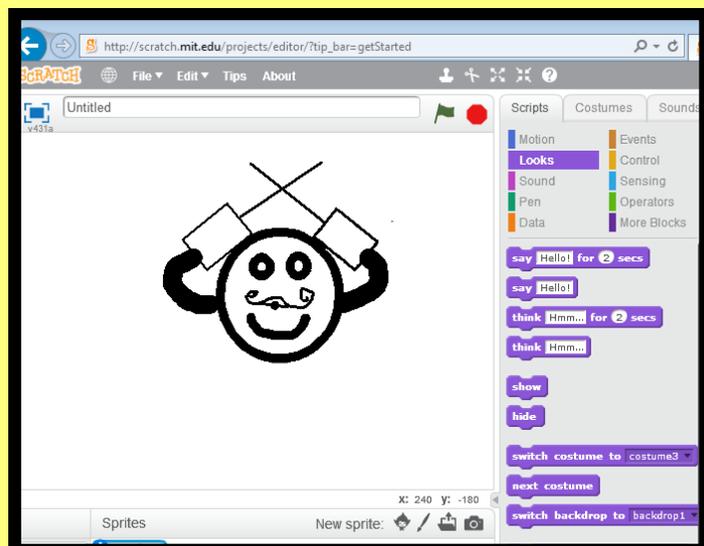


At code club we made games and creations like a helicopter going up and down or a fruit machine (or anything you can imagine!).

We learn about how a computer works and learn the code!



The Hub is where we do the coding.



Joel Hassall and Callum Brookes

## Year 5 Author Study

Year 5 have had an exciting start to the Spring term! They have been undertaking an author study; their focus being the life and works of Michael Morpurgo.

Although their focal point, for much of their Literacy work was his book "War Horse", the children have looked at a wide variety of his books. This work was enhanced by the fact that we were able to use some of the book money donated by the BSA to buy some lesser known titles.

As a finale to this project they have all written a letter to Michael Morpurgo and are now eagerly awaiting a response!

*Dear Mr Morpurgo,*

*At Brookhurst Primary School we have been doing an author study on you. I have really enjoyed it. In particular I enjoyed finding out some information about your charity work.*

*May I ask, what inspired you to start doing your charity work?*

*Yours sincerely*

*Sam Weir*

*Dear Mr Morpurgo,*

*How do you come up with such amazing ideas for your books?*

*My favourite is "Born to Run" - it's so sad. I'd like it if you made a sequel, but with a happier ending.*

*My name is Milli Brunson, I'm in Year 5 and we are learning about you and your books. You are one of my favourite authors because most of your books are in first person.*

*Yours sincerely*

*Milli Brunson*

Dear Mr Morpurgo,

My name is Toby and I go to Brookhurst Primary School. Year 5 have been doing an author study about you and your books, they are amazing especially "War Horse" - that was awesome.

I enjoyed "The Elephant in the Garden", where the bombs come down on the city and where the relatives have an argument.

I would like to ask you a few questions:  
How did you become an author?

Where did you get your inspiration to write your books?

Yours sincerely

Toby Nicoll

Dear Mr Morpurgo

I am in Year 5 and my name is Kyran Devlin.

The most brilliant book I like is "Shadow". I like dogs and war.

Why is there a dog in the war?

Yours sincerely

Kyran Devlin

Dear Mr Morpurgo

I am in Year 5. My name is Atharva. We were learning about you in our author study.

I want to know how did you start writing your books?

I like your books called "Sandman" and "War Horse" because they are adventures.

Yours sincerely

Atharva Narkhede

Dear Mr Morpurgo

I am an admirer of yours from Brookhurst school. My favourite novel by you is "War Horse". As soon as I read the first few pages, I was taken in.

What is your favourite book that you didn't write?

What was the first book you published?

We have been doing an author study all about you. In it we have been finding interesting facts about you and writing a new chapter for "War Horse" - it was very fun.

If it wasn't for you, I wouldn't be writing this letter.

Yours sincerely

Zak Thomason

*Dear Mr Morpurgo,*

*Hello, my name is Adam Lothian and I go to Brookhurst Primary School in Leamington Spa.*

*Recently we have been conducting an author study into your work and I have particularly enjoyed creating the front cover and writing the blurb.*

*I think the film is the best because I like movies, and in the book I like it when they are at war.*

*What is your favourite book you've written?*

*Yours sincerely*

*Adam Lothian*



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**With thanks to the BSA for the book money donation that has allowed us to purchase some of Michael Morpurgo's lesser known titles.**

*Dear Mr Morpurgo*

*My name is Helena Smith. In our class, we have been carrying out an author study based on you and your many novels.*

*We have been reading your book "War Horse" and were drawn in by your use of first person and an animal's perspective.*

*Can you please explain why there are always lowercase letters at the beginning of your name when you write them on books?*

*Yours sincerely*

*Helena Smith*

*Dear Mr Morpurgo*

*Brookhurst Primary School are writing to tell you how much you have inspired us with your books. We have shown our appreciation by creating new blurbs and front covers for "War Horse".*

*I have enjoyed reading your book "War Horse" - it has been really inspirational.*

*But I have to ask, why do you like to put facts from the past into your books?*

*Yours sincerely*

*Imogen Morris*