



Brookhurst Primary School

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We hope that you all have a safe and relaxing Half Term Holiday.

A competition for parents, for a change!

Calling all parents to explore their creative side.

We would like to invite parents to participate in a competition to design a logo for the Brookhurst Parents' Forum.

The logo will be used for all Parents' Forum communications and on the school website.

We will invite children on the school council to choose their favourite logo from all of those submitted.

**Deadline for submission is
Friday 28th February**

Please submit your entries to the office, either via email or hard copy.

Good luck and may the best design win!

Diary Dates

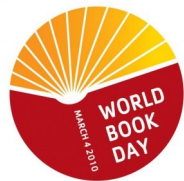
17.02.14	Half Term Holiday
03.03.14	Secondary School Offers out
07.03.14	BSA Quiz
07.03.14	Year 5 to Kenilworth Castle
20.03.14	Tag rugby Tournament
07.04.14	Shakespeare Week
14.04.14	Easter Holiday
28.04.14	Start of Summer Term— INSET DAY
29.04.14	First Day of Summer Term for children
01.05.14	Foundation to Umberslade Farm
05.05.14	May Bank Holiday—school closed
12.05.14	Year 6 SATs Week
14.05.14	FPP to visit Blue Bell wood
15.05.14	FAK to visit Blue Bell wood
19.05.14	Fire Brigade to Year 1
22.05.14	Polling Day—SCHOOL CLOSED
23.05.14	Last Day of Half Term
26.05.14	Summer Half Term Holiday
17.07.14	Last Day for Children
18.07.14	INSET DAY

Friday 14th February

Foundation and Key Stage 1		Key Stage 2	
FAK	98.7% ↑	3A	96.4%
FP	96.7% ↑	3L	99.3% ↑
IF	100% ↑	4G	99.3% ↓
IM	94.7% ↓	4W	98.1% ↑
2AH	97.3% ↓	5B	97.6% ↓
2W	98.3% ↑	5S	92.3% ↓
		6H	94.7% ↓
		6T	97.9% ↑

**Attendance
Week ending
07.02.14**

**Well done to
IF—100%**



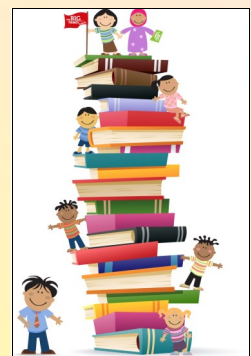
www.worldbookday.com

World Book Day 2014

To celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 6th March the children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite **book** character and bring a book in from home that they would like to share with their friends.

Also it would great if you could come in and read a short extract from a favourite book from your childhood to your child's class.

Please speak to their class teacher to arrange a suitable time.



Half Term Junior Tennis camp

Leamington Tennis and Squash club are holding a Tennis Camp every day of the Half Term Holiday 9:00—2:00pm. All standards are welcome.

For further details—www.leamington-tennis-squash.co.uk

Friday 14th February

Talented Artists



Talented artists Victor Sabin, Annabelle Garrett and Elsie Kelley have had their artwork exhibited at Warwick School's Bridge House Theatre.

Here they are with a collaborative piece, created by children from the North Leamington Cluster group who attended the art workshop with Mrs Snatt a couple of weeks ago.

The children's work will be on show for the next two weeks. Go and see this wonderful exhibition if you can!

PE News

30 of our Year 6 children took part in this years School Games Sports Hall Athletics at Campion School. 30 teams entered in total meaning around 750 children took part in several heats. Only the top 5 teams made it through to the next round.

Whilst Brookhurst were not amongst the final 5, our children finished 2nd within their particular heats and were a credit to the school. Well done! I would also like to say a special thank you to Mrs Barkway for giving up her time to help train the team.

Mrs Archer, PE Co-ordinator

Friday 14th February

We have recently been putting the final touches to our new school prospectus. Over the next few weeks we will be including in the newsletter some of the Case Studies.

We hope that you enjoy reading them.

Close communication between home and school makes Kiran and Jag glad they chose Brookhurst Primary School for their son



Home/school communication

Even though they live virtually next door to their son Sean's school, as Kiran and Jag work more or less full time they don't have much opportunity to get very involved on a day-to-day basis with what goes on during school time. As children can often be less than forthcoming when asked about what they have been doing each day, it is reassuring for parents to know that Brookhurst Primary School has a strong home/school communication policy and this is valued very much by Sean's parents.

"If I had to identify one particular issue about Brookhurst that I really like, it would be the communication," says Jag.

Jag and Kiran Sahota live in Leamington with their children Sean, six, Anais, three and baby Dante.

"We get a weekly newsletter by email, and Sean's What Am I Learning? book details his literacy and numeracy targets and levels, and that helps us to consolidate his lessons when he's at home. We know exactly what work he's been given and what is expected of him, and that makes it straightforward for us to support him appropriately."

Time for parents

Kiran is currently on maternity leave so has more time than usual to talk to Sean's teachers if necessary but even when she is working every day, she knows that the teaching staff will find time before or after school to talk about any concerns she may have. "I have rarely needed to raise anything specific with the school but when I have it's never a problem to have a chat with someone," she says. "The staff are very forthcoming, very involved and more than willing to listen and to address any potential issues we might have."

A practical approach

Another aspect of Brookhurst's approach to education which Jag particularly likes is the way the school puts learning in a practical light, demonstrating how what they are studying can be applied to everyday life. "Sean's enthusiasm is obvious, and much of

this must have something to do with how his lessons are delivered," he says. "Sean's Spanish lessons have given him an insight into how other languages work, and he is now confident to try out new words and phrases in any country we visit, and a recent science class made him interested in the nutritional value of food; I really like the way that Brookhurst recognises that children are like sponges, and can absorb a great deal of information at a very early age."

New horizons

Kiran and Jag moved to the area largely because they were aware of the quality of schooling, and they have not been disappointed. "The lovely playing field is great for a sporty boy like Sean but Brookhurst also gives him so much more in terms of variety, life experience and different learning opportunities without putting up artificial barriers to hold him back. We really believe that Brookhurst has opened new horizons for Sean, and are looking forward to our other children having the same experience."

Children say

Sean says: "I would miss my school if I didn't go there because I would miss my friends and teachers".



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